



**Broward Sheriff's Office  
Cooper City District  
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## **EXTERNAL MEMO**

Date: 05-16-24

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To: Mr. Ryan Eggleston  
City Manager  
City of Cooper City

From: Captain Christopher De Giovanni  
Cooper City District Chief  
Department of Law Enforcement

Subject: Police Chief's Report – Commission Meeting May 28, 2024

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As requested at the June 14, 2022, commission meeting, please accept this memorandum as advanced notice of my police chief's report for the upcoming commission meeting. This report will follow the same flow of my prior reports, which is aimed at highlighting information pertinent to the city's main public safety concerns: traffic / schools, code, and crime. In addition, a community involvement and vacancy update will be included.

### **I. Traffic / School Report**

- a. **Cooper City Elementary** – we will be participating at a Special Olympics / Autism event at CCE on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. At the event, we look forward to interacting positively with the students while taking time to inform parents about the “BSO Cares” program”. Additionally, we will be providing free *missing person scent kits* to the participating families.
- b. **Memorial Weekend Enforcement** – a reminder of the past public service announcement that our traffic deputies will be conducting aggressive driving enforcement this week ahead of Memorial Day. Aggressive or impaired driving will not be tolerated.

### **II. Code Report**

- a. The **commercial plaza initiative** continues with weekly maintenance compliance sweeps. No major concerns or developments.

- b. The monthly **gate compliance checks** continue with no major concern.
- c. Our newly established **parking enforcement team** has issued (73) citations throughout the city, to include handicap and fire lane violations.

### III. Crime Report

- a. **Prior Investigation Clarification:** in my May 14, 2024, report, there was a typo in the reported confiscation. The correct amount was \$166,646 in illicit funds that were seized under the forfeiture act.<sup>1</sup>
- b. **LPR Leads to the Arrest of Dangerous Criminal** – on May 11, 2024, we received a LPR notification alerting that a “wanted” armed robbery subject was entering our city at Sheridan / Hiatus. One of our PSU deputies, equipped with an unmarked, quickly located and safely detained the felon. It was confirmed the subject was wanted by Pembroke Pines PD for a recent armed robbery. The arrestee was in possession of firearms at the time of his arrest. PPPD responded to the scene.
- c. **STARS Program:** the STARS grant program officially opened for applicants January 1, 2024. It is listed on the city’s website and has been actively shared with our community partners. To date, we have received fourteen grant applications.
  - i. **Embassy** voted to participate in the STARS program at their May 16, 2024, HOA meeting. We look forward to helping them navigate this grant program to advance the safety of their community and the city at-large.

### IV. Community Involvement / Misc. Report

- a. **Ice Cream and Crime Prevention at Cooper City Christian Academy** – on May 31<sup>st</sup>, we will be participating along with the Pentecostals of Cooper City, at their end of school year event. We look forward to connecting with the staff and kids as they *Get the Scoop with BSO!*
- b. **Citizen Observer Patrol Program** – A mid-year glance and special thanks to our COP volunteers, who have to date logged *over one thousand volunteer hours and driven over two thousand miles in our city as an extension of the public safety mission!* In addition to their volunteer patrols, they have assisted us in *thirteen events and handed out over five hundred crime prevention flyers*; most recently to alert seniors of financial scams.
  - i. **If you’d like to join this special group of volunteers, we would love to speak to you about the program.** Please contact Deputy Athena Mackey at 954-441-8330, ext. 85806.

### V. Vacancy Report

- a. As of the date of this report, I have one sworn vacancy and no non-sworn vacancies.

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<sup>1</sup> The prior report on May 14, 2024, stated \$116,646. However, the original email notification to the city manager and commission, which was sent on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, had the correct forfeiture amount listed.