



City of Cooper City
Police Chief's Monthly Report
Submitted to the City Manager
August 2026



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

August 2026 reflected continued proactive policing, strong community engagement, and focused public safety efforts throughout Cooper City. Overall calls for service remained relatively stable, increasing 1% from July and 9% compared to August 2025. Police service calls continued to account for the largest share of activity, representing 49% of all calls for service, followed by traffic and parking enforcement activity at approximately 26%.

Crime activity remained favorable during the month, with total written reports decreasing 16% from July and 1% compared to August 2025. Of the 104 reports generated, 37 were criminal and 67 were non-criminal. Deputies continued to demonstrate strong investigative follow-through, including the recovery of a stolen golf cart and subsequent arrest of the offender following a burglary at a local business.

Traffic safety remained a priority, particularly with the start of the new school year. Traffic crashes increased from 47 in July to 66 in August, with the increase occurring primarily during morning and afternoon travel periods. In response, deputies maintained a visible enforcement presence around schools and major roadways, including a two-week back-to-school traffic operation that resulted in 69 citations for violations of the City's school drop-off ordinance. Overall, deputies issued 597 traffic citations and warnings during the month.

Community engagement remained extensive throughout August. Deputies participated in several youth and family-focused events, including Crafting with a Cop, the Cops vs. Kids Video Game Challenge, Jail Break Escape Room, National Night Out & Back-to-School Bash, and a Cooper City REV district tour. These efforts were complemented by a comprehensive back-to-school safety campaign focused on school zones, pedestrian and bicycle safety, distracted driving, and the safe and lawful use of e-bikes and e-scooters.

Code Enforcement personnel remained active in addressing quality-of-life concerns throughout the city, completing 646 enforcement-related activities while maintaining a compliance-first approach. The monthly code enforcement sweep resulted in 274 violations being addressed, with approximately 71% achieving compliance after the first notice. Common violations included abandoned vehicles, bulk trash, commercial vehicles, overgrown properties, and parking on lawns.

Overall, the Cooper City District maintained strong operational performance throughout August through proactive enforcement, effective investigations, traffic safety initiatives, and continued community engagement. We thank our community for its continued support and collaboration in helping keep Cooper City one of the safest cities in Broward County.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

TREND ANALYSIS

In August 2026, Cooper City experienced the following changes in calls for service:



MONTH-OVER-MONTH: Increased **1%** from **2,488** to **2,509** since July 2026.



YEAR-OVER-YEAR: Increased **9%** from **2,298** in August 2025 to **2,509** in August 2026.

TIME OF DAY

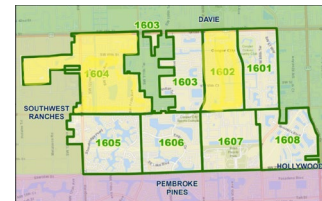


Calls for service peaked between **12:00 p.m.** and **4:00 p.m.**, due to police service calls and traffic enforcement.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION



The highest concentration of calls for service occurred in Zones **1602** and **1604**, with activity primarily driven by police service calls, traffic-related activity, and alarms.



DAY OF WEEK



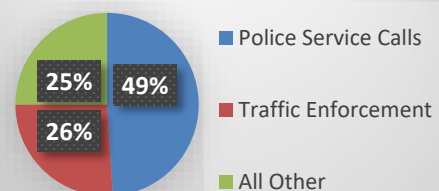
In August 2026, overall activity was the highest on **Thursdays** and **Fridays**, accounting for 786 calls for service, mostly consisting of police service calls and traffic enforcement.

TYPE OF CALL



Police service calls continued to represent the largest share of activity, totaling **1,224** calls and accounting for **49%** of all calls for service. This was followed by traffic and parking enforcement activity, which totaled 645 calls and represented approximately **26%** of overall call volume.

Calls for Service



REPORTED INCIDENTS

REPORT TREND ANALYSIS



During August 2026, Cooper City generated a total of **104** written reports, representing a **16% decrease** from July of 2026 (124) and a **1% decrease** from August 2025 (105).



Of the 104 written reports in August 2026, **37** (36%) of them were criminal in nature and **67** (64%) were non-criminal.

CRIMINAL REPORTS

 PROPERTY CRIMES	 PERSON CRIMES	 OTHER CRIMES
Burglary Business 1	Battery 8	Animal Abuse/Neglect 1
Burglary Conveyance 2	Stalking 2	Arrestable Traffic 1
Criminal Mischief 5	Threats / Intimidation 1	Violation of Court 1
Fraud 5		Weapon Violation 1
Theft 6		Narcotics 2
Recovered Stolen Excavator 1		Trespassing 1

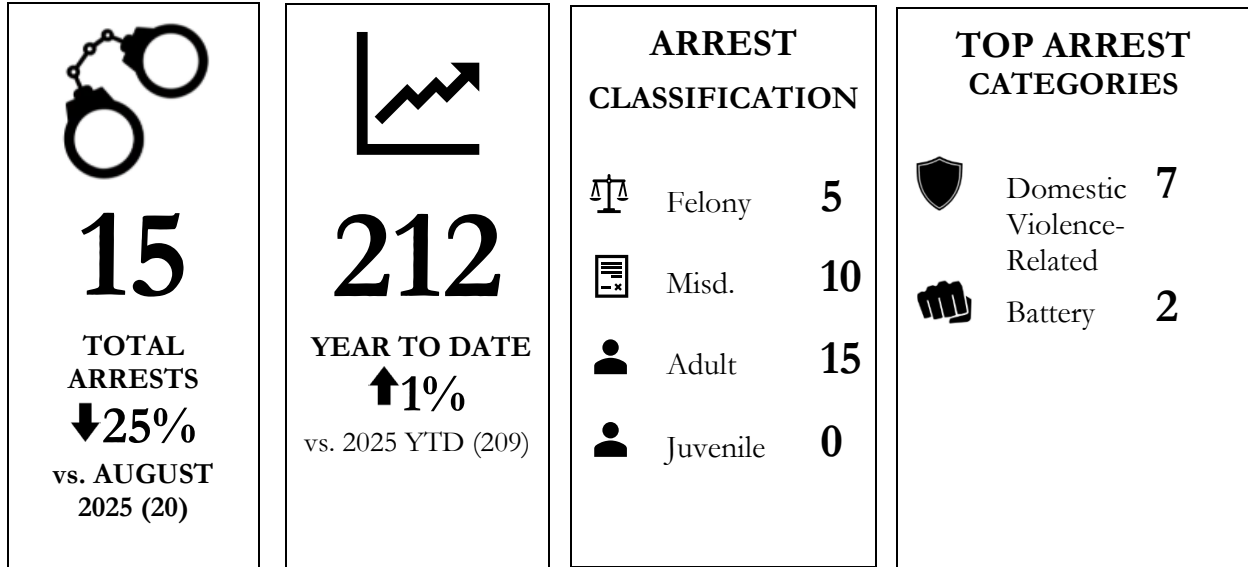
NON-CRIMINAL REPORTS

 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	 REPORTS & PROPERTY	 INVESTIGATIVE
Assist Other Agency 2	Property Damage 1	DCF Report 9
Animal Bite 1	Information Report 21	Suspicious Incident 5
Baker/Marchman Act 6	Lost Property 1	
Domestic Disturbance 17	Found Property 1	
Fire 3		



Please note: Report counts reflect the number of reports taken. Some incidents may involve multiple offenses or applicable categories. Totals may not equal the sum of individual categories.

ARRESTS



CASE HIGHLIGHT

Burglary and Golf Cart Getaway Ends in Arrest

On August 1, deputies responded to Sunshine Self Storage after a man unlawfully entered the property and stole a golf cart. Surveillance footage showed the suspect attempting to exit the secured facility before following other vehicles through the open gate on the stolen golf cart. Deputies located the abandoned golf cart approximately two miles away and learned the suspect had obtained a ride to Hollywood. With assistance from Hollywood Police, deputies located and arrested the suspect, who was still wearing the same clothing seen in surveillance footage.

REAL-TIME CRIME CENTER (RTCC)



The Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC) continues to play an increasingly critical role in supporting patrol operations and criminal investigations through the strategic use of the RTCC camera network, real-time intelligence, and investigative technology. During the month, RTCC personnel provided timely investigative support that led to suspect identifications and the development of actionable leads. These efforts significantly improved investigative efficiency, accelerated case resolution, and reinforced the RTCC's value as a force multiplier in enhancing public safety throughout Cooper City.

CASE HIGHLIGHTS

Real-Time Tracking Helps Deputies Locate Felony Battery and Theft Suspect

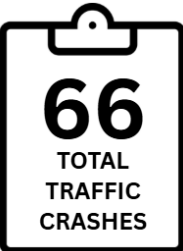
During an investigation involving felony battery and felony theft, deputies were working to locate a suspect who had left the area following the incident. RTCC personnel used legally authorized real-time tracking information associated with the suspect's ankle monitor to assist deputies in determining his location. The information helped narrow the search area and provided deputies with timely location updates. With the assistance of these tracking resources, deputies located the suspect on a nearby sidewalk and took him into custody.

LPR Technology Helps Identify Hit-and-Run Driver

A large white pickup truck lost control in a church parking lot, struck City-owned property, and fled the scene, causing approximately \$10,000 in damage. Although the incident was captured on video, investigators still needed to identify the vehicle, determine where it traveled, and identify the driver. RTCC personnel used historical camera footage and License Plate Recognition (LPR) data to reconstruct the vehicle's movements before and after the crash, providing critical time-and-location information that significantly narrowed the search. Through this analysis, RTCC personnel successfully identified and located the pickup truck and identified the driver responsible.

TRAFFIC

**AUGUST 2026
TRAFFIC
CRASHES**


66
 TOTAL
TRAFFIC
CRASHES

⬆️ **40% increase**
 compared to July
 2026

⬇️ **10% decrease**
 compared to August
 2025.

QUICK FACTS

 **Parking Lots**

15% of the total crashes occurred in parking lots.

 **Rear-End Collisions**

Rear-end collisions have **increased** in the morning and afternoon rush hours, coinciding with periods of heavier traffic associated with return to school.

No Pickup or Drop-off Within 1,000 Feet of School


69
 VIOLATORS
CITED

This month, BSO issued **69 citations** for violation of ordinance 17-18. The 1,000-foot restriction is intended to prevent surrounding public roadways and neighborhoods from becoming extensions of a school's pick-up and drop-off queue. It keeps travel lanes open, reduces unsafe vehicle and pedestrian conflicts, and directs school traffic into designated on-campus loading areas.

TRAFFIC CRASHES				
	TOTAL CRASHES	66	TOP CRASH LOCATIONS	
	Injury	11		S Flamingo Rd / Stirling 6
	Non-Injury	55		Griffin Rd/Flamingo Rd 4
	Fatal	0		Griffin Rd/SW 100 th Ave 3
	Hit and Run	11		N Palm Ave/Stirling Rd 3
Please note: Crash classifications are not mutually exclusive. A single crash may involve multiple injuries or other reportable factors.				Hiatus Rd / Sheridan St 3

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS				
TOTAL VIOLATIONS 597		TOP THREE VIOLATIONS		
	Citations Issued	190	1	Speeding 120
	Warnings Issued	407	2	Ran Stop Sign 97
	DUI Arrests	0	3	Municipal E-Bike Violation 40



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COMMUNITY POLICING INITIATIVES

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & EVENTS RECAP

Crafting with a Cop. On August 3rd, the Cooper City District participated in Crafting with a Cop, providing youth an opportunity to interact with deputies in a positive and engaging environment. The event encouraged relationship-building between law enforcement and local families through a fun, hands-on activity.

Cops vs. Kids Video Game Challenge. On August 4th, deputies connected with local youth during the Cops vs. Kids Video Game Challenge. The event provided an informal setting for deputies and children to interact, compete, and build positive relationships while strengthening trust between law enforcement and the community.

Jail Break Escape Room. On August 5th, the Cooper City District hosted its Jail Break Escape Room, offering participants an interactive experience incorporating teamwork, problem-solving, and public safety education.

National Night Out & Back-to-School Bash. On August 7th, the Cooper City District hosted National Night Out & Back-to-School Bash, bringing residents, families, law enforcement personnel, and community partners together for an evening focused on public safety and community engagement. Attendees interacted with specialized BSO units, participated in family-friendly activities, and received school supplies and crime-prevention information.

Cooper City REV District Tour. On August 29th, the Cooper City District welcomed members of Cooper City REV for a district tour. Participants received an inside look at district operations and public-safety resources while engaging directly with law enforcement personnel.

SOCIAL MEDIA & COMMUNITY EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

Crime Prevention. Shared community education messaging focused on crime alerts, safety tips, and practical prevention strategies designed to help residents reduce opportunities for crime.

Back-to-School Safety. Throughout the month, safety education messaging surrounding the start of the school year, including pedestrians, bicycle, micromobility, and traffic safety reminders for students, parents, and motorists was provided.

Paws & Protectors. Continued the Paws & Protectors initiative, combining public-safety education with the promotion of adoptable shelter pets and highlighting partnerships between first responders and the community.



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COMMUNITY POLICING INITIATIVES CONTINUED

PUBLIC SAFETY HIGHLIGHT **BACK TO SCHOOL**



In preparation for the start of the new school year, Cooper City conducted a comprehensive back-to-school safety campaign focused on keeping students, families, and motorists safe.

Educational messaging and community outreach included reminders on school-zone safety, pedestrian and bicycle safety, safe bus-stop practices, distracted driving, and the proper and lawful use of e-bikes and e-scooters. The district also reinforced its Ride Smart, Ride Safe initiative, encouraging students to wear helmets, follow traffic laws, and practice responsible riding behaviors.

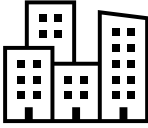
These efforts complemented the district's Back-to-School Bash and ongoing presence around local schools, reinforcing safe habits as students returned to the classroom.

CITIZEN OBSERVER PATROL (COP)



The **Citizen Observer Patrol (COP)** is a volunteer program that enhances the safety and quality of life in our community through high-visibility patrols and public safety initiatives.

PROGRAM IMPACT AT A GLANCE – AUGUST 2026

 362 MILES VEHICLE PATROL	 83 PATROLS AT HOUSES OF WORSHIP	 222 HOURS VOLUNTEERED	 \$11,861 ESTIMATED VALUE TO THE CITY
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PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVES



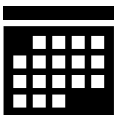
- **Message Board A-Frames:**
 Deployed four a-frames throughout the City featuring Micromobility and home security messaging.
- Provided enhanced patrol coverage during Cooper City High School Football Games.

TRAINING AND READINESS



- **Situational Awareness**
Topic: Thoughts of a Patrol Officer
- **Monthly COP meeting conducted:** 14 attendees
- **5 COP** members completed their annual CJIS Training.

EVENT PARTICIPATION



National Night Out week events and the Cooper City Connect Community Event.



Thank you to our dedicated volunteers for their continued commitment to keeping Cooper City safe!

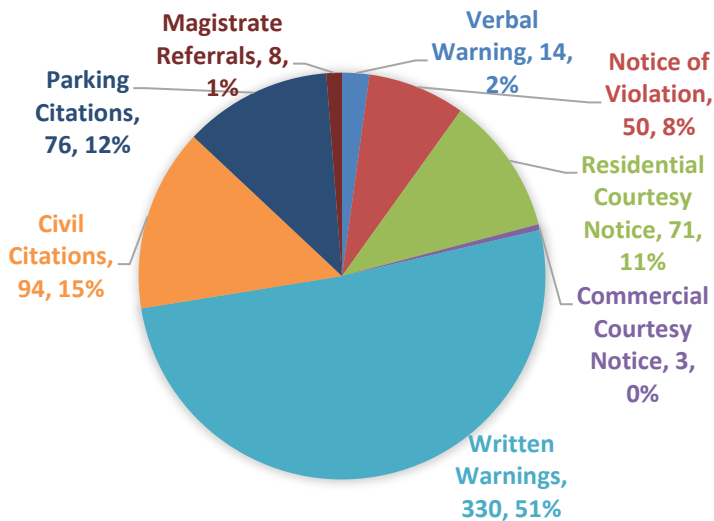
CODE ENFORCEMENT

646

Total Code Enforcement
Activities

Compliance First Approach: Code enforcement activity reflects a continued emphasis on achieving compliance through education and corrective opportunities, with formal enforcement generally reserved for violations that remain unresolved.

CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY



MOST COMMON VIOLATIONS

- Abandoned Vehicles
- Bulk Trash
- Commercial Vehicles
- Overgrown Properties
- Parking on Lawns

NEW SOFTWARE IMPLEMENTATION



The new code enforcement software is now operational and nearing full implementation. Several minor issues remain under review and are being addressed as the system is finalized.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT



The Parking Enforcement team issued **76 citations** during the month, including citations for disabled parking and fire lane violations.

AUGUST SWEEP



In addition to regular code enforcement duties, the team conducted a proactive **code sweep** focused on identifying violations and promoting timely compliance. This month's sweep resulted in 180 written warnings, 80 citations, and 14 open cases.

EMPLOYEE COMMENDATIONS

INVESTIGATIVE TEAM | **DEPUTIES DIAZ, MAS, BASANTA PEREZ, AND SMITH**



Deputies responded to the theft of a \$4,000 golf cart from Sunshine Self Storage. Through proactive canvassing, interviews, follow-up investigation, and coordination with the Hollywood Police Department, they recovered the stolen golf cart, identified the suspect, located him in Hollywood, and took him into custody. Their teamwork, investigative initiative, thorough documentation, and determination brought the case to a successful conclusion.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH | **DEPUTY KAITLIN NELSON**



Deputy Nelson learned of a father and his two special-needs children who were experiencing homelessness while the children attended Cooper City schools. She took the initiative to coordinate with the Davie Police Department's homeless outreach team and the Advocacy Network on Disabilities and remained engaged for nearly three months. Her continued advocacy helped the family obtain stable housing, transportation assistance, and specialized services for the children. Her commitment demonstrates the meaningful impact deputies can have beyond traditional law enforcement responsibilities.