



City of Cooper City
Police Chief's Monthly Report
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

April 2026 reflected continued proactive policing, strong community engagement, and sustained public safety efforts throughout Cooper City. Overall calls for service remained stable month-over-month, decreasing slightly by 1%, while experiencing a 36% increase compared to April 2025. Police service calls continued to account for the majority of activity, representing approximately 61% of all calls for service.

Crime trends remained favorable overall, with total written reports decreasing 22% compared to the same period last year. Criminal reports declined from 60 incidents in April 2025 to 45 incidents this month. Vehicle burglaries occurred primarily due to unsecured vehicles, reinforcing the importance of community vigilance. Deputies demonstrated exceptional responsiveness and investigative effectiveness throughout the month, including the rapid apprehension of a violent offender following an attempted residential burglary, the quick identification and arrest of a vehicle burglary suspect, and the successful charging of a repeat retail theft offender.

Traffic safety remained a priority during this month. The district's continued emphasis on proactive traffic enforcement, deputy visibility, and traffic safety education likely contributed to the significant reduction in crashes observed. Deputies issued more than 600 traffic citations and warnings during April, with focused enforcement efforts concentrated in school zones, high-crash intersections, and areas with recurring community concerns.

Community engagement efforts remained extensive throughout April. Personnel participated in numerous events and outreach initiatives, including large-scale events aimed at strengthening relationships between law enforcement and residents. Public education campaigns focused on identity theft prevention, DUI awareness, package theft prevention, distracted driving, and micromobility safety education.

Code Enforcement personnel continued addressing quality-of-life concerns throughout the city, with a primary focus on parking violations, bulk trash, commercial vehicle restrictions, and property maintenance issues.

The district continued addressing resident concerns related to e-bikes and micromobility devices through a balanced strategy of emphasizing education, outreach, and targeted enforcement. Efforts included HOA presentations, public messaging campaigns, event outreach, and proactive enforcement actions designed to improve compliance with the City's recently adopted micromobility ordinance.

Finally, April highlighted the strong partnership between the Cooper City community and public safety personnel. Notably, three Cooper City High School students demonstrated extraordinary civic responsibility when they recognized a medical emergency and took immediate action that likely saved the man's life. Their actions serve as a reminder that public safety is strengthened through active community involvement.

We thank our community for its continued support and collaboration in helping keep Cooper City one of the safest cities in Broward County.



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CALLS FOR SERVICE

Trend Analysis

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

- Month-over-month: Declined 1%, from 3,022 to 2,995 since March 2026
- Year-over-year: Increased 36%, from 2,196 to 2,995, from the same period last year

Time of Day

Calls for service peaked between 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm, consistent with after-school traffic and residential activity.

Geographic Location

The highest concentration of calls for service occurred in the 1604 and 1607 Zone, primarily centered around residential and school zones. Activity in this area included a higher frequency of traffic crashes, code enforcement, and proactive patrols.

Day of Week

In April 2026, overall activity was highest on Wednesdays and Thursdays, averaging approximately 555 calls for service, which is consistent with midweek community activity.

Type of Call

Police service calls continued to represent the highest call volume in April 2026, totaling 1,818 incidents and accounting for 61% of all calls for service. This was followed by traffic and parking enforcement activity, which totaled 482 calls and comprised of approximately 16% of overall call volume.



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CALLS FOR SERVICE CONTINUED

Notable Increase

Traffic and Parking Activity

Since last month, traffic and parking activity increased from 164 to 277, an increase of 113 incidents (+69%)

Contributing factors include:

- Increased visibility, self-initiated traffic enforcement, and focused traffic initiatives by deputies.

Notable Decreases

Traffic Accidents

Since last month, overall **traffic accidents** decreased across all major accident categories:

- **Hit-and-run accidents** decreased from 11 to 5 (-55%).
- **Hit-and-run accidents involving injuries** decreased from 1 incident to 0 incidents.
- **Minor accidents** decreased from 58 to 47 (-19%).
- **Accidents with injuries** decreased from 24 to 14 (-42%).

Contributing factors include:

- Continued traffic safety education through social media and community outreach initiatives reinforcing safe driving practices.
- Proactive traffic enforcement and increased deputy visibility on major roadways, high-crash corridors, and school zones.

Police Service Calls

Police service calls are requests for police assistance or officer-generated activity that are not considered crimes or other categorized activity (e.g., traffic enforcement, civil matters). Since last month, police service calls decreased from 1,845 to 1,748, a decrease of 97 incidents (-5%).

Contributing factors include:

- Absence of major incidents or special events requiring increased police service response.
- Seasonal stabilization of routine service demand following heightened activity in the prior reporting period.
- Fewer repeat service calls resulting from proactive problem-solving and follow-up by district personnel.
- Continued community engagement and education efforts promoting voluntary compliance and crime prevention



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REPORTED INCIDENTS

Report Trend Analysis

During April 2026, the Cooper City District generated 129 total written reports, representing a 22% decrease from April 2025.

Criminal Reports

Of the 129 reports completed in April 2026, 45 were criminal in nature, compared to 60 total crime reports in April 2025.

Property Crimes	Persons Crimes
Accounted for 33% (30) of crimes reported. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Auto Theft (2)• Criminal Mischief (2)• Bomb Threat (1)• Fraud (11)• Burglaries (7)• Thefts (7)	Accounted for 67% (15) of crimes reported. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Battery (7)• Extortion (2)• Sexual Battery (1)• Stalking (2)• Violation of Court Order (3)

Non-Criminal Reports

Of the 129 reports completed in April 2026, 84 were non-criminal, primarily consisting of a mix of information reports, property damage, recovered/lost property, verbal domestic disturbances, and non-criminal police service calls. In April of 2025, a total of 106 written reports were non-criminal.

Reminder: Lock Your Doors

This month, we did have an increase in vehicle burglaries due to vehicles being left unlocked. Residents are reminded to remove valuables and lock doors.



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ARRESTS

Total Arrests	Types of Arrests	Top Arrest Categories
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 2026: 23• 2026 year to date: 122• April 2025: 28• 2025 year to date: 108	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Felony: 7• Misdemeanor: 16• Adult: 18• Juvenile: 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Domestic Related: 7 (Battery, Stalking, VOI)• Burglary: 2• DUI: 2• Battery: 2

Violent Offender Arrested Following Attempted Residential Burglary

Deputies responded to a call involving a reported battery and attempted residential burglary. Investigation revealed the offender – a 43-year-old homeless individual – became confrontational with several random individuals outside before following them to their apartment. During the encounter, the offender poked one victim in the eye, struck another victim, and attempted to force entry into the residence by pushing against the front door while occupants resisted from inside. After failing to gain entry, he continued yelling at the victims from the rear patio before attempting to leave the area. Deputies located and detained him nearby. At the time, he was found to be in possession of an Amazon package that had been stolen from another resident.

Attempted Vehicle Burglaries Lead to Quick Apprehension of Suspect

Deputies responded to a suspicious person call after a resident observed an unknown male on surveillance camera footage attempting to open vehicle door handles in his driveway. Video showed the suspect checking multiple vehicles before continuing through the neighborhood. Deputies quickly located a subject matching the description at a nearby closed park, who was positively identified by the victim as the suspect. A neighborhood canvass later revealed another vehicle had been rummaged through nearby. The 19-year-old Hialeah resident was arrested and charged accordingly.

Repeat Theft Suspect Identified and Charged Following Investigation

Deputies investigated a delayed retail theft at CVS in which a suspect stole approximately \$364 worth of laundry detergent, a commonly stolen retail item due to its resale value. Surveillance footage captured the suspect exiting the business and entering a nearby vehicle. Through investigative efforts, deputies identified the suspect, who was already incarcerated on an unrelated narcotics charge. The suspect – a 45-year-old homeless individual – was found to have multiple prior theft convictions. He was additionally charged for the Cooper City theft.



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TRAFFIC

Trend Analysis

This month, crashes decreased by almost 37% since last month and 39% compared to the same time last year.

Traffic Crashes

Total April Crashes: 45

- Injury: 6
- Non-injury: 37
- Fatal: 0
- Hit and Run: 2

Top Intersection Crashes

- Flamingo/Stirling
- Sheridan St/Hiatus
- Griffin/Pine Island
- Flamingo/Country Glen Dr

Traffic Citations

Total Citations: 603

- Citations: 221 (29 related to school zone enforcement)
- Written Warnings: 379
- DUI Arrests: 3

Top Types of Citations

- Speeding:
- No Proof of Insurance:
- City Drop Off Ordinance

School Zone Drop-Off and Pick-Up Reminder

In Cooper City, no person may stop a vehicle in the roadway within 1,000 feet of a school to drop off or pick up students within one hour before the school day begins and within one hour after dismissal. This month, 91 citations were issued for violation of this ordinance, with the top offenders located in the area of Cooper City High. Parents are reminded that arriving early to “be the first in the line” will result in a fine.



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COMMUNITY POLICING INITIATIVES

EVENTS

Get the Scoop: Pinwheel Festival. On April 11th, BSO Cooper City participated in the Pinwheel Festival through its *Get the Scoop* initiative, engaging with families and children in a relaxed, community-focused environment. Deputies distributed ice cream while sharing important crime prevention messaging related to child safety, awareness, and community resources. The event provided an opportunity to build positive relationships with residents, increase visibility, and reinforce BSO's commitment to protecting children and supporting family-focused initiatives.

Three Hearts Adults with Disabilities. April 14th BSO Cooper City spent time with the incredible participants and staff at Three Hearts, an adult disability day training center, for a meaningful and interactive safety session. Our team discussed important topics including how to report crimes, ways to stay safe and protect themselves, and the importance of respecting others and asking for permission in everyday interactions. The conversation was engaging, empowering, and tailored to ensure everyone felt confident and supported. There was a special meet-and-greet with K9 Anthem, who quickly became a crowd favorite and brought plenty of smiles to the group. We're proud to continue building strong relationships within our community and providing resources that help every resident feel safe, informed, and connected.

Eat to the Beat. On April 17th, BSO Cooper City engaged with residents during a high-attendance community event. Deputies and COP members interacted with attendees, answered questions, and provided general crime prevention tips in a casual setting. The event allowed for meaningful, non-enforcement interactions, strengthening community trust and reinforcing partnerships with local organizations.

Autism Awareness. On April 25th, BSO Cooper City participated in the Autism Awareness event, focusing on fostering understanding, inclusivity, and safety for individuals with autism and their families. Deputies engaged with attendees, provided resources, and shared guidance on how law enforcement can support individuals with special needs during emergencies and everyday interactions. The event emphasized relationship-building, communication, and awareness, reinforcing BSO's commitment to serving all members of the community.

Joshua's Path Disability Services- District Tour. On April 30th, BSO Cooper City welcomed Joshua's Path Disability Services for a district tour, providing an inside look at law enforcement operations in a welcoming and supportive environment. Attendees had the opportunity to meet deputies, learn about daily responsibilities, and engage in discussions focused on personal safety and community awareness. The tour was tailored to ensure accessibility and comfort, helping to build familiarity and trust between participants and law enforcement.



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SOCIAL MEDIA

Easter Safety. Delivered Easter safety messaging focused on large gatherings, distracted driving, and child supervision. Content emphasized situational awareness in crowded areas and safe travel practices, reaching a broad audience through social media engagement.

Package Theft Prevention. Conducted targeted outreach on package theft prevention, promoting secure delivery options, camera usage, and neighbor coordination. Messaging aligned with ongoing crime trends and encouraged proactive reporting of suspicious activity.

Hit and Run Accountability. Shared educational content reinforcing legal responsibilities following a crash, emphasizing that leaving the scene can escalate charges. Messaging focused on accountability, safe decision-making, and protecting all parties involved.

Identity Theft Prevention. Provided community education on identity theft risks, including phishing scams, fraudulent financial activity, and personal data protection. Messaging encouraged routine monitoring of accounts and immediate reporting of suspicious activity.

Distracted Driving Awareness. Promoted distracted driving awareness through impactful messaging highlighting the dangers of mobile device use behind the wheel. Campaign reinforced the importance of focused driving, especially in school zones and high-traffic areas.

9 PM Routine. Continued reinforcement of the 9 PM Routine, encouraging residents to lock vehicles, remove valuables, and secure homes nightly. Messaging supports ongoing efforts to reduce vehicle burglaries and crimes of opportunity.

DUI Prevention. Implemented DUI prevention messaging focused on responsible decision-making, use of designated drivers, and ride-share options. Campaign aligned with enforcement efforts and emphasized community safety.

See Something, Say Something. Reinforced the importance of community vigilance through “See Something, Say Something” messaging. Encouraged residents to report suspicious activity promptly, strengthening partnerships between law enforcement and the community.

Micromobility Education. Launched educational outreach on micromobility safety, including e-bikes and scooters, with emphasis on new local regulations, roadway rules, and safe riding practices. Messaging targeted both youth and parents to promote compliance and injury prevention.

Public Safety Highlight – Scent Preservation Kits

Scent Preservation Kits are tools used by law enforcement to collect and preserve a person's scent for use by K9 tracking teams. This month, we focused on distributing scent preservation kits to the families of vulnerable residents. These kits can support search efforts in the event a loved one goes missing.



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CODE ENFORCEMENT

April Statistics*	Enforcement Focus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Enforcement: 236 • Verbal Warnings: 15 • Courtesy Inspections: • Re-Inspections: N/A • Civil Cit. Warnings: 133 • Civil Citations: 70 • Parking Citations: 32 • Magistrate Referrals: 5 • Special Event Permit: 2 • Case Reference: N/A 	<p>Majority of violations involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Vehicles boats, trailers, jet-skis, RVs, and vehicles with commercial insignia. • Off-street parking design • Bulk Trash • Trash Receptacles • Repair and Maintenance Required

*Please note that Code Enforcement is currently transitioning from the iWorQ platform to the Accela system. During the configuration and implementation process, certain functionalities may be temporarily unavailable or limited. As a result, some statistical data may be incomplete.

Special Event Permits

Residents, organizations, and businesses planning special events within Cooper City are reminded that Special Event Permit applications must be submitted at least 60 days prior to the event date. The permit review process requires coordination among multiple departments to evaluate factors such as traffic impact, public safety staffing, and other safety and operational concerns. Events may not be organized, advertised, or conducted until all required approvals have been obtained.



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CITIZEN COMPLAINTS

E-Bikes / Micromobility Concerns: E-bikes and similar micromobility devices continue to generate concern among a number of residents, particularly regarding unsafe operation, speed, and use in restricted areas. In response, the City has adopted an e-bike ordinance, and we have taken a proactive, multi-faceted approach toward implementation and compliance. Efforts to date have included targeted education and enforcement initiatives, presentations at HOA and community meetings, direct outreach during public events, social media awareness campaigns, and utilization of digital message boards to reinforce safety expectations and applicable regulations. Deputies have also incorporated enforcement and education into routine patrol operations when violations are observed. We will continue balancing education and enforcement to promote compliance, enhance public safety, and address ongoing resident concerns as the community adapts to the ordinance

Micromobility Safety Requirements

Residents are reminded that e-bikes, scooters, and other micromobility devices must be operated safely and responsibly within Cooper City. Key reminders include:

- Yield to pedestrians
- Obey traffic control devices and roadway rules
- Do not operate recklessly or in a manner that endangers others
- Riding may be restricted at certain city events and locations
- Proper parking is required to avoid obstructing sidewalks, pathways, or public access areas



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COMMENDATIONS

On April 16th, Deputy Rodriguez received a delayed report involving a suspect who had sent multiple violent threats to a victim and the victim's family. The suspect was preparing to leave Florida later that day, and Deputy Rodriguez recognized the urgency and potential danger if immediate action was not taken. Deputy Rodriguez located the suspect, obtained a confession, and arrested him for Written Threats to Kill before he could leave the state.

On April 23rd, Deputies Polo, Diaz, Rodriguez, Yasinsky, Hernandez, Mas, and Miro responded to a call involving a subject who had battered two random victims. The suspect then chased the victims to their apartment and was actively attempting to force entry while the victims barricaded themselves inside the residence. Recognizing the immediate danger to the victims, all involved personnel responded directly to the scene, quickly located the suspect, and safely took him into custody before he was able to enter the residence and inflict further harm. Subsequent investigation revealed the suspect had an extensive violent criminal history, including numerous felony arrests, multiple felony convictions, and a prison sentence related to armed residential burglary. The suspect was ultimately charged with attempted residential burglary, felony battery, and criminal mischief.

Cooper City Teenagers Save a Man's Life

On April 19, 2026, Cooper City High School students Logan Royer, Cody Magrone, and Brody Murray were inside McDonald's when they noticed a 65-year-old man struggling to change his tire on Flamingo Road. The teens decided to assist. While changing his tire, they noticed the man was struggling and likely having a medical emergency. They called 911, gave vital information, and stayed with the man until help arrived. Fire Rescue transported the man to the hospital where it was confirmed he suffered a serious heart attack, and the quick actions taken by these three teenagers likely played a critical role in saving his life.