



# City of Cooper City

Police Chief's Monthly Report

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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In May 2025, Cooper City experienced a continued decline in Part I crimes. While the overall trend is positive, two notable burglaries – one to a vehicle during a **violent road rage incident** and another involving a **targeted business** – highlight the need for continued public awareness regarding both personal safety and commercial crime prevention strategies.

Calls for service increased – both in month-to-month and month-over-month analyses – indicating both an increase in service needs and possibly seasonal factors. There were noted increases in certain types of calls, including **police service calls** and **noise complaints**.

Conversely, incidents involving **stolen vehicles** and **traffic accidents involving injuries** dropped, showcasing the success of **education efforts** and our recent **traffic enforcement initiative**, Operation TICKET.

Code enforcement violations nearly doubled, a reflection of this month's **proactive code sweep initiative**.

**Community engagement** remained robust, with BSO participating in numerous school, HOA, and public safety events.

**Strategic safety campaigns** this month addressed pedestrian safety (L.A.W. campaign), vehicle theft prevention, mental health awareness (988 Lifeline), and speed-related traffic fatalities. These initiatives demonstrate a continued commitment to data-driven policing and public education.

Overall, the May report reflects strong community partnerships, effective proactive enforcement, and declining crime rates, supporting our shared goal of a safer Cooper City.



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## CRIMES

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In May 2025, Cooper City recorded a 23% decrease in Part I crimes from April 2025 (22 crimes) and a 45% decrease from May 2024 (31 crimes). This notable drop in total incidents is a positive trend – though we would like to highlight two burglary cases that occurred this month.

**Burglary – Conveyance.** This month, Cooper City reported one burglary conveyance, though the classification may have some misinterpretation. In this case, deputies responded to a road rage incident, where after possibly “cutting off” the other driver, the victim stopped at a traffic light, was reportedly pulled from his vehicle, and beaten by the occupants of the other vehicle.

Because the victim’s vehicle was **unlawfully entered**, and a **crime was committed inside**, the case is technically classified as a burglary. Though, because people tend to associate burglaries with property crimes, it is important to note that this case was a violent encounter.

In cases of road rage, stay calm, don’t engage, and call us to report any reckless drivers on the road.

**Burglary – Business.** This month, Cooper City experienced a burglary to one of our businesses. In this case, it appears the individuals intentionally targeted the restaurant – arriving at approximately 1:40 am, smashing the glass storefront door, and stealing a safe from within.

With this incident, it is important to remind businesses of some crime prevention tips. Don’t place safes in view of customers, windows, or public areas; ensure they are bolted to the floor or a heavy secure structure; and install security equipment, like alarm systems, motion sensors, glass-break detectors, and security cameras.

Criminals tend to return to what they’ve seen. Keep safes hidden, locked down, and protected.

## CALLS FOR SERVICE

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In May 2025, Cooper City recorded 2,593 calls for service, marking an 18% increase over April 2025 and a 24% increase year-over-year from May 2024. This notable increase reflects heightened resident engagement, seasonal trends, and targeted enforcement initiatives.

### Notable Increases – Police Service Calls and Noise Complaints

Analyzing increases in specific types of calls for service is critical for effective law enforcement management and community safety planning. This ensures we are identifying emerging problems, deploying resources effectively, and providing community awareness initiatives.

- 1) **Police Service Calls** – These calls are non-criminal, non-emergency calls for assistance. They represent community interactions where law enforcement is needed for service or support, but no crime has occurred.
  - 1,022 police service calls in May 2025
  - Up 163 from April (+19%) and up 207 from May 2024 (+25%)



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- 2) **Noise Complaints** – These are calls for service due to excessive, disruptive, or unreasonable sound, typically from loud music and parties.

- 31 calls in May 2025
- Up 8 from April (+32%) and up 15 from May 2024 (+94%)

Increases in these types of calls may stem from population or seasonal factors (e.g., end-of-school-year gatherings, Memorial Day events).

### **Notable Decreases – Traffic Accidents involving Injuries and Stolen Vehicles**

In addition to targeted traffic enforcement (see below), we worked on several public education initiatives pertaining to dangerous driving and stolen vehicles. This included social media messaging about pedestrian and bike safety, impaired and unsafe driving, and vehicle theft prevention.

1) **Traffic Accidents involving Injuries**

- 12 accidents with injuries in May 2025
- Down 10 from last month (-45%) and down 19 from May 2024 (-61%)

2) **Stolen Vehicles**

- Two stolen vehicles in May 2025
- Down three from last month (-60%) and down three from May 2024 (-60%)

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

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In May, we performed several proactive code enforcement sweeps, noting a total of 253 violations for the month (a 97% increase from last month). Of the violations, Code Enforcement issued 101 written warnings and 25 citations, showing a compliance-focused and educational approach rather than a punitive one. The remaining violations were either closed for compliance or remain open for later re-inspection. The majority of violations were related to parking of commercial vehicles, RVs, and boats; repair and maintenance issues; and violations of off-street parking.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

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This month, deputies participated in Operation TICKET, a proactive and targeted traffic enforcement initiative. An analysis shows that enforcement activity significantly increased, with a total of 3,126 traffic enforcement actions year-to-date (a 27.5% increase from the same timeframe in 2024) and a 68% increase in traffic enforcement actions from last month. Throughout the month, deputies issued 301 citations, 569 warnings, and made two DUI arrests.



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## VACANCY REPORT

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The district currently has the following vacancies:

- One Deputy Sheriff
- One Sergeant
- One Community Service Aide

## EVENTS

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**First Responders Day.** On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, BSO Crime Prevention partnered with BSO Fire Safety Instructors at First Baptist Academy to discuss safety strategies while at home and in public.

**Faith-Based Leaders Meeting.** On May 7<sup>th</sup>, Captain Tianga met with the faith-based leaders from across the community to strengthen partnerships, share insights, and discuss collaborative opportunities.

**Diamond Head HOA Meeting.** On May 8<sup>th</sup>, BSO attended the Diamond Head HOA meeting to discuss the ordinance pertaining to the feeding of ducks.

**Special Olympics Day – Cooper City Elementary.** On May 9<sup>th</sup>, Cooper City Elementary hosted its Special Olympics Day, demonstrating the school's commitment to promoting inclusion and celebrating the achievements of all students. Our Citizens on Patrol (COPs) passed out frozen treats from the Get the Scoop ice cream bike, while deputies and K9 Anthem interacted with the attendees.

**Girls Softball Championship Series.** On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Captain Tianga was invited to throw the first pitch to kick off the championship series for girls' softball.

**Bike Rodeo.** On May 17<sup>th</sup>, BSO deputies, Police Explorers, and COPs participated in the annual Bike Rodeo – an event dedicated to promoting bicycle safety. The event featured a variety of activities, including a bicycle course designed for young riders, helmet fittings, and opportunities to meet local businesses.

**HOA Presidents / CDD Chairs Community Meeting.** On May 19<sup>th</sup>, BSO attended the bi-annual HOA Presidents/CDD Chairs community meeting to discuss the code enforcement sweep initiative.

**Cooper City Business Expo & Job Fair.** On May 21<sup>st</sup>, our COPs interacted with attendees and distributed safety information.

**Christian Academy End-of-Year Event.** On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, BSO Community Involvement and COPs participated in the school's end-of-year field day by providing frozen treats and summer safety tips.



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**Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Event.** On May 24<sup>th</sup>, BSO hosted the Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Event. During this initiative, deputies applied a fluorescent paint to serve as a theft deterrent and etched the converter with the vehicle's vin for unique identification.

**Bingo & Badges.** On May 28<sup>th</sup>, BSO hosted Bingo & Badges, an interactive evening centered on community connection. The event featured multiple rounds of bingo and opportunities for attendees to engage with deputies in a positive, informal environment.

## INITIATIVES AND SPECIAL PROJECTS:

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**Pedestrian Safety Campaign.** In response to two recent crosswalk accidents, we initiated a pedestrian safety campaign that included social media messaging and production of a pedestrian safety video to highlight the importance of the Looking, Acknowledging, and Waiting (L.A.W.) before crossing in front of traffic.

**Vehicle Theft Prevention.** Due to the increase in stolen vehicles – which was highlighted in last month's police chief report – theft prevention tips were distributed, which included locking doors, taking key fobs, parking in well-lit areas, and installing a tracking system.

**Mental Health Messaging.** For Mental Health Prevention Month, BSO posted the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, a free, confidential, 24/7 support service available to anyone experiencing a mental health crisis or emotional distress.

**Traffic Safety Initiative.** In April, a driver crashed into a tree, which led to the car catching fire. The driver did not survive. In collaboration with the Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB), an analysis was conducted, examining traffic fatality cases in Cooper City since 2024. Of the seven cases, six were determined to have been caused by speed, two of which were caused by speed *and* DUI. As such, a traffic safety initiative was coordinated, which consisted of social media messaging, the placement of message boards on main thoroughfares, and a nighttime traffic enforcement operation.