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EXTERNAL MEMO

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To: Mr. Joe Napoli

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 October 25, 2022

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. We have corresponded with the School Board of Broward County's Director of Facility Planning and Real Estate, requesting a parking capacity analysis to be conducted at our local high school. Our hope is the SBBC will approve a lease arrangement to supply additional parking for students which we believe would have a positive impact on school traffic, particularly dismissal. They are researching the possibility. I will update the city, accordingly.
- b. On October 12th, 2022, we attended and participated in the "walk to school" initiative hosted at Cooper City Elementary. Our staff was present along with the city to encourage and greet the students as they entered the school.
- c. I am working with our Grants Department to apply for the 2022 AAA Florida Traffic Safety Grant. We believe we have a good opportunity to be awarded funds under this grant to supplement traffic enforcement in our city related to: pedestrian and cyclist safety, local city traffic concerns, and "move over" law compliance. I will let the city manager know if it is awarded.

II. Code Report

- a. Code Enforcement is completing a proactive afterhours code sweep, targeting commercial vehicle and parking compliance, as well as maintenance issues, from October 13, 2022, through October 18, 2022. The results of this sweep will be shared with the city.
- b. The commercial plaza initiative continues with weekly maintenance compliance sweeps. No major concerns or developments.

III. Crime Report

- a. Technology Update: The camera installation at Suellen Fardelmann park is progressing well. Additional permit application for several of our LPR sites are now being completed.
 - i. To date, our newly installed LPR at SW 118th & Stirling has captured and been instrumental in the approval of an arrest warrant for a car burglar, on-viewed a traffic crash before it was called in by those involved, and recently provided historical intelligence to collaborate investigative facts to gain the approval of an arrest warrant for a car thief. All of this with one site and in last than one month.
- b. On October 14, 2022, we were alerted that a car thief was in Rock Creek and had stolen a Honda. Our deputies and CI Sgt successfully coordinated with multiple jurisdictions, tracking the lead suspect into Miami Gardens, where our deputies were able to apprehend and arrest him.
- c. The newly formed **Priority Service Unit** (PSU) has continued to make an immediate impact in public safety. Since the last report, they were integral to locating and arresting a car burglar, as well as identifying several suspicious persons for later investigation. The adaptive and flexible role of this newly established team is proving fruitful.

IV. Community Involvement Report

- a. On October 13, 2022, my team is hosted our "Clergy Appreciation Brunch" to honor and thank our clergy for their role in public safety. At the brunch we discussed the concept of community policing and ways we could partner with our faith-based entities to positively impact public safety. It was well attended, and we received great feedback. Thank you to the city manager, city PIO, and commissioners who attended.
- b. On October 18, 2022, we are hosting a public safety seminar in conjunction with our Fire partners at the Potential Church Academy.
- c. On October 20, 2022, we are hosting an Active Killer presentation for our seniors at the community rec center.
- d. My team has a Halloween Operational Plan in place for the upcoming holiday. We will have increased road patrol staffing, to include an additional supervisor, working to ensure the safety of our local children / families, and to check on our businesses and churches that will be hosting events. In addition, we have prepared a large number of candy bags and safetyrelated gifts for our road deputies to pass out to children during their patrols.

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- Vacancy Report

 a. I have one non-sworn vacancy (CSA).
 b. There are no sworn vacancies.

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