



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



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During February 2026, the Cooper City District experienced a slight decrease in calls for service compared to January and were essentially the same when compared to the same period last year, overall consistent with normal seasonal trends. Activity was most concentrated during the late afternoon and early evening hours, with the highest geographic concentration of calls occurring in Zone 1602, primarily within residential neighborhoods and school zones.

Operational trends during the month included notable decreases in theft reports and alarm calls, while traffic stops increased as deputies conducted additional proactive enforcement. These reductions are consistent with the tapering of post-holiday activities and travel.

The district generated 130 incident reports during February, representing a 13% increase compared to February 2025. Property crimes accounted for the majority of reported offenses, with fraud, theft, and battery remaining the most common crime categories. Cooper City continued to experience low levels of vehicle-related crime, including one reported auto theft and three vehicle burglaries, likely due to ongoing crime prevention messaging and community vigilance.

Deputies made 29 arrests during the month, including 16 felony arrests and 13 misdemeanor arrests, involving 25 adult offenders and four juveniles. The most common arrest categories involved domestic battery, traffic-related offenses, and theft. Notable enforcement actions included the arrest of a suspect involved in passing counterfeit currency and the coordinated response to a shooting incident, which resulted in the safe surrender of an armed suspect without further injury to the public or responding personnel.

Traffic safety remained a priority throughout the district. Deputies investigated 54 traffic crashes, including eight crashes involving injuries, and conducted enforcement activity resulting in 248 traffic citations, 407 written warnings, and three DUI arrests. Although crashes increased slightly compared to January, they remained lower than the same period last year. Deputies also continued targeted school zone enforcement following the return to regular school schedules.

Community engagement remained active throughout February with several outreach events, public safety initiatives, and social media messaging focused on fraud prevention, security awareness, distracted driving, and community wellness.

Code Enforcement maintained a proactive presence during the month, completing 273 enforcement-related activities with a 76% compliance rate. Enforcement efforts focused primarily on education, courtesy inspections, and follow-up compliance checks. The most common violations involved commercial vehicle parking, bulk trash, and off-street parking design.

Overall, the Cooper City District maintained strong operational performance throughout February 2026 through proactive enforcement, coordinated response efforts, and continued community engagement. Ongoing collaboration between the Broward Sheriff's Office, City leadership, and residents remains central to maintaining Cooper City as one of the safest communities in Broward County.



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CALLS FOR SERVICE

In February 2026, Cooper City experienced a decrease in total calls for service compared to January 2026, with calls declining by four percent (-4%), from 1,892 to 1,817. Additionally, when compared year over year (YoY), calls for service remained about the same from 1,818 in February 2025 to 1,817 in February 2026.

This decrease is primarily attributable to a reduction in self-initiated police activity, likely influenced by seasonal patterns, post-holiday normalization, and the absence of major incidents or special events that typically generate increased officer-initiated responses. Overall, the decline reflects routine operational and seasonal trends rather than a significant change in underlying community crime conditions.

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 1602 Zone, primarily centered around residential and school zones. Activity in this area included a higher frequency of traffic crashes, code enforcement and deputies conducting proactive patrols, and area checks to deter criminal activity and enhance visibility.

Day of Week

In February 2026, overall activity was highest on Wednesdays, with Thursdays and Saturdays also showing elevated demand. Increased Wednesday activity is attributed to increased traffic enforcement and proactive patrols. The elevated calls on Thursdays and Saturdays could be attributed to weekend travel and Valentine's Day which occurred on a Saturday.

Type of Call

Police service calls continued to represent the highest call volume in February 2026, totaling 720 incidents and accounting for 39.7% of all calls for service. This was followed by traffic stops and parking complaints, which totaled 1,288 calls and comprised approximately 23.3% of overall call volume; a significant portion of these incidents resulted from self-initiated enforcement activity rather than citizen-generated calls.



CALLS FOR SERVICE CONTINUED

Notable Decreases

Theft All Other	
<p>Theft decreased from 15 in January 2026 to 9 in February 2026, an decrease of 6 incidents (-40%).</p>	<p>Contributing factors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January may have higher theft rates due to holiday-related activity, post-holiday shopping, or residents returning home, whereas February often has fewer high-risk events. Fewer public events or gatherings can naturally reduce theft opportunities. Residents may have implemented better security measures

Audible/ Intrusion Alarms	
<p>Alarms decreased from 86 in January 2026 to 72 in February 2026, a decrease of 14 incidents (-16%).</p>	<p>Contributing factors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fewer residents or businesses triggering alarms due to less activity in February compared to January (holidays, shopping, or events). Residents or businesses may have upgraded alarm systems or improved procedures, reducing false alarms. Community education on proper alarm usage can also reduce unnecessary activations.

Notable Increase

Traffic Stops	
<p>Traffic Stops increased from 168 in January 2026 to 218 in February 2026, an increase of 50 incidents (+30%).</p>	<p>Contributing factors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After holidays, people return to work/school routines, increasing commuting traffic. More vehicles on the road means more opportunities for violations and stops. Self-initiated enforcement activity, accounting for a significant portion of traffic stop-related incidents.



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REPORTED INCIDENTS

During February 2026, the Cooper City District generated 130 total incident reports, representing a 13% increase from February 2025.

Criminal	
Of these 130 written incidents in February 2026, (51%) 64 were criminal in nature, compared to 54 total crime reports in February 2025.	
Property Crimes	Persons Crimes
Property crimes accounted for 36% (23) of crimes reported. The majority of crimes reported were frauds (5), thefts (13), criminal mischief (3), vehicle burglaries (1), and structure burglaries (1).	Persons Crimes accounted for 20% (12) of the crimes reported: battery (6), aggravated battery (2), robbery (1), stalking (1), aggravated stalking (1), and sexual battery (1). Most persons crimes reported were domestic in nature.

Non-Criminal
Of the 130 written incidents in February 2026, 64 (49%) were non-criminal, primarily consisting of a mix of information reports, property damage, suspicious incidents, verbal domestic disturbances, and non-criminal police service calls. In February 2025, a total of 61 (54%) written reports were non-criminal in nature.

Notable Trend – Residence and Vehicle Crimes
This month, Cooper City continued the trend of lower-than-normal number of residential burglaries (0) and vehicle burglaries (1). This statistic highlights successes of recent public safety messaging and the efforts of community members to practice vigilance and prevention efforts.



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ARRESTS

February 2026, Cooper City had a total of 29 arrests, of which 13 were misdemeanors and 16 were felonies. Twenty-five arrests involved adult offenders, and four arrests involved juvenile offenders. The top offense categories this month were domestic battery, traffic-related offenses, and thefts.

Total Arrests	Types of Arrests February 2026	Top Arrest Categories February 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 2026: 29 2026 Year-to-Date: 63 January 2025: 25 2025 Year-to-Date: 48 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Felony: 16 Misdemeanor: 13 Adult: 25 Juvenile: 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battery/Domestic: 11 Traffic: 5 Thefts: 3

Noteworthy Arrests

Counterfeit Currency Arrest: On February 19th, deputies responded to a report of a masked individual attempting to purchase food at a local restaurant using counterfeit \$50 bills. Although the suspect fled prior to deputies' arrival, deputies canvassed the surrounding area and located the individual. During the investigation, additional counterfeit currency was recovered, linking the suspect to a similar case in January. Due to this case, the suspect was charged with multiple felony offenses, and approximately \$1,450 in counterfeit currency was removed from circulation. For their involvement in this case, Sergeant Kutikoff and Deputies Hernandez, Miro, Martinez, and Legow received Letters of Commendation.

Shooting Arrest: On February 14, deputies responded to a reported shooting at a gas station. Initial information indicated the victim fled to a nearby restaurant while the armed suspect crashed his vehicle and fled into a wooded area. Deputies quickly located the victim and began lifesaving care while establishing containment of the suspect. Additional resources secured nearby areas, established a perimeter, and deployed a drone while coordinating with a neighboring agency to expand containment. The suspect ultimately surrendered without further incident, and the discarded firearm was recovered. For their involvement in this case, Sergeants Mosca and Sisson and Deputies Samper, Diaz, Aguiar, Legow, Covet, Haber, Encina, and Florence were awarded Employees of the Month.

REAL-TIME CRIME CENTER SUCCESS STORY

Strong Armed Robbery | Assist Hollywood PD.

After receiving information from the Hollywood Police Department regarding a robbery suspect, Cooper City's Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC) personnel immediately conducted a search to determine whether the suspect's vehicle could be headed into Cooper City. This search revealed License Plate Reader activity in the city of Hollywood, which ultimately assisted with the suspect's arrest.



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TRAFFIC

This month, deputies investigated 54 traffic crashes, including 8 with injuries. Deputies issued 248 traffic citations and 407 written warnings. The top violations were speeding (189) and insurance violations (47) as the leading offenses. Three DUI arrests were made, one of which was a .21 BAC, more than double the legal limit for adults. Compared to January, crashes increased by 5.88%, while a comparison of February 2026 to February 2025 yielded a decrease of 5.26%.

Traffic Crashes	
Total February Crashes: 54 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injury: 8 • Non-injury: 27 • Fatal: 0 • Hit and Run: 5 	Top Intersection Crashes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pine Island/Sheridan (3) • Sheridan/Flamingo (3) • Griffin/Pine Island (3) • Griffin/Flamingo (2)

Traffic Citations	
Total Citations: 658 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citations: 248 (41 school zone enforcement) • Written Warnings: 407 • DUI Arrests: 3 	Top Types of Citations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speeding: 189 • No Proof of Insurance: 52 • DWLS: 24

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 days begins and within one hour after dismissal. This month, 27 citations were issued for violation of this ordinance, with the top offenders located in the area of Embassy Creek Elementary School. 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

The Pentecostals of Cooper City – Police Day. On February 3rd, the Cooper City District participated in Police Day hosted by The Pentecostals of Cooper City, engaging directly with youth in a positive, relationship-building setting. Deputies provided education on safety awareness, answered questions about law enforcement careers, and reinforced trust through open dialogue. The event strengthened faith-based partnerships and promoted transparency, accessibility, and community connection.

Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Event. On February 7th, district deputies hosted a catalytic converter theft prevention initiative focused on education and deterrence. Residents received prevention tips and etching and spray painting to their catalytic converters. The proactive outreach addressed an ongoing regional crime trend and emphasized layered prevention strategies, including surveillance awareness and proper parking practices. The initiative reinforced BSO's commitment to crime trend education and prevention through visibility and community engagement.

Senior Lifestyle Expo. On February 7th, the Cooper City District participated in the Senior Lifestyle Expo, providing crime prevention education tailored to older adults. Deputies focused on fraud prevention, scam awareness, and personal safety strategies. Direct engagement with senior residents supported the City's wellness priorities while addressing vulnerability factors such as social isolation and financial exploitation.

Crafting with Cops. On February 12th, the monthly Crafting with Cops program continued to foster non-enforcement, positive engagement between deputies and residents. Each session integrates a creative activity with a timely crime prevention topic aligned to current trends. February's program reinforced fraud awareness, more specifically related to romance scams. The program supports community connectedness, trust building, and repeat participation.

Embassy Creek Elementary – Love & Service Day. On February 13th, Deputies participated in Embassy Creek Elementary's Love and Service Day, engaging with students in an educational and service-oriented environment. The event emphasized character development, kindness, and community responsibility.

Catch Me If You Can (Youth Fishing Event). On February 21st, the Catch Me If You Can youth fishing event, held in partnership with Youth Environmental Alliance, provided families with a structured outdoor activity alongside deputies in a relaxed, non-enforcement setting. The event promoted mentorship, environmental awareness, and community partnership. By creating positive shared experiences, the initiative supports youth engagement, strengthens relationships, and reinforces BSO's commitment to proactive community policing.

Bike & Health Wellness Day. On February 28th, the Cooper City District participated in Bike & Health Wellness Day, promoting bicycle safety, injury prevention, and healthy living. Deputies reinforced helmet use, roadway awareness, and micromobility safety practices. The event aligned with injury reduction efforts and supported community wellness initiatives through education-forward engagement.



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COMMUNITY POLICING INITIATIVES CONTINUED

SOCIAL MEDIA

Home Security in Cooler Months. Seasonal crime prevention messaging addressed home security during cooler months, encouraging residents to secure doors and windows, utilize exterior lighting, and remain vigilant as routines shift. Outreach emphasized how environmental changes can impact crime opportunities and the importance of maintaining consistent security habits.

Online Scams – Romance Scams. Fraud prevention efforts focused on romance scams, highlighting how offenders exploit emotional connections to gain financial information or money from victims. Messaging emphasized warning signs, the importance of verifying online relationships, and prompt reporting to law enforcement to prevent continued victimization.

Vehicle Burglary Prevention. Crime prevention outreach addressed vehicle burglary trends, reminding residents to lock vehicles, remove valuables, and avoid leaving items in plain view. Messaging reinforced how simple preventative steps can significantly reduce opportunities for theft and related property crimes.

Home Security Tips. General home security education reinforced best practices such as securing entry points, maintaining clear sightlines, and utilizing alarms or surveillance systems when available. Residents were encouraged to adopt layered security measures to deter criminal activity and enhance neighborhood safety.

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. In recognition of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, outreach promoted awareness of healthy relationship behaviors and the warning signs of abuse among teens. Messaging encouraged open communication, early intervention, and the use of available community and support resources.

Mental Health & Wellness. Mental health and wellness initiatives highlighted the importance of emotional well-being as a component of public safety. Outreach promoted available resources, encouraged residents to seek support when needed, and reinforced the connection between mental health, community stability, and crime prevention.



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CODE ENFORCEMENT

During February, a total of 273 enforcement-related activities were conducted. The majority of efforts focused on compliance through education and follow-up inspections, rather than immediate punitive action. February statistics reflect a 76.23 % compliance rate of civil citation warnings issued compared to civil citations issued due to non-compliance. That is up from January's rate of 73%. Commercial vehicles, boats, trailers, jet-skis, RVs, and vehicles with commercial insignia, along with bulk trash and off-street parking design remained among the most common violations.

A large portion of enforcement consisted of courtesy inspections (83), verbal warnings (20), and civil citation warnings (103). This indicates that inspectors prioritized notifying and educating property owners before issuing formal citations. Follow-up inspections were significant. There were 95 re-inspections, indicating that staff spent a substantial amount of time monitoring compliance and ensuring previously identified violations were corrected. Limited escalation resulted into legal proceedings. Only 6 cases were referred to the Magistrate, demonstrating that most violations were resolved administratively without requiring formal adjudication.

February Statistics	Distribution of Enforcement	Enforcement Focus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total Enforcement: 273 Verbal Warnings: 20 Courtesy Inspections: 83 Re-Inspections: 95 Civil Cit. Warnings: 103 Civil Citations: 57 Parking Citations: 50 Magistrate Referrals: 6 Vacation Rental: 0 Case Reference: 9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal Warnings: 20 Civil Citation Warning: 103 (93 Sweep/ 10 Normal) Code Civil Citations: 57 (29 Sweep/ 28 Normal) Parking Citations: 50 (47 sweep/ 3 Normal) Re-Inspections: 9 Magistrate Referrals: 6 Vacation Rental Reg.: 0 Case Reference: 9 	<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 Junked or Abandoned Vehicles Repair and Maintenance Required

SNIFE SIGN REMINDER

In Cooper City, "snipe signs" – or temporary advertising signs – are not allowed in the public right-of-way, including signs placed on utility poles, street signs, traffic signal poles, medians, trees or fences. Code Enforcement may issue citations to the person or business advertised on the sign or to the property owner where the sign is located.