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EXTERNAL MEMO

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To: Mr. Alex Rey
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 December 10, 2024

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. **Cooper City Walkapalooza** – our team was excited to partner with CCE in their biggest fundraiser of the year, the *Walkpalooza*. We assisted them with a road closure and event safety plan. As a result of the school's efforts, \$12,170 was raised.
- b. **Deputy for a Day** – In conjunction to the above event, on November 21, 2024, we had the honor of "deputizing" two of the kids who were among the highest fundraisers. These two kids took an "oath of office" and had opportunity to shadow the SRO to learn about his duties and the importance of school safety.
- c. **Holiday Traffic Enforcement Surge** – starting on Friday, December 13th through the end of the year, we will be scheduling increased traffic enforcement patrols to target aggressive and impaired driving in the city. We would like to remind residents of the importance of watching your speed and practicing safe driving habits.

II. Code Report

- a. The **commercial plaza initiative** continues with weekly maintenance compliance sweeps. No major concerns or developments to report.
- b. The monthly **gate compliance checks** have continued monthly. No new or major issues to report.
- c. **Proactive Code Sweep** – between December 7th and 15th, Code Enforcement will be conducting a proactive code sweep throughout the city.
- d. We would like to remind the residents that they can educate themselves of the city code by browsing municode online, subscribing to the city's weekly e-newsletter, or by contacting your local Code Enforcement Team for general inquires (954-432-9000).

III. Crime Report

- a. **Burglary Arrest, Narcotics Arrest** – on December 3, 2024, a vehicle entered our city and committed two vehicle burglaries in Country Address. The vehicle was being surveilled by the burglary apprehension team. The subjects were quickly apprehended and arrested.
- b. **LPR Arrest, Wanted Felon** – on November 5, 2024, our team was alerted to a wanted felon entering our city. The subject was quickly located at Countryside Shops and arrested. The subject was wanted for money laundering out of Colorado.
- c. **LPR Arrest, Narcotics & Firearm** – on November 17, 2024, our team was alerted of a wanted subject entering the city. The vehicle was successfully located and stopped at 2500 Pine Island Rd. The driver was detained and arrested for a variety of charges, to include possession of narcotics and driving without a valid DL. He was also found in possession of a firearm which was confiscated for evidentiary purposes.
- d. **Holiday Safety Operational Plan** – our holiday safety plan is ongoing, which includes increased staffing at key locations / times, to safeguard our community and business centers. We would like to remind the public to check our social media platform for time-relevant safety tips during this upcoming season (Facebook @ CooperCityBSO).

IV. Community Involvement / Misc. Report

- a. **COP Appreciation / Award Dinner & 2024 Impact** – the COP program has continued to expand and grow in both size and impact within our community. As of November 30, 2024, the COP volunteers have collectively patrolled our city for 2,423 hours. This equates to a full-time position, plus. If calculated at the average cost of a deputy, the volunteer hours would equal \$167,394.02. The COP volunteers are being honored with an annual award and dinner event on Wednesday, December 11th @ 6PM.
- b. **Chanukah & Christmas Celebrations** – as our community celebrates the Festival of Lights / Chanukah and Christmas, we not only want to wish meaningful celebrations, but to assure that our patrol team is aware and conducting safety checks during the observance(s). May the Light shine brightly in our community this year!

- c. **Shop with the Sheriff** – on Thursday, December 5th, my team and I took ten of our elementary-aged students to the “Shop with the Sheriff” event, where each child had opportunity to buy \$200 worth of Christmas gifts while enjoying a number of free and fun activities.
- d. **Vacation Home Watch REVAMPED** – our team has worked hard to research and implement a newly revamped home watch program for the residents of Cooper City. The new program allows home watch requests to be submitted online, while providing opportunity for streamlined communication and direct updates to the resident. Please look to our Facebook page for the release of the new application (@CooperCityBSO)
- e. **SANTA LETTERS IS BACK** – the BSO Cooper City Police Explorers and Advisors are pleased to announce a return of *Santa Letters* to help bring in the holidays with fun and joy! Santa’s mailbox is now located in the police station lobby until December 17th. Residents can drop off their kid(s) letter(s) to Santa any time during this period, and they can expect to receive a personal delivery from the *North Pole Elves* who may be escorted “lights and sirens” by the finest Santa helpers you can find. Residents are encouraged to support the Police Explorers with a special donation along with their letter. For more information, see our Facebook page.

V. Vacancy Report

- a. As of the date of this report, I have one sworn vacancy and no non-sworn vacancies.