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EXTERNAL MEMO

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To: Mr. Ryan Eggleston
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 12, 2023

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 Elementary *Deputy for a Day*** – as shared previously, this event / initiative was rescheduled to Friday, December 15th. I look forward to participating with the CCE SRO to honor a student as a *Deputy for a Day*, complete with an “official” swearing in ceremony and “junior” deputy badge. The selected student will shadow the SRO and learn about the responsibilities and role of law enforcement in the community.
- b. **Embassy Creek Elementary *Jingle Bell Jog Event*** – my team will be assisting our ECE partners with a temporary road closure and event security on Friday, December 22, 2023, to ensure the safety of our children as they celebrate with their annual “jingle bell job”. We will post public service announcements in advance to provide notice of impacted traffic patterns in / around SE Lake Blvd.



- c. **Aggressive Driving / Speeding Operations continue in December** – these extra enforcement operations are running continually on various weekends and afterhours to coincide with the rush hour traffic patterns. Speeding remains a concern in our city. Please monitor your speeds, abide by the speed limits, and refrain from aggressive driving habits, such as following too closely.

II. Code Report

- a. The **commercial plaza initiative** continues with weekly maintenance compliance sweeps. No major concerns or developments.
- b. The monthly **gate compliance checks** continue with no major concern. The city's newest community, Kingfisher Reserve, has been successfully added to the city process / system.

III. Crime Report

- a. **Burglary Arrest:** Our Criminal Investigations Team was able to successfully identify a subject responsible for a residential burglary in our city. On November 13, 2023, while conducting surveillance, our detectives apprehended and charged the suspect.
 - i. To date, we have had nine residential burglaries, which is a 70% decrease from 2021, and a 50% decrease from 2022. Our team remains committed to aggressively investigate each crime that occurs in our community.
- b. **STARS Program:** we are currently working with the city's new director of communications to help prepare applicable announcements and marketing of the STARS grant program, which will officially open for applicants in January 2024.
 - i. **Additionally,** our Crime Prevention Deputy has sent communications to our HOA and non-profit partners, notifying of the STARS grant opportunity. To date, we have already completed four site surveys for interested parties to get ahead of the official launch.

IV. Community Involvement / Misc. Report

- a. **COP Appreciation / Award Dinner & 2023 Impact** – the COP program has continued to expand and grow in both size and impact within our community. This year the COPs added four new active members, patrolled more hours, covered additional miles, added a bike patrol component, and, collectively, made a positive contribution to public safety. As a team, they have logged 2816 service hours, which equates to \$134,802.88 in volunteer hours, if calculated at the average Cooper City Deputy range! Needless to say, they were honored with a well-deserved appreciation / award dinner on December 6th.
- b. **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 during the holiday season. We would like to remind the public to check our social media platform for time-relevant safety tips during this upcoming season (Facebook @ CooperCityBSO).



- c. **Chanukah & Christmas Celebrations** – as our community celebrates the Festival of Lights / Chanukah, and later 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!
- d. **Shop with the Sheriff** – on Thursday, December 14th, my team and I will be taking fifteen of our elementary-aged students to the “Shop with the Sheriff” event, where each child will have opportunity to buy Christmas gifts and enjoy a number of free and fun activities.

V. Vacancy Report

- a. I have one sworn vacancy, and two non-sworn vacancies.