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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 April 30, 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. **FASRO Grant** – I am pleased to share that we were selected to send two of our School Resource Deputies to the annual FASRO conference (July 15th – 19th), which will be paid for via grant funds. This state conference provides the most advanced and comprehensive training for school-based police, helping to ensure our SRDs are equipped with the best practices to keep our schools safe.
- b. **Aggressive Driving Operations** – the traffic team has been focusing on our interior roadways this month, issuing citations within communities where most violators are the actual resident(s). The frequent violation observed is a failure to stop at designated areas. The most blatant of violators disregard stop signs altogether, creating a serious public safety concern. We remind our residents to slow down, obey all traffic control devices, and yield to pedestrians where required. Further, a reminder that cyclists are required to obey traffic laws, if in the roadway.

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.

III. Crime Report

- a. **LPR Investigative Lead** – recently, one of our commercial plazas was the target of a burglary conveyance. Thankfully, investigative leads were found via historical intelligence from our **Cooper City RTCC**. This information has identified a person-of-interest; of whom our investigators are now pursuing a case against.
- b. **Gym PSA** – a public service announcement for our gym patrons, it is important to **remove all belongings from your vehicle** before entering the facility to workout. Most gyms, if not all, have adequate space and lockers to safely store your belongings. While our citywide technology helped in the above case, crime prevention steps, such as removing belongings from a parked car, may have averted the crime altogether. Prevention beats crime.
- c. **STARS Program**: the STARS grant program officially opened for applicants January 1, 2024. It is listed on the city's website and has been actively shared with our community partners. To date, we have received fourteen grant applications.

IV. Community Involvement / Misc. Report

- a. **Passover** – my team and I would also like to wish our Jewish neighbors a safe and meaningful Passover observance. Our deputies will be conducting extra patrols in and around our religious institutions during this holy day / week to ensure the safety of our community (April 22nd-30th).
- b. **Autism Mystery Dinner** – on Tuesday, April 23rd, we will be hosting a new initiative, along with our NST partners, to reach out to our autistic community. This event will be an interactive, sensory friendly way to connect with our autistic residents to build relationships consistent with the City's designation as an "Autism Friendly" place to live, work, and play.
- c. **BSO CARES Program** – A reminder to our residents with developmental disorders, BSO has a special registry where you can voluntarily share your information with your local law enforcement team. Here's how it works:
 - i. Participants provide important information about the person with developmental disorders. (The information provided is intended for informational purposes only.)
 - ii. Once a person has been registered, an entry will be made in the BSO Computer Aided Dispatch System.
 - iii. Each person registered will be given an Information Card, which will include the information provided about them that will help emergency responders serve them better when the need arises.
 - iv. This is only valid for one year. Annual registration is required.

- d. **“Scent Kits”** – the BSO Cooper City team has created new “scent kits” to help safeguard our residents with a history of eloping, e.g. dementia, ASD. The kit comes with the necessary items and instructions to help you safely store an unadulterated scent of your loved one, which may be safely stored in your freezer for up to one year. In the event your loved one elopes, the kit can be given to our dedicated K-9 / bloodhound handler to help find them.
- e. **Special Olympics Torch Run** – my team and I will be representing Cooper City at the annual Torch Run on April 24th. Overall, our team with the support of the city helped raise nearly \$5000 for this noble cause.

V. Vacancy Report

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