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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 January 10, 2023

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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. Embassy Creek Elementary – we were very excited and pleased to assist ECE with the return of their *Jingle Bell Jog* on December 23, 2022. The event was held safely and successfully. We appreciate the partnership with our ECE team, as well as the patience of the residents who were impacted by the temporary road closures.
- b. Franklin Academy – we will be participating with the school's "literary week" on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> to help promote reading to the kids.

### **II. Code Report**

- a. The commercial plaza initiative continues with weekly maintenance compliance sweeps. No major concerns or developments.
- b. Gate compliance: Seventeen locations are now in compliance, while fourteen are working towards compliance. Seven locations are scheduled for magistrate in February due to non-compliance.

### III. Crime Report

- a. **Armed Robbery / Shooting** – As the commission and public knows, we suffered a horrible crime on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, where a clerk at Clutch coffee was shot during a robbery attempt. Despite the tragedy, I want to thank the city and public for trusting my team and I with the handling of the critical incident. We aggressively investigated the case and filled the city with over fifty additional personnel / units to help safeguard the city while we searched for the shooter. In less than twelve hours, the culprit was identified, located, and arrested. Our continued prayers and thoughts are with those impacted by this horrific case.
- b. **Burglary Arrest** – On Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, we were assisted by our partners from B.A.T. in apprehending two burglars at Brian Piccolo. The duo had been wanted to burglaries throughout the county which the B.A.T. was investigating. On this day, our team assisted them with safely apprehending the felons
- c. **Burglary Business / Theft Arrest** – On December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, an observant deputy on Alpha shift observed a suspicious vehicle behind the Walmart. The vehicle matched the description reported on an Alert flyer tied to a burglary to a business, as well as a previous theft at a restaurant. A traffic stop was conducted, and a detective called to the scene. The subject was positively identified and arrested for three outstanding cases in the city.
- d. **Burglary Conveyance Arrest** – On Sunday, January 1, 2023, at approximately 2am, our deputies were alerted to a possible burglary in-progress on 88<sup>th</sup> Ter. The deputies quickly scoured and secured the area. An astute deputy observed a suspicious vehicle in the area and a felony traffic stop resulting in both culprits being identified and arrested.
- e. **LPR Arrest** – The road patrol team arrested a wanted subject traversing our city on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, shortly before midnight. The driver lacked a valid license or tag, and he had a history of D.U.I. The PSU was alerted of the vehicle via a *LPR notification*. This is yet another example of the value of this technology, and the city's recent investments, which supports the city's *strategic plan* prioritizing public safety.
- f. **Antisemitic Assault** – our team is investigating a case involving an assault that occurred on December 31, 2022, at / near the Chabad; wherein, the suspect made antisemitic-based threats to harm and kill a pedestrian, as well as general hate-based comments to the Chabad. We have sent the case to the State Attorney's Office, requesting an arrest capias for the identified culprit.
- g. **Technology Plan Update:**
  - i. Smart Cameras: The city's new camera system at Flamingo West Park is nearing completion.
  - ii. LPRS: Since the last report, a new LPR location was installed near Griffin and Palm.
  - iii. RTCC: I am very pleased to share that construction of our local Real-Time Crime Center has commenced! Permits have been approved and the buildout is projected to be completed before March.

#### IV. Community Involvement Report

- a. **Police Explorers Delegates** – We are excited to be sending our Cooper City Police Explorers to Port St. Lucie on January 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> to participate in the delegates conference. The police explorers will have opportunity to participate in valuable training lessons, to include: officer down and ambush, building searches, traffic stops, and video simulator scenarios.
- b. **Santa Letters** – We are very grateful to share another very successful *Santa Letters* initiative in the community. This year we served more kids and families than last year, while raising funds to support our Police Explorer program. We thank the public for their support and excitement in the program. We look forward to running it again later this year!
- c. **Shred-A-Thon** – A friendly reminder our next Shred-A-Thon and Operation Medicine Cabinet is taking place on *Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 10A-1P*. It will be hosted at the police station.
- d. **COPs** – we are very excited to share that we are adding a bike patrol component to our volunteer COP program. Approximately half of our volunteers signed up to participate in the bike training, which is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### V. Vacancy Report

- a. I have one non-sworn vacancy (CSA), and no sworn vacancies.

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