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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 January 14, 2025

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. **Holiday Traffic Enforcement Surge** – in an effort to keep our streets safe during the holiday season, our traffic team oversaw an operational plan to increase staffing and enforcement along our major thoroughfares and around our commercial plazas. As a result of their efforts, (173) citations were issued; of which over half were for speeding or aggressive driving.

II. Code Report

- a. The **commercial plaza initiative** continues with weekly maintenance compliance sweeps. Recently, the Code team met with the city's newly retained arborist consultant and had preliminary discussions on moving forward with site plan / landscape review(s) for further compliance.
- 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 conducted a proactive code sweep throughout the city. As a result of the effort, (28) code cases were opened and six were issued citations upon reinspection. Hence, a 79% compliance rate.
 - o **Further**, (7) citations for parking violations were issued, (22) snipe signs were removed, and (3) shopping carts returned to commercial plazas; all in furtherance of beautification.

III. Crime Report

- a. **Animal Abuse** – on December 28, 2024, a report was made of unknown subjects riding an off-road vehicle intentionally running over approximately thirty Egyptian Geese. Our detectives proactively canvassed the surrounding area for evidence to assist the Special Victims Unit who is taking lead in the investigation. The case is being actively worked, and there is a \$5000 reward courtesy of Broward Crime Stoppers for any information leading to the apprehension of the subject(s). Any member of the public with information, please contact:
 - o Special Victims Detective Charoudis Dimos at 954-321-4243
 - o Anonymous tips to Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS (8477)
- b. **Narcotics Arrest, Search Warrant** – on December 19, 2024, Cooper City CST, in collaboration with PSU, secured a search warrant in relation to a narcotics investigation. In short, the investigation identified a subject who was actively selling narcotics at CCHS. The safe execution of the search warrant resulted in the confiscation of nearly 500 grams of cannabis, 92 THC cartridges, and other contraband.
- c. **STARS GRANT COMPLETED** – the STAR grant officially closed. Overall, it was very successful and resulted in the following communities submitting completed projects for retroactive reimbursement, new projects, or new systems integrated into the Cooper City RTCC:
 - o **Country Glen (retro), Diamond Head, Monterra (retro), Rock Creek, Sienna, Temple Beth Emet.**
 - o A total of \$113,286.47 expended of the \$200,000 budgeted.
- d. **New Camera Sites** – two new camera sites were finalized and integrated into the Cooper City RTCC: Stirling / Palm and Stirling / Embassy Dr. This is in completion of the project approved at the September 17, 2024 commission meeting.

IV. Community Involvement / Misc. Report

- a. **Shred-A-Thon & Operation Medicine Cabinet** – we will be hosting another Shred-A-Thon / OMC at the Cooper City BSO station on January 25, 2025, from 10A-1P. This is a free crime prevention service for our residents. For more information, follow us on FB @CooperCityBSO.

- b. **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)
- c. **SANTA LETTERS SUCCESS** – the BSO Cooper City Police Explorers had another impactful year filling in as *Santa's Elves* via the Santa Letters initiative. Overall, they visited **fifty homes, surprised eighty-nine children, and in the process raised nearly \$1000 to support the program.** This initiative has become a staple of what makes Cooper City special, as made clear by one of the accolades we received from a parent:
 - o ***“Thank you for taking the time to spread some holiday cheer! Our kids will always remember this special visit! This is just another reminder of why Cooper City is someplace special!”***

V. Vacancy Report

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