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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 January 9, 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. **Pioneer Middle School New Traffic Pattern** – we are excited to share a new, safer traffic pattern launches at Pioneer Middle this week. The pattern will help separate vehicle and pedestrian traffic, while providing a better queueing system. We are grateful for the collaboration on this project, to include our school board partners.
- b. **Aggressive Driving Enforcement Campaign** – our traffic team will be continuing to staff evening and weekend enforcement campaigns in 2024 to proactively target aggressive driving and speeding throughout our city. These operations will focus on our main thoroughfares to help combat the identified pattern(s) of traffic accidents, while including some of our interior roadways to address specific resident concerns.
- c. **Move Over Law Update** – an expansion to the Florida “move over” law went into effect on January 1, 2024. The updated law now requires drivers to “move over” for *all vehicles* stopped on the side of the road when their

hazard lights are on, or if emergency flares or signs are deployed. As with the past law, if you cannot safely move over, you should reduce your speed by 20mph under the posted speed limit.

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.
- c. **Parking Enforcement Team** – we are ready to launch our brand-new parking enforcement team this month. This team was created with certified volunteers and will help our Code team address commercial plaza violations and interior neighborhood concerns, such as parking over the sidewalk.

III. Crime Report

- a. **Burglary Reminder:** Last year we continued our downward trend in residential burglaries, but we did experience a few over the past month; each of which occurred while homeowners were on vacation or otherwise away. We want to remind residents on the importance of locking your doors, installing economical home security improvements, and reporting any suspicious activity you may see. Additionally:
 - i. **Home Vacation Watch** – we offer a free house watch to our residents. Participation is easy and helps protect your home.
 - ii. **Home Security Surveys** – we offer free home security surveys. We will offer insight(s) on how to better protect your home.
 - iii. **Call 954-435-2000** for information on either of these free programs.
- b. **Burglary Arrest** – we successfully apprehended a subject responsible for burglarizing a business at 12399 SW 53rd St. during our holiday operational period. The apprehended burglar is a past offender who has previously been arrested for committing crime within our city.
- 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.

IV. Community Involvement / Misc. Report

- a. **Fingerprinting, New Service Offered** – we are pleased to offer fingerprinting as a new, free service for our residents in 2024! If you live in Cooper City and have a verifiable address, you may contact our station to book your free appointment (954-435-2000). Currently, we will be offering traditional fingerprinting services, but we are diligently working to add a digital option later this year.
- b. **Crafting with a Cop Initiative** – on February 7, 2024, we will be hosting our next “Crafting with a Cop” event at the district station from 6P-7:30P. Check our Facebook page for the Eventbrite information, as seating is limited (follow us @ Cooper City BSO).

V. Vacancy Report

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