



City of Cooper City

Police Chief's Monthly Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In July 2025, Cooper City continued to experience a steady decline in overall crime, but did experience a slight increase in **conveyance burglaries** with a total of nine being reported. The majority of the reported conveyance burglaries involved vehicles that were left unlocked by their owners. **The offender responsible for several of the mentioned conveyance burglaries was identified by Cooper City detectives and arrested.** One robbery occurred in the city in the month of July at the Walmart. **The offender in the robbery case was later identified and arrested by detectives.** Proactive enforcement activities continue to be conducted by Crime Suppression Team and Tactical Deployment Team members, contributing to the overall safety and security of Cooper City residents.

Calls for service continued to increase – both in month-over-month and year-over-year analyses. Possible factors contributing to the increases include seasonal and operational factors such as summer break and increased proactive enforcement activities. Categories of notable increases include **police service calls, burglary conveyances, and hit and run accidents.**

Conversely, a marked decrease in **traffic/parking complaints** and **stolen vehicles** was observed, highlighting the successes of recent coordinated enforcement efforts by patrol deputies, the traffic unit, code enforcement, and RTCC.

In the month of July, Code Enforcement generated a total of 349 new cases and conducted 237 re-inspections. Both new cases and re-inspections resulted in a **high compliance rate** indicating the current strategy of educating residents on the code of ordinances rather than issuing punitive citations is garnering positive results.

Traffic enforcement efforts continued in full swing with **Operation Summer Splash** occurring in the city on July 29th with 15 Motor Units from several districts conducting enforcement targeting our high volume/high crash corridors and **Operation Ticket** continuing.

Community engagement remained a high priority with a number of community events occurring – notably **RadKIDS**, which occurred from July 21st to July 25th. The district provided hands-on training to young Cooper City residents on recognizing, avoiding, and escaping unsafe situations.

Several **public safety education initiatives** occurred throughout the month focusing on **hurricane preparedness, fraud through social engineering, vehicle burglary prevention, and back-to-school safety.**



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CRIMES

- While year to date we have seen a steady decline in the number of crimes in Cooper City, the month of July 2025 showed a slight increase in the number of vehicle burglaries with nine being reported. Most of the burglaries occurred during the overnight hours and involved vehicles that were left unlocked by their owners. The offender responsible for several of the mentioned conveyance burglaries was identified by Cooper City detectives and arrested.
- There was one robbery by sudden snatching incident at Wal-Mart, but CI Detectives were able to work with neighboring agencies and have one offender under arrest for this case.
- During the month of July, the Crime Suppression Team combined for a total of 8 proactive narcotics/warrant arrests and the Tactical Deployment Team combined for a total of 7 arrests. These arrests are a result of proactive law enforcement in order to catch the criminals within Cooper City before they have the chance to commit crimes.
- Residents are encouraged to help prevent overnight vehicle burglaries by ensuring that all vehicle doors and windows are locked and closed when exiting your vehicle.
- With schools going back into session, parents are reminded not to leave any purses, backpacks, lunch boxes or anything of value within view inside of their vehicle when conducting school and day care drop offs and pick-ups. If items are seen within the vehicle, criminals will not hesitate to break the window to steal the items, no matter how inconsequential they area.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Analyzing calls for service – not just reported crimes – is essential because it gives a fuller picture of community needs, safety concerns, and workload. Two methods were used to analyze calls for service: year-over-year (YoY) and month-over-month (MoM). A YoY analysis compares data from one period to the same period in the previous year, accounting for seasonal and long-term trends; whereas a MoM analysis compares data from one month to the immediately preceding month, which is useful in spotting immediate changes.

In July 2025, BSO responded to 2,690 calls, reflecting a 24% increase from June 2025, and an 42% increase compared to July 2024. The 24% increase in calls for service over the previous month and 42% year-over-year rise are likely influenced by seasonal and operational factors. Summer break results in more youth activity and daytime community engagement, increasing call volume. Proactive enforcement efforts by deputies have also generated additional incident reports. Additionally, heightened public awareness and willingness to report suspicious activity have contributed to the overall increase.



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Notable Increases– Police Service Calls, Burglary Conveyances, and Hit and Run Accidents

1) Police Service Calls – These are non-criminal, non-emergency calls for assistance, representing community interactions where law enforcement is needed for service or support, but no crime has occurred.

- **July 2025:** 1,580 calls
- **Change from June 2025:** +409 calls (+35%)
- **Change from July 2024:** +776 calls (+97%)

2) Burglary Conveyance – Calls for service involving the unlawful entry into a vehicle. **In all reported incidents, the vehicles were left unlocked.**

- **July 2025:** 9 incidents
- **Change from June 2025:** +4 (+80%)
- **Change from July 2024:** +7 (+350%)

These increases may be linked to seasonal patterns, as all incidents occurred overnight and involved crimes of opportunity in which offenders targeted unsecured vehicles in residential areas during late-night hours.

3) Hit and Run Accidents – Calls for service in which one or more drivers involved in a traffic crash leave the scene without providing required information or rendering aid.

- **July 2025:** 14 incidents
- **Change from June 2025:** +9 (+180%)
- **Change from July 2024:** +7 (+100%)

The July increase may be attributed to seasonal factors such as higher summer traffic volumes, holiday travel (e.g. Independence Day), and late-night activity. Offenders often flee to avoid detection due to impaired driving, lack of a valid license, no insurance, or outstanding warrants, all of which can be more prevalent during summer months.

Notable Decreases– Traffic/Parking Complaints and Stolen Vehicles

1) Traffic/Parking Complaints – In July 2025, patrol deputies, the Traffic Unit, and Code Enforcement worked jointly on targeted patrols, peak-hour enforcement, and resident education in identified problem areas. These coordinated efforts effectively reduced illegal parking and traffic violations, contributing to the overall decline in complaints.

- **July 2025:** 78 complaints
- **Change from June 2025:** –10 (–11%)
- **Change from July 2024:** –34 (–30%)



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2) Stolen Vehicles – In July 2025, our Tactical Deployment Team and patrol deputies leveraged district technological resources, including the Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC) and license plate readers (LPRs), to conduct targeted patrols and proactive enforcement aimed at deterring criminal activity. These coordinated efforts enhanced situational awareness, allowed for rapid identification of suspect vehicles and increased visibility in high-risk areas. As a result, stolen vehicle incidents decreased.

- **July 2025:** 2 incidents
- **Change from June 2025:** –2 (–50%)
- **Change from July 2024:** –1 (–33%)

In July 2025, notable increases were observed in **hit-and-run accidents** and **burglary conveyances involving unlocked vehicles**.

Hit-and-run incidents increased 180% from June and 100% year-over-year. To address this trend, targeted traffic enforcement during peak hours in high-crash areas will be implemented, along with continued public messaging on the legal requirement to remain at the scene of a crash.

Burglary conveyances rose 80% month-over-month and 350% year-over-year, with all incidents occurring overnight and involving unsecured vehicles. Preventive measures will include a “Lock It or Lose It” public awareness campaign, direct engagement with homeowners’ associations, and proactive nighttime patrols utilizing patrol and our Tactical Deployment Team (TDT) in identified hotspot neighborhoods. These prevention efforts will aim to reduce the likelihood of recurrence and lower overall call volume in these categories.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

During the month of July 2025, Code Enforcement generated a total of 349 new cases. Of the violations for the month, Code Enforcement issued 15 Verbal Warnings along with 90 Civil Citation Warnings (115), while only 28 cases resulted in a Civil Citation. That is a 75.65 compliance rate. This high compliance rate continues our strategy of educating residents on the code of ordinances rather than issuing punitive citations. The majority of the violations consisted of bulk trash, failing to maintain residential maintenance standards, design of off-street parking, commercial vehicles, and excessive overgrowth and junk. These violations continue to remain the most frequent despite educational efforts.

In addition to our normal enforcement efforts, a Code Enforcement sweep took place during the week of July 22nd and focused on addressing issues occurring after normal business hours and days. Code’s efforts resulted in a total of 79 Civil Citation Warnings and 19 Citations. Parking Enforcement resulted in 46 citations being issued. The majority of these violations were directed at addressing blocking the sidewalk complaints and Handicap Parking violations in our retail centers. In addition to our 349 new cases, Code Enforcement also conducted a total of 237 re-inspections during the month. Only 7 cases were referred to Magistrate due to non-compliance.



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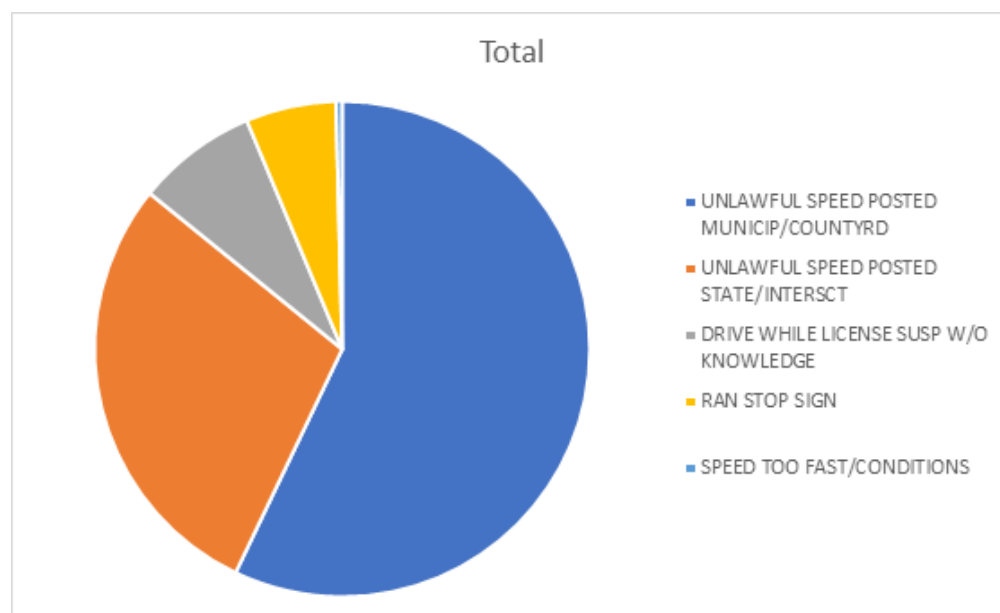
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Code continues to work closely with the city arborist in restoring landscape requirements in our plazas and businesses according to the original site plans. These efforts keep our retail centers looking inviting, drawing increased interest to our shopping plazas. Our Commercial Property Code Inspector continues to inspect all business properties for blighting issues and maintain their curb appeal.

Code Enforcement meets weekly with the Accela software engineers and the Community Development team to design our new code enforcement platform. It is making great progress. During Public Speaking at the last Commission Meeting, Ruth from Cooper's Point spoke about a neighbor's abandoned vehicle parking in the cul-de-sac across from her house. Our team was aware of the reported issue and confirmed the vehicle was not abandoned, was legally registered, and parked legally as well. Since then, the vehicle has been removed and is no longer an issue.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

- Operation Summer Splash had 15 Motor Units from several districts in the city on July 29th conducting enforcement between 9a-12p, targeting our high volume/high crash corridors. The Motor unit reported a total of 86 moving violations (which included speeding citations) and 39 nonmoving violations.
- Operation Ticket for July yielded a total of 53 citations.
- District Wide, a total of 583 Citations were written for July. The total also includes Operation Summer Splash enforcement activities.
- Top 3 moving violations were Speeding, DWLS w/o Knowledge, and Running Stop Signs
 - UNLAWFUL SPEED POSTED MUNICIP/COUNTYRD 145
 - UNLAWFUL SPEED POSTED STATE/INTERST 73
 - SPEED TOO FAST/CONDITIONS 1
 - DRIVE WHILE LICENSE SUSP W/O KNOWLEDGE 20
 - RAN STOP SIGN 15





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- Motor Unit meet and greet and traffic safety done for the RadKIDS program.
- On July 20th, we had a hit and run involving 10k dollars' worth of damage to the wall on SW 56th St that belongs to the Stirling Springs HOA. Utilizing investigative technology and expertise, Dep. Lemieux was able to track down the owner of the vehicle and identify the driver, criminally cite the driver for Leaving the Scene of a crash with Property Damage and provide insurance information to the HOA.
- On July 29th, we had a crash involving an illegal electric off-road dirt bike operated by a juvenile and a vehicle. The bike ended up wedged under the vehicle but thankfully, there were no injuries due to the use of a helmet. This incident serves as a good reminder that many of these electric devices are not street legal e-bikes and whether operating a "traditional" bicycle or an e-bike, the safety tips provided by the July 23 social media post on the "L.A.W." are the best way to prevent such a crash.
- July 2025 had 47 crashes vs 46 crashes July 2024. This number excludes parking lot type crashes such as two vehicles backing up, miscalculation in entering spot, etc. as deliberate indifference to the traffic laws is usually not the cause that enforcement is designed to affect.

VACANCY REPORT

The district currently has the following vacancies:

- One Deputy Sheriff
- Two CSAs

EVENTS

Police Station Tour with First Baptist Church. On July 7th, the district provided tours to summer camp attendees.

Crafting with Cops – Floral Arrangements. On July 8th, the district hosted a fun, family-friendly opportunity for residents to craft floral arrangements with Cooper City police staff.

Get the Scoop at Temple Beth Emet. On July 18th, the district provided cold treats to students while discussing summer water safety.

Get the Scoop at Cooper City Summer Camp. On July 22nd, the district provided cold treats to campers while discussing summer water safety.

RadKIDS. From July 21st to July 25th, the district provided hands-on training to young Cooper City residents on recognizing, avoiding, and escaping unsafe situations.

INITIATIVES, MESSAGING, AND SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Hurricane Preparedness. Social media messaging provided tips on planning for hurricanes, including building disaster kits, fueling vehicles, and having special plans for seniors and pets.



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Fraud through Social Engineering. Actual Cooper City scams were presented to remind residents that scams can happen to anyone. Tips were given to help identify potential scammers to avoid becoming a victim.

Vehicle Burglary Prevention. After a rash of unlocked vehicle burglaries, messaging focused on preventive tips, like removing personal items and locking vehicles.

Back-to-School Safety. In preparation for back-to-school, the district highlighted safety tips, like pedestrian crossings, online activity, and school bus safety.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Deputy Evgeny Yasinsky. While responding to a disturbance, Deputy Yasinsky engaged with a female victim who revealed a history of abuse by her ex-boyfriend. Through his diligent and trauma-informed approach, Deputy Yasinsky uncovered evidence of repeated domestic battery incidents that had occurred over several years. Deputy Yasinsky pursued the case fully – collecting surveillance video, building rapport with the victim, and uncovering new disclosures of sexual assault. His efforts led to the arrest of the suspect and issuance of a risk protection order.