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## **EXTERNAL MEMO**

Date: 08-17-22

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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 August 23, 2022

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As requested at the June 14, 2022 commission meeting, please accept this memorandum in lieu of my police chief's report at 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. The District's Back-to-School operation commenced prior to the start of the school year, which included proactive communication through community partners, strategically placed message boards, and social media, to include assistance from the city PIO, to prepare drivers for the return of school zones and traffic patterns.
- b. The plan also included increased staffing levels, and reallocating of resources, to ensure a two-week surge throughout our schools to ensure a proactive education plan of new and returning parents / students. As anticipated, there have been challenges but daily progress reacclimating the community to the school patterns.
- c. We hosted a large-scale active killer training at Embassy Creek Elementary, which involved crisis actors, and rotated our uniformed deputy sheriffs, detectives, SROs, and other uniform staff through the live scenario. The training exercise was a great success and additional ones are forthcoming.

- d. In addition, BSO DLE Command hosted an active killer training for all agency SROs last week, included Cooper City SROs, which reinforced agency policy and best practices in the event of an active assailant. All District Captains, including myself, participated in the exercise, to include ICS implementation / management of an active assailant scenario.

## **II. Code Report**

- a. We have a proactive Code Enforcement operation / sweep taking place between August 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Road patrol will integrate with the operation, where commercial vehicles, bulk trash, and parking issues will be addressed.
- b. The commercial plaza initiative continues with weekly maintenance compliance sweeps. No major concerns or developments.

## **III. Crime Report**

- a. On August 10<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a safety meeting with approximately forty-four residents representing the Flamingo Gardens east and the Forest Lake communities. They were provided with an update on a criminal investigation impacting their community. In addition, general concerns and crime prevention tips were shared with the residents. We successfully recruited new COP volunteers at this meeting, too.
- b. On Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, a drive-way initiative is scheduled for the Hibbs Grove community to discuss a recent crime trend where a burglary residence arrest was made. An investigative update will be provided, as well as crime prevention tips.
- c. The ARPA-funded camera systems for city hall and the community recreation center were installed. This camera project included coverage for Memorial Park. Currently, I am working on updating the Sullen Fardelmann project to include possible coverage for the Fire Station, as instructed at the city's recent budget meeting.
- d. The ARPA-funded ALPR project is moving along with poles now being installed in designated city right-of-ways. We anticipate having about five working ALPR sites by the end of this month. Additional city-approved ROW sites will commence shortly thereafter. We continue to closely monitor all other open projects to faithfully manage their completion.

## **IV. Community Involvement Report**

- a. The Cooper City SROs hosted a successful RAD Kids program from August 1<sup>st</sup> - August 5<sup>th</sup>. This course took self-defense and self-confidence to approximately twenty Cooper City kids and was hosted at our local PD.
- b. We successfully hosted our very first National "Night Out Against Crime" event at the Cooper City Police Station on August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6P-9P. The event showcased the Cooper City Public Safety Team and served as a venue for residents to connect with their emergency personnel. It was a great community event, to include sponsors and family activities, and was well received by the community. We appreciate both city and city official support.

- c. We participated in Potential Church's summer camp on August 4<sup>th</sup>.
- d. We have implemented a new crime prevention effort, where we are proactively communicating relevant information to targeted communities. Our COP volunteers have been an integral part of the rollout of this new initiative. Thus far, they have distributed relevant flyers to 1270 homes, covering over forty miles in canvassing / walking. In addition, we are preparing suicide prevention / mental health flyers to be distributed in neighborhoods identified with a high rate of associated calls for service.

**V. Vacancy Report**

- a. As of August 17, 2022, I have one non-sworn vacancy (CSA). A qualified candidate is in backgrounds and nearing completion / hiring.
- b. There are no sworn vacancies at this time.

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