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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 July 23, 2024

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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. **Mandatory School Tours** – our entire patrol and special operation team(s) have completed on-site walkthroughs of each of our public schools, along with Franklin Academy, this past month. Renaissance remains and is schedule for the upcoming week.
- b. **FASRO / NASRO Conferences** – in our commitment to excellence, we have worked to send most of our School Resource Deputies, along with their Sergeant, to upcoming conferences where “best practices” and state / national school safety workshops will take place (July 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>). We have one SRO traveling to Arizona for the national conference, and three heading to Orlando for the state conference. School safety is a top priority!
- c. **Safe Routes to School Grant Workshop**– in conference with the city manager, I will participate in the upcoming FDOT SRTS grant workshop, tentatively scheduled in August. The SRTS grant provides funds to improve school walking and biking paths that ties into our long-term strategy.



- d. **Enhanced Traffic Enforcement Operations** – our traffic enforcement team has continued our enhanced enforcement operation targeting **aggressive driving** throughout the city. These are taking place *weekly* throughout the summer and ahead of the new school year.
- e. **Summer Splash Traffic Operation** – in addition to our district efforts, the regional traffic team assisted us with enhanced enforcement on June 25<sup>th</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup>, helping us saturate the city. As a result of this one operation, **(78)** violation citations were issued, along with **(51)** warning citations.

## 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** have continued monthly. As a result, Code has scheduled a magistrate for one non-compliant HOA, **Mill Creek**. The case is set to be heard on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, **King Fisher** was found this month in non-compliance, but they rectified the issue upon reinspection.
- c. **Proactive Code Sweeps** – between June 20<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup>, the Code Team conducted a compliance and quality-of-life sweep throughout the city. Overall, the operation was very successful:
  - (119) total cases were opened
    - (104) code cases, resulting in (83) warnings that complied after reinspection, and (21) citations issued for non-compliance. Hence, a **75% compliance rate**.
    - Additionally, (15) parking citations were issued.
- d. The next code sweep will be scheduled between *July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>*.
- e. We would like to remind the residents that they can educate themselves of the city code by browsing municode online, subscribing to the city's weekly e-newsletter, or simply by contacting your local Code Enforcement Team for general inquires (954-432-9000).

## III. Crime Report

- a. **PSU Arrest** – on June 26, 2024, our **Priority Service Unit** was covertly conducting surveillance in our commercial plazas, when they observed a subject loitering between cars at Walmart (Flamingo / Griffin). The subject was arrested for various outstanding warrants. However, research revealed the subject, who does not reside in our city, has a burglary history.
- b. **Proactive Arrest** – one of our detectives was conducting an area check and observed a subject quickly leaving the local Walgreens. He was quickly detained after verifying a theft had just occurred. It was discovered the subject was a prolific thief with a criminal gang history. Additionally, he was wanted in connection to a Davie fraud investigation. Davie PD was notified.
- c. **STARS Program**: the STARS grant program officially closed on June 30, 2024. Overall, the grant was *very successful*: **seven applicants** were approved to move forward with projects that will benefit public safety for years to come. A special thanks to the commission for supporting this vision.

#### IV. Community Involvement / Misc. Report

- a. **FSEA Explorer Trophy** – our very own BSO Cooper City Police Explorers participated in the FSEA summer delegates from June 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, where they competed against posts from across the state. I am proud to share that they brought home the 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy for best building searches / tactics! We congratulate their accomplishment and thank the dedicated SROS and team that teach our youth.
- b. **RAD Course** – our SROs will be hosting a RAD class for our Cooper City children from July 22<sup>nd</sup> – July 26<sup>th</sup>. This program will teach self-confidence and self-defense techniques to help protect themselves from predators.
- c. **National Night Out** – We are very excited to host a weeklong celebration starting from August 5<sup>th</sup> through August 9<sup>th</sup> to help connect our residents with their local public safety team: District Tours, Crafting with a Cop, and even an *ESCAPE ROOM!*
  - Finally, the NNO weeklong campaign will culminate with a full-scale joint public safety display on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. The family event will be complete with bounce houses, food trucks, public safety displays, live-demos and, thanks to Parks & Recs, live music by the *Cuban Cowboy*, Orlando Mendez!
  - NNO is a great way to connect with the community and build upon our important partnerships.
  - The events are posted on our Facebook page (@CooperCityBSO)

#### V. Vacancy Report

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