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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 February 13, 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. **Embassy Creek Elementary** – our team has been supporting our Embassy Creek Elementary partners in the wake of the tragic loss of their beloved leader, Principal Becker. The Cooper City BSO team is saddened at this news, and we recognize and honor the important contribution Principal Becker has made to our community for decades. He was a vital partner, and we stand ready to support ECE however they need during this time.
- b. **Aggressive Driving Enforcement Campaign Continues in February** – our traffic team will be continuing to staff evening and weekend enforcement campaigns in February to proactively target aggressive driving and speeding throughout our city. On Saturday, January 27th, we intervened in one such road rage within our city. Aggressive driving will not be tolerated in Cooper City. **Additionally**, we are coordinating a **DUI checkpoint** operation within Cooper City for mid-March (*date TBA in advance*).

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** – this team, which launched on January 15, 2024, has continued to conduct volunteer patrols in the city, targeting commercial plazas for handicap and fire lane compliance.

III. Crime Report

- a. **LPR Arrest** – on January 31, 2024, we received a LPR alert of a stolen vehicle entering our city. The **Cooper City Real-Time Crime Center** communicated this actionable intelligence to our field team, helping our CST detectives locate and arrest the offender. Additionally, a second subject who appeared to the scene to “collect belongings” was arrested for active **felony warrants**. This case is yet another example of the city’s investment yielding tangible results, helping the public safety team keep our residents safe.
- b. **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. To date, we have received eight grant applications.
- c. **IRS Fraud Tips**: It is common for scammers to impersonate the IRS, police, or other government and local officials. The scammer’s goal is to scare you into compromising personal identifying information, or convince you to send them money through unconventional means, e.g., gift cards; Green Dot. However, according to the IRS’s website, www.irs.gov, they will never:
 - i. Initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text or social media to request personal or financial information.
 - ii. Call taxpayers with threats of lawsuits or arrests.
 - iii. Call, email or text to request taxpayers’ Identity Protection PINs.
 - iv. We encourage you to contact us and report any suspicious calls or solicitations. Let’s work together to keep one another safe this year.

IV. Community Involvement / Misc. Report

- a. **Tip-A-Cop @ Bogarts** – on Thursday, February 22, 2024, we will be partnering with Bogarts to host a Tip-A-Cop event from 6P-9P. We encourage the public to attend, where they can not only support a local business and meet their deputies but support Special Olympics in the process!
- b. **Fraud Seminar @ BrightStar** – on Thursday, February 29, 2024, we will be hosting a fraud seminar at the BrightStar Credit Union, as part of our ongoing crime prevention effort(s) throughout the city.
- c. **Shred-A-Thon / Operation Medicine Cabinet** – on March 23, 2024, 10A-1P, we will be hosting the next Shred-A-Thon / OMC at the Cooper City BSO District station.

V. Vacancy Report

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