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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 September 24, 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. **Think Before You Post** – It is very important for our parents to remind their kids that posting written threats on social media, or related outlets, may result in their arrest. Over this past week, there have been several students in Broward County arrested for posting written threats to do harm, to include one student who attends Cooper City high school. We encourage you to check your kids' phones regularly and have conversations with them *before* they make a mistake that could negatively impact their future.
- b. **Operation TICKET** – our traffic enforcement team continues its monthly operations to address excessive speeding and aggressive driving in our city. All in all, Cooper City BSO deputies have issued more citations year-over-year for the last three years in a row, and we are on track to continue that trend this year (10%+ over and above 2023). Speeding remains the top violation in the city. We will continue to prioritize tackling excessive speeds and aggressive driving in our community.

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. No new or major issues to report.

III. Crime Report

- a. **Missing Endangered Child Recovered** – on September 17, 2024, our Cooper City CST Detectives successfully located a missing endangered child at the home of an adult male residing in Solano. The child was recovered, and the suspect was arrested. This case was an AOA to Hillsborough Sheriff's Office, where the incident originated.
- b. **#9PM Reminder:** Despite our shared success in decreasing crime rate(s) throughout the city, there have been a couple of recent cases that vehicles were broken into or stolen – the doors were unlocked. It is important to remember our #9PMRoutine, which is a nightly reminder to remove valuables from your vehicle or garage, lock your car doors and close your garage, while setting your alarm(s) and motion sensors. The public's help in securing their belongings, locking their doors, and reporting suspicious activity, is needed and important.

IV. Community Involvement / Misc. Report

- a. **Crime Prevention Program** – our team is very excited to have launched a new service for our residents and business owners to help curb a nationwide theft problem:
 - **FREE Catalytic Converter Etching and Painting!**
 - Using a specially designed device, we will etch the vehicle's VIN into the catalytic converter(s), then spray the converter with a high-temperature paint to act as a visual theft deterrent. This service is offered by appointment-only.
 - On **Saturday, October 19th**, we will host our next offering of this new, proactive crime prevention program to our residents. You may sign-up via Eventbrite. Space is limited! To learn more, follow us on Facebook (@CooperCityBSO)

V. Vacancy Report

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