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MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomas A. Golden, Jr., City Manager 

FROM: Gregory C. Hudon, Superintendent 

DATE: July 15, 2024

SUBJECT: MOTION RESPONSE: 7.4. C. Nuon/C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Create A Task Force To Work With The LPD To Research Possible Tactics To Stop The Gangs Of Motor Scooters, Motor Bikes, And Motorcycles That Are Recklessly Endangering Themselves And Others; Explore Possible Use Of Cameras, Unmarked Cars And Other Techniques

The Lowell Police Department takes a multi-faceted approach to this challenging issue.

Patrol officers are trained and instructed to follow Massachusetts General Laws when dealing with these vehicles on a public way; keeping in mind our pursuit policy, which is rightfully restrictive of engaging in pursuits for motor vehicle violations or misdemeanors, not involving the use, or potential use, of violence.

We've recently tasked the Traffic Section to conduct focused, intelligence-based enforcement, taking over from the Neighborhood Response Unit, which has done this in the past.

We've reintroduced our e-mail tip line, bikertips@lowellma.gov, which is monitored by our Crime Analysis Unit with follow-ups conducted by our Traffic Section.

Our Crime Analysis Unit distributes an intelligence report to officers citing possible locations, tips, and trends.

The Lowell Police Department also networks with partner agencies, including Chelmsford Police, Tyngsborough Police, Tewksbury Police, Methuen Police, and Lawrence Police for information sharing and best practices.

Planned operations are considered when information or intelligence dictates it would be a worthwhile use of resources.