



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Danny Barton, Chief of Police

**Date:** June 6, 2019

**Reference:** Updated response to District Attorney Policies

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On April 30, 2019, I presented policy information that had been released by Dallas County District Attorney John Creuzot. Since that presentation, I have spoken with the District Attorneys office for clarification on these policies.

To reiterate what I presented, the Dallas County District Attorney has prosecutorial authority over cases filed by the Coppel Police Department. This has always been the case. The Dallas County District Attorneys public release of prosecutorial policies is something I have not seen in my years in Coppel. I do know that policies such as these are normally distributed internally as guidelines for the Intake Division of the D.A.'s Office.

The policies adopted by the Dallas County District Attorneys Office are simply prosecutorial. The Coppel Police Department will continue to enforce Texas State Laws as enacted by the State Legislature. Although all our misdemeanor marijuana cases have been rejected due to them being deemed first offenses, we have been made aware that the D.A. is tracking these offenses and second offenders will be prosecuted. The Coppel Police Department will also be monitoring this policy.

We have not seen any adverse nor abnormal prosecutorial actions thus far. I do not anticipate any actions that would prevent the Coppel Police Department from keeping our community safe.