



City of Marco Island

Meeting Date: October 4th, 2021
To: City Council
From: Chief Tracy Frazzano
Through: Michael A. McNees, City Manager
Re: August 2021 Monthly City Council Report

During the month of August, eleven (11) vehicles were burglarized and two (2) stolen. These cases remain active criminal investigations. Marco Island Police Department detectives are working with our law enforcement partners from various jurisdictions affected by these same crimes. The vehicles involved were unlocked in all 13 incidents and both stolen vehicles contained the vehicle's key fob. The Marco Island Police Department continues to remind residents to keep all property locked when not in use. Residents should also report any suspicious incidents as soon as they occur so preventative steps such as targeted patrols, can be taken to protect our community.

Police and Community Service (CSO) officers continued to enforce City Ordinances. Officers administered violations by issuing warnings and citations to ensure City policy is being adhered to by both residents and visitors. Top violations included presence of waste receptacles, illegal parking and noise.

The department actioned improvements to its current technology. The MIPD underwent radio reprogramming on its 600MHz radio system to increase communication effectiveness on and off island. Additionally, police department personnel utilized night-vision goggles to assist in events such as missing persons and marine rescues.

On a lighter side, several officers spent time with families prior to the reopening of school. MIPD hosted Coloring with a Cop on Saturday, August 7th, providing refreshments and prizes to children. Officers who patrolled Marco Island via bicycles took the opportunity to inform community members about bicycle safety and rewarded children who properly wore bicycle helmets with ice cream cards.



Marco Island Police Honor Guard at Veteran's Park Groundbreaking Ceremony

August Police Activity

Crime report:

86 incident reports were written in August, which was a 60% increase when compared to last year. Half of the reported incidents were criminal offenses (crimes against persons, property, society and miscellaneous crimes). Property crimes represented the largest number of crimes in August; this was due to the recent surge of vehicle thefts and break-ins. All vehicles broken into were unlocked with valuables visible or in common locations, such as the glove compartments. The Marco Island Police Department strongly recommends island residents to always lock their vehicles and when possible, remove valuables from vehicles when parked.

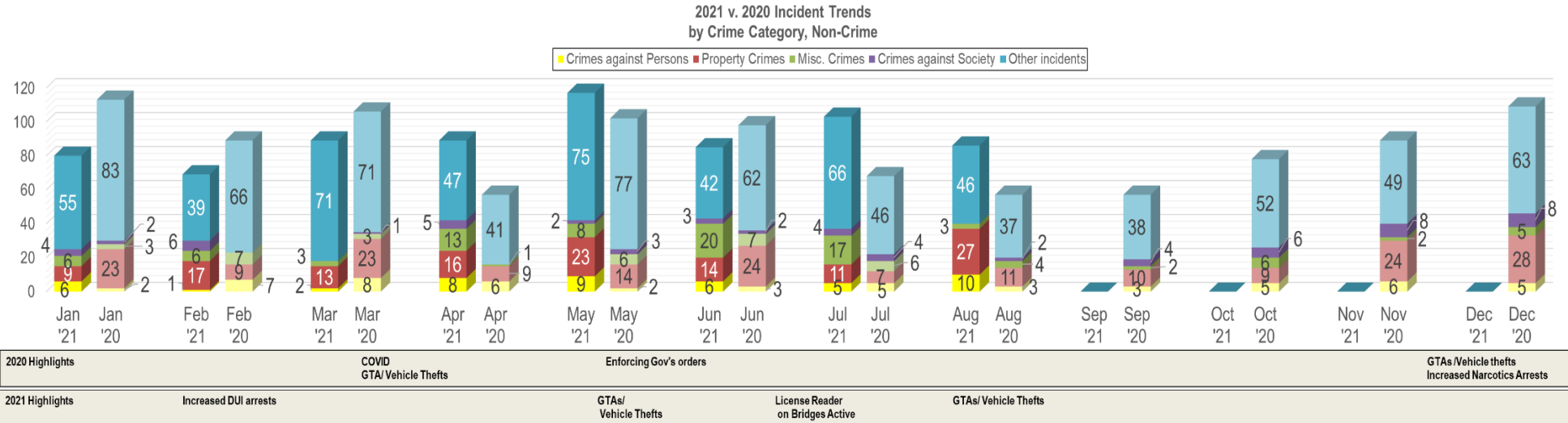
Aug-2021		Aug-2020		21 v. '20
Crimes against Persons	# of Incidents	Crimes against Persons	# of Incidents	Diff.
Sex offenses	0	Sex offense	0	
Domestic Battery	6	Domestic Battery	1	
Assault	4	Assault	2	
Intimiation/Stalking	0	Intimiation/Stalking	0	
Total	10	Total	3	233%
Property Crimes		Property Crimes		
Robbery	0	Robbery	0	
Burglary	1	Burglary	2	
Burglary Auto (incl. Attempted)	11	Burglary Auto (incl. Attempted)	1	
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	Motor Vehicle Theft	0	
Theft (incl. Attempted)	7	Theft (incl. Attempted)	3	
Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	5	Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	1	
Fraud	0	Fraud	4	
Total	27	Total	11	145%
Misc. Crimes		Misc. Crimes		
Hit & Run (Vehicles)	2	Hit & Run (Vehicles)	0	
Criminal Traffic	1	Criminal Traffic	4	
Total	3	Total	4	-25%
Crimes against Society		Crimes against Society		
DUI	0	DUI	1	
Narcotics	0	Narcotics	1	
Total	0	Total	2	-100%
Other Incidents		Other Incidents		
Marchman Act	3	Marchman Act	0	
Baker Act	6	Baker Act	1	
Operation Medicine Cabinet	3	Operation Medicine Cabinet	2	
Non-Criminal Incidents	34	Non-Criminal Incidents	34	
Total	46	Total	37	24%

Note: Non-Criminal incidents are reports that do not have a criminal offense or are information reports. Examples include fraud cases (outside of Marco Island jurisdiction), other agency assists, lost and found items, medical assists.

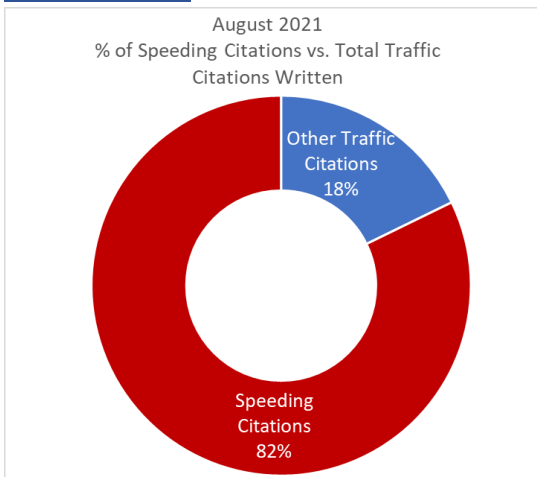
2021 vs 2020 Incident Trends

There was a slight decrease compared to the number of reports taken in August 2021 vs. July 2021. The overall trend indicates that incident numbers have remained consistent over the past year. Nine (9) arrests occurred in August, primarily due to batteries (both domestic and non-domestic related). MIPD works collaboratively with The Shelter in Naples and Project Help for victim resources and services.

On a non-criminal basis, fraud (banking, business scams) remains a concern with residents. In this case, fraud is classified as non-criminal because the crime took place outside the Marco Island jurisdiction. Marco Island Police Officers assist residents through resource packets and informational reports which are required by other institutions to start their investigations.



Traffic patrol



Officers issued 45 Traffic citations during the month of August. Over 80% of traffic infractions were written under the Florida statutes for speeding.

In preparation of school opening, a portable electronic message board was posted on San Marco Road, reminding drivers to carefully operate their vehicles.



Marine Report

Total number of marine events more than doubled vs same time last year and tripled vs July 2021.

As boating becomes a more popular past time with residents and visitors, officers continue to focus their efforts on safe waters. The largest number of interventions focused on speed control (manatee zones), followed by safe vessel checks. Extra patrols were added to popular areas, such as Dickman's Point for conservation needs (specifically garbage mitigation).

The Marco Island Police Department marine unit remains vigilant in its efforts to safeguard the waters surrounding Marco Island. A multi-agency event occurred this month when the MIPD marine unit, FWC (Florida Fish and Wildlife) and Collier County Sheriff's Office combined resources to remove a derelict vessel from Factory Bay.

Marine Report	Aug-21	Aug-20
Total Events	227	104
Canal, Bay River and Gulf patrol	70	40
Vessel Stops	39	16
Warnings	39	18
Resource Checks/ Safety Inspections	0	14
Sanitation inspections	2	4
Disabled Vessels	0	1
Suspicious Vessels	5	0
MERT (Marine Emergency Response Team)	4	2
Assist Boater/Citizen Contacts	3	1
Marina Inspections	34	0
Citations	3	1



Derelict vessel removed from Factory Bay with the help of Collier County Sheriff and FWC



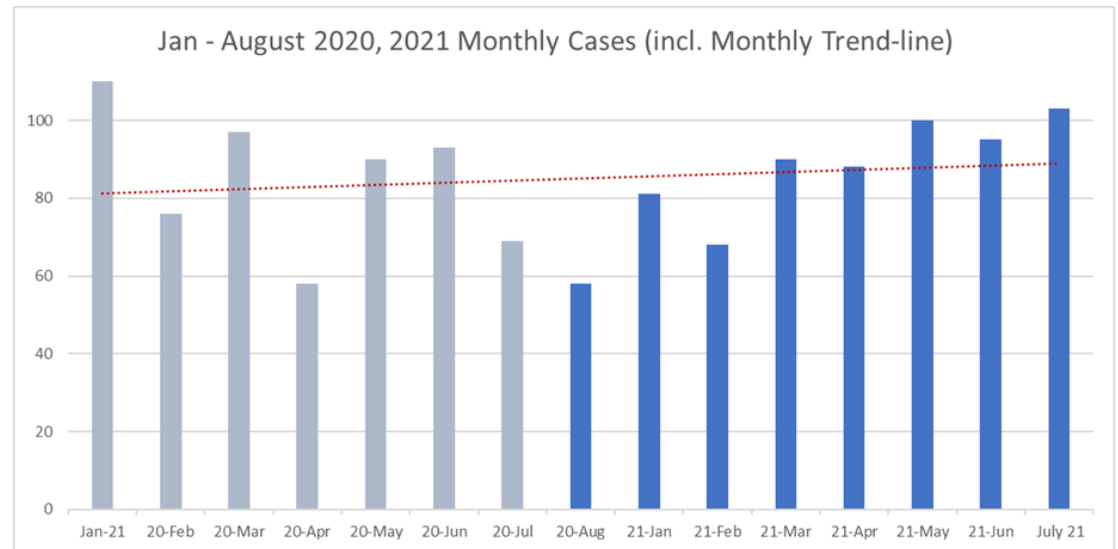
Marine Officer Michael Garner on patrol

August Detective Bureau Monthly Report

Investigative Summary:

86 new cases were opened in August. Six (6) warrant requests were sent to the State Attorney's Office for cases ranging from frauds to thefts. Due to the diligent investigative efforts of the Marco Island Police Department detective bureau, an incident was designated as a capital felony after review by the State Attorney's Office.

	Aug-21	Aug-20	21 vs. 20 Diff.
Arrests	9	7	29%
Closed	50	36	39%
Open	17	6	183%
Suspended	8	4	100%
Warrant Requests	6	3	100%
Total	90	56	61%



Investigative Summaries:

Detective Bureau Cases

Sex Crime – a prior report of a possible incident was closed due to prosecution not being desired by the victim.

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Death Investigation – A death investigation from May was ruled accidental by drowning by the Medical Examiner.

Fraud – After a thorough investigation of a possible credit card fraud and receipt of records via subpoena, there was not enough evidence for a warrant request. Case status is inactive.

Fraud – A warrant request was sent to the State Attorney's Office for a scheme to defraud.

Petit Theft – Two (2) petit thefts warrants were sent for stolen property that was later pawned in Lee County. Case is active.

Investigative Summaries (continued):

Follow-Up Reports from Patrol:

Grand Theft Autos/Vehicle Burglaries –Two (2) grand theft auto and eleven (11) vehicle burglary related incidents occurred between the hours of 2 am and 4 am. There was no forced entry to the victim’s vehicles as all vehicles were left unlocked. The grand theft autos occurred when a key fob was left in the vehicle.

Patrol Arrests – Detective bureau assisted with eight (8) arrests that required the collection of further information.

Self-Initiated Reports:

Operation Medicine Cabinet – Three separate reports for prescription medications turned in at MIPD for destruction.

Detectives: Investigation Activity for August

Case management		Arrests/Warrants/Prosecution/ Hearings	
Supplemental Reports	40	Arrest Warrant Requests	6
Det Supervisor Review of Reports	19	Warrant Checks	183
Det Supervisor Evidence Log Processing	38	Contact with State Attorney's Office	13
Initial Reports Written	4	Follow up / Assists	
Exploratory (Collection / documentation)		Case Follow Ups	54
Interviews	22	State Attorney/ Clerk of Court	3
Evidence Submissions	4	Bulletins Created/Distributed	27
Extensive Crime Scene Processing	4	Other Agency Assists	2
Neighborhood Canvass	1	Policing	
Videos Processed from WatchGuard	31	Traffic Stops:	1
		Special Events Coverage	6

Training:

- Officers Michael Garner, Anthony Pruchnik, and Johnnie Rosario passed the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) state exam.
- Sergeant Mark Haueter and Officers Paul Ashby, George Guyer and Rich McElroy completed a course on Youth Mental Health training as part of their School Resource Officer requirements.
- Sergeant Mark Haueter completed training for area or multi-agency emergency management coordination under ICS 400 certification.
- Officers Andrew Orcutt and Michael Berndt received training and qualifying certification in the use of TASER and firearms.

Reserve / Auxiliary Program Activity Hours

Reserve and Auxiliary Police Officers are unpaid volunteers who are certified by the State of Florida to perform in the law enforcement role. These officers must meet the Department's and State of Florida's annual retraining / certification requirements. Reserve and Auxiliary personnel are required to volunteer a minimum of 16 hours per month. They perform a variety of functions for our department and community which are outlined in the chart below. Particularly they assist full-time personnel at community events or special duty functions (requests for an officer to be assigned and compensated by the outside vendor) and during significant weather events such as hurricanes or flooding. Reserve and Auxiliary Officers provide an additional uniformed police presence in neighborhoods, commercial areas, schools, parks, and beaches. Once a month Reserve and Auxiliary Officers have a staff meeting to review policy changes, attend training and address planning and logistical requirements. The below chart signifies the logged hours that have been devoted to the assignments by the Reserve and Auxiliary Officers.

Activity Type	August	Last 3 Month	Current Year
Administrative	33	100	188
Background Investigations	20	50	140
Beach Patrol	4	19	19
Community Events	5	30	377
Investigations / Follow-up	0	0	0
Marine Patrol	0	0	0
Monthly Meeting	10	26	76
Park Patrol	0	0	20
Special Duty (Paid)	30	159	426
Special Duty (Unpaid)	0	9	80
Solo Patrol	15	62	47
2nd OFC Patrol	0	6	6
Program Coordination	10	47	105
Training	12	60	193
Weather Event	6	6	11
Other	0	0	40
Total	139	574	1,737

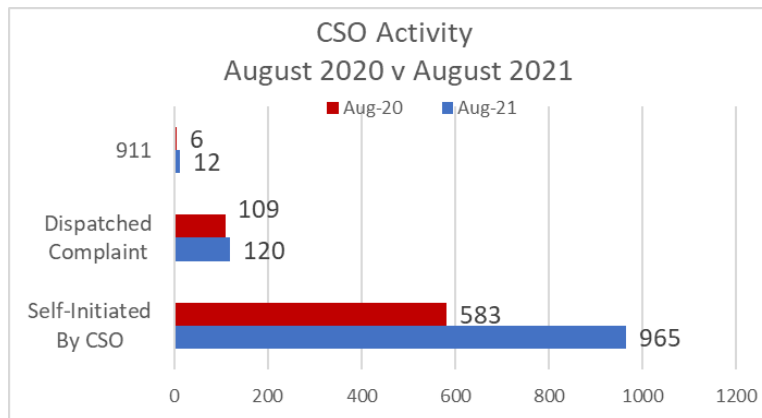
Special Duty Hours – Performance of Law Enforcement Duties Compensated by Outside Vendors

Special Details in August totaled 102 hours, 119 hours from July.

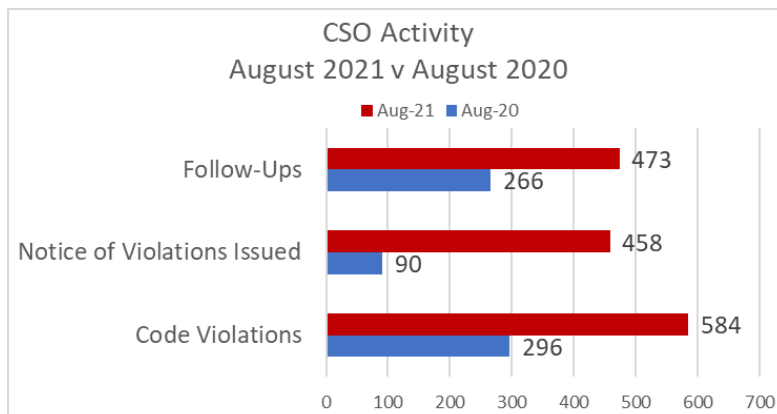
- United Church Security 15 Hours
- JCMi Security 15 Hours
- Island Country Club Security 72 Hours

Code Enforcement

Community Service Officer (CSO) events increased 57% compared to the same time period last year. 88% of all enforcement efforts were self-initiated. A new training initiative was undertaken to increase case management efficiency and will be rolled out next month.

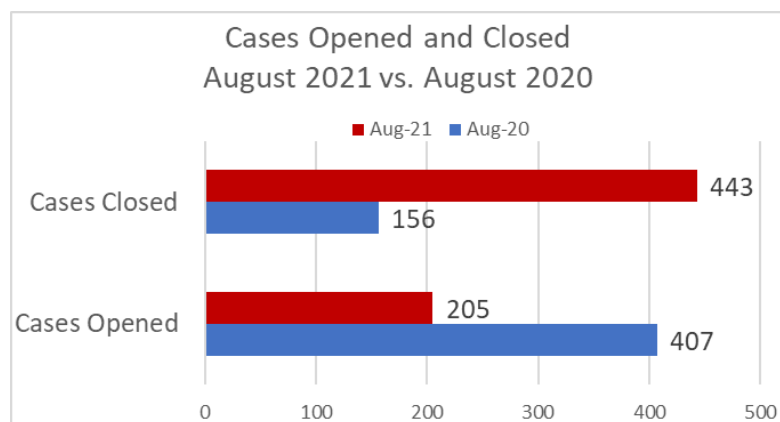


Time spent on patrol was equally divided between Code Enforcement and Follow-Up investigations. Notice of Violations significantly increased vs last year with the highest infractions being illegal parking and waste receptible removal.



August 2021 Code Enforcement Cases

The total number of cases closed in the month of August increased by 184% between 2020 and 2021.



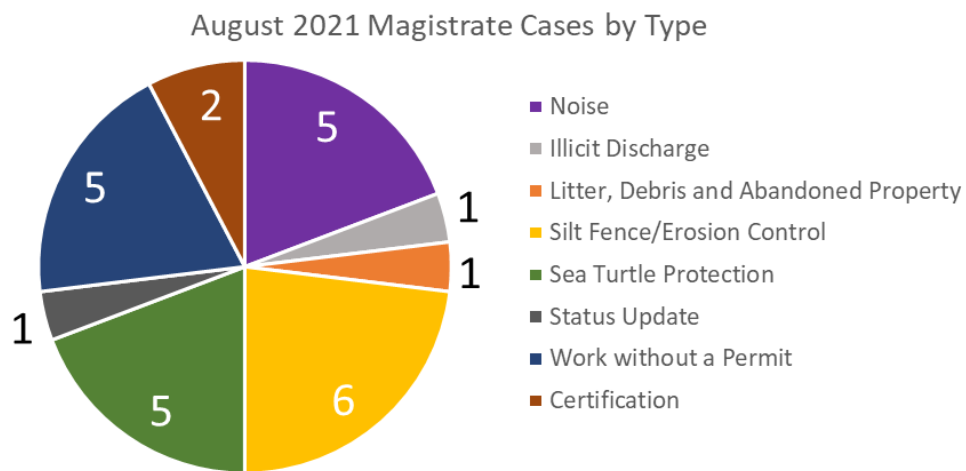
The three most significant violations for the month of August 2021 include City Code Ordinances 18-36(8), “Placement of Waste on Curb”, 18-36(10) “Overgrown Weeds” and 50-37 “Prohibited Parking”. This remains a similar trend vs July. While noise remains a concern for Marco residents (67 calls for service were made), only 13 calls for service were validated.

Type of Violation	Number of Cases
Placement of Waste at Curb	278
Overgrown weeds	75
Prohibited Parking	70
Right of Way Obstruction	17
Noise	13
Litter and Debris	11
Sidewalk Maintenance	11
Boat and Boat Trailer	10
MS4 Illicit Discharge	10
Erosion Control	10
Code Enforcement Citations	8
Public Nuisance	5
Staging without a Permit	3
Work without a permit	3

** This figure reflects the total number of violations and not the number of cases. This is to account for cases with multiple violations.

August 31, 2021, Special Magistrate Hearing Cases

26 Cases were reviewed during August Magistrate. Over 40% of cases reviewed were building/ contracting violations (6 cases were from missing or damaged erosion control devices and 5 were for work performed without a permit). Sea Turtle protection ordinance and noise violation represented 5 cases each.

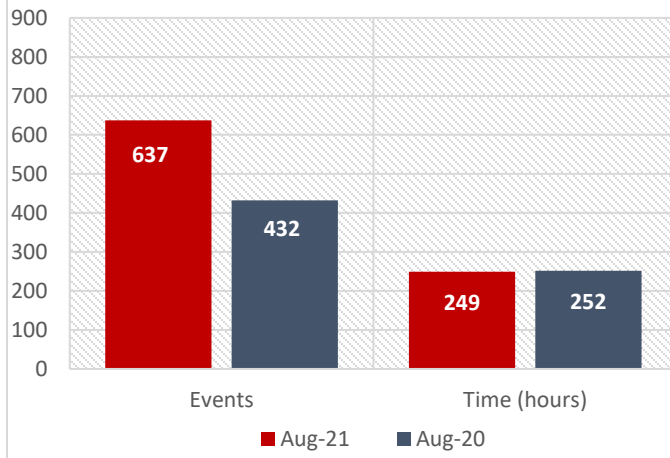


For more information about Magistrate cases/rulings, please visit us:
<https://www.cityofmarcoisland.com/police/page/code-magistrate-orders-2021>

August 2021 Monthly Beach Report

Officers were on scene to more beach events this year vs last year (approx. 50% increase). Litter pick-up remains one of the largest events performed on the beach, up almost a 1/3 vs July 2021. The number of incidents per activity this month remains consistent compared to last month. The top offenses are glass on the beach, dogs on the beach and filling holes in the sand. To help educate the public of our beach ordinances, Marco Island Police leverages social media to post reminder messages. A less publicly known activity performed by our officers is aid to injured marine and wildlife. Our officers work with the appropriate wildlife organizations for their capture and transport to rehabilitation facilities. Most recently, Community Service Officers Chris Citarella and Anthony Ferraro rescued an injured Osprey and assisted the Conservancy of Southwest Florida for its safe transport to the Von Arx animal hospital in Naples.

Beach Patrol Events/Hours Spent (August 2021 vs 2020)



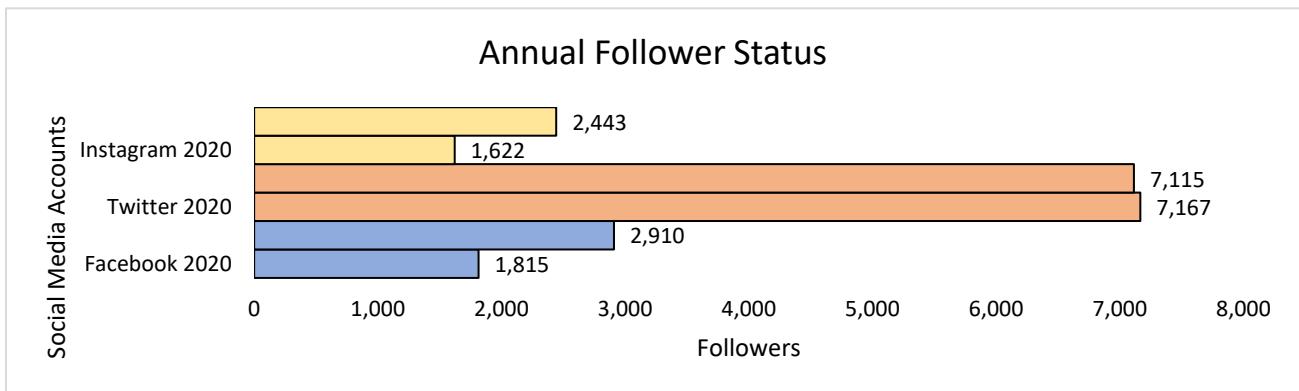
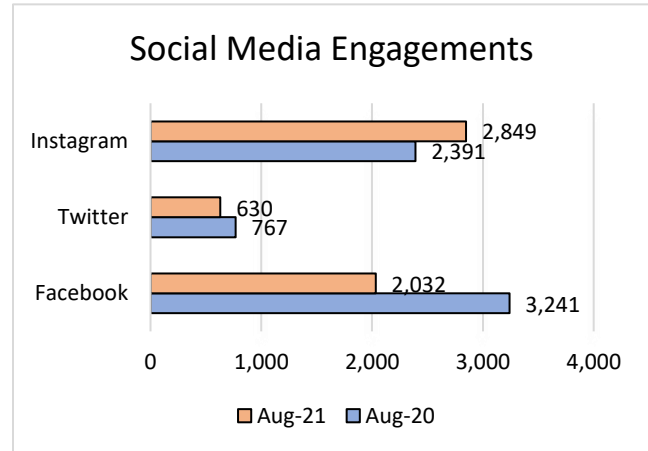
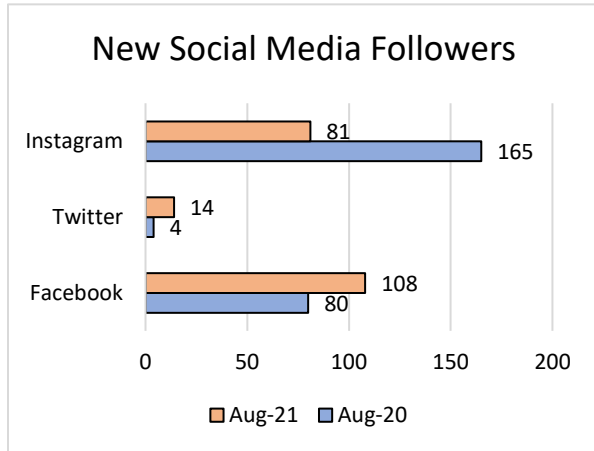
Activity	Events
Pick Up Debris & Litter	148
Patrol Activity	112
Information / Directions	73
Warnings Issued	71
Community Oriented Policing Activity	37
Glass on Beach Enforcement	29
911 Call	27
Check Beach Signs	27
Dog on Beach Enforcement	21
Fill In Holes in Sand	16
Bike / Scooter Enforcement	8
Injured/Sick Animal	8
Transport	7
Turtle Lighting Notice of Violation Issued	7
Code Violations	6
Medical Call	5
Traffic Problem	5
Citations Issued	4
Lost / Found Property	4
Shorebird Flushing Enforcement	4
Fishing License Check	4
Youth Badge / Photo	3
Turtle Nest Check / Fence Repair	3
Marine Emergency Response Team	2
Animal Complaint	2
Drone Complaints	1
Detail	1
Disabled	1
Follow Up Investigation	1



Officers Moreno and Schmid at the Veteran's Park Groundbreaking Ceremony where Rita's Ice was a sponsor.

August Community Engagement Report

The Marco Island Police Department continued to engage with the community through social media and community outreach. Officers performed bike helmet safety outreach to incoming students. The Department hosted Coloring with a Cop to provide an opportunity for families to get to know their local MIPD officers and build a positive relationship between students and the police. The Department hosted Coffee with a Cop on August 11th at Red Rooster, where officers and residents had an opportunity to connect over a cup of coffee. The MIPD's Honor Guard attended the groundbreaking ceremony at Veteran's Community Park, respectfully lowering flags before the groundbreaking of the park.



Top 3 Performing Posts (engagement)



Veteran's Park Ceremony



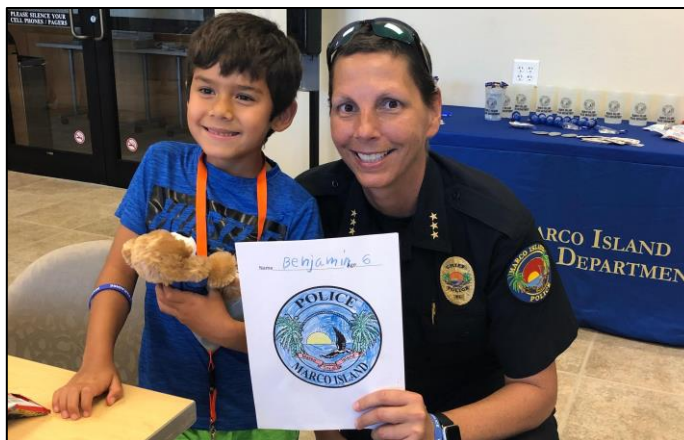
Coloring with a Cop



Coffee with a Cop

August Appendix: August 2021 vs. 2020 Activity Overview

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Community Oriented Policing Activities	2,168	1,904	2,652	3,238	3,640	2,553	2,363	2,065	1,896	2,231	2,115	1,840	2020
	2,332	2,327	2,065	2,118	2,255	2,357	2,583	2,144					2021
Extra Patrols	343	434	755	828	927	992	3,662	4,165	4,805	5,665	5,994	4,718	2020
	7,993	7,885	8,596	8,063	7,261	6,627	7,728	8,821					2021
Parking Complaints	21	34	21	9	45	20	12	455	139	54	13	17	2020
	20	34	31	42	37	41	93	80					2021
Noise Complaints	34	21	62	31	64	93	184	183	87	58	37	76	2020
	52	44	86	85	105	83	103	68					2021
Noise Complaints Verified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78	41	27	5	22	2020
	8	5	15	16	16	16	11	13					2021
Traffic Stops	623	505	323	43	487	608	638	687	862	664	706	658	2020
	801	795	670	819	823	726	857	649					2021
Traffic Citations	35	63	35	3	45	73	49	102	56	70	68	80	2020
	112	109	70	96	116	152	166	59					2021
Traffic, Parking & Vessel Written Warnings	257	116	106	2	149	171	309	732	441	253	141	105	2020
	174	165	127	148	234	175	190	226					2021
Vehicle Crash	55	35	43	10	21	16	16	19	10	17	19	35	2020
	31	24	66	32	28	35	29	13					2021
CAD Events	5,075	4,716	5,629	5,183	6,743	5,964	8,623	9,362	9,380	10,509	10,536	9,278	2020
	13,180	12,977	13,792	13,192	12,068	11,853	13,745	14,175					2021
Criminal Cases - Open	7	7	21	7	6	7	3	7	10	6	28	27	2020
	5	7	10	9	35	10	10	17					2021
Criminal Cases - Closed	83	52	61	36	66	59	44	36	35	48	33	51	2020
	52	37	58	44	53	45	57	50					2021
Criminal Cases - Cleared	10	14	12	8	13	18	17	11	11	22	17	17	2020
	18	14	14	25	2	29	28	10					2021
Criminal Case - Follow-Ups	37	25	43	23	29	48	27	25	25	25	49	54	2020
	23	27	31	42	61	47	33	43					2021
Crime or Incident Reports Taken	124	90	110	78	102	98	69	53	60	78	89	109	2020
	80	69	89	89	117	99	103	86					2021
Persons Arrested	9	8	2	1	14	1	10	4	9	9	12	12	2020
	19	13	7	14	7	24	22	11					2021
Beach Patrol Events	389	302	329	706	703	564	322	432	420	385	530	479	2020
	720	694	694	817	1,204	590	859	637					2021
Beach Patrol Hours	232	208	255	310	430	304	215	252	314	354	232	270	2020
	305	258	355	359	398	251	362	249					2021
Marine Patrol Events	17	26	52	39	57	47	73	104	123	95	78	177	2020
	354	205	198	286	200	143	78	227					2021
Total	9,176	8,126	9,756	9,727	12,614	10,644	12,974	14,529	13,878	14,878	14,703	13,285	2020
Total	18,278	17,799	18,363	18,217	17,743	16,660	19,318	18,744	-	-	-	-	2021



Chief Frazzano admires Benjamin's work at Coloring with a Cop