



City of Marco Island

Meeting Date: April 10 , 2023
To: City Council
From: Chief Tracy L. Frazzano
Through: Michael A. McNees, City Manager
Re: February 2023 Monthly City Council Report

Marco Island Police Department receives its initial Accreditation Award

On February 23, the Marco Island Police Department (MIPD) was awarded its accreditation certification from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. This award recognizes that the Marco Island Police Department achieved the highest standard of law enforcement professionalism. Marco Island PD is one of the few agencies to accomplish this goal. Half of Law Enforcement agencies in Florida achieved this status, and only a quarter of agencies similar to our size are accredited.

The Police Department was tasked to comply with 235 standards which were evaluated by independent, appointed assessors from the Commission.

The assessment consisted of a 3-day review of MIPD written policies, practices, interviews and observations of equipment and procedures. MIPD was recommended for accreditation status without conditions, meaning no further follow up was needed from us.

Becoming accredited is extremely important for our Community, City Government, and Department because it limits liability and risk by ensuring our members are trained according to the latest statutes and policing trends; it ensures the right equipment and tools are in place for our Department; it helps us understand where to direct resources; and it provides checks and balances for maintaining this professional level through follow up audits by the Commission.



City Manager McNees and Marco Island Police Department members receive the initial Marco Island Police Department Accreditation certificate

February Police Activity

Crime report:

79 incident reports were written in February. This month, crimes against society had an 80% increase in comparison to last year due to more driving under the influence incidents occurring.

In February 2023, the Marco Island Police Department arrested 10 individuals for crimes including DUI, criminal traffic, and simple assault.

2023 vs. 2022 Crimes by Category, Non-Criminal Offenses				
Feb-2023		Feb-2022		'23 v. '22
Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Diff.
Domestic Battery	2	Domestic Battery	1	
Assault	2	Assault	3	
Intimidation/Stalking	1	Intimidation/Stalking	0	
Total	5	Total	4	20%
Property Crimes		Property Crimes		
Forgery/Conterfeiting	1	Forgery/Conterfeiting	0	
Theft	9	Theft	8	
Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	2	Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	1	
Fraud	1	Fraud	7	
Total	13	Total	16	-23%
Misc. Crimes		Misc. Crimes		
Others (Trespass, Warrants, etc)	2	Others (Trespass, Warrants, etc)	3	
Criminal Traffic	4	Criminal Traffic	4	
Total	6	Total	7	-17%
Crimes against Society		Crimes against Society		
DUI	4	DUI	1	
Pornography/Obscenity Offenses	1	Pornography/Obscenity Offenses	0	
Total	5	Total	1	80%
Other Incidents		Other Incidents		
Marchman Act	1	Marchman Act	5	
Baker Act	1	Baker Act	2	
Operation Medicine Cabinet	1	Operation Medicine Cabinet	1	
Non-Criminal incidents	47	Non-Criminal incidents	52	
Total	50	Total	60	-20%



The Marco Island Police Department patch officially pinned to the Florida Police Chief's Accredited Law Enforcement Agency board of accredited agencies

Note: Multiple criminal offenses may have occurred within some incidents.

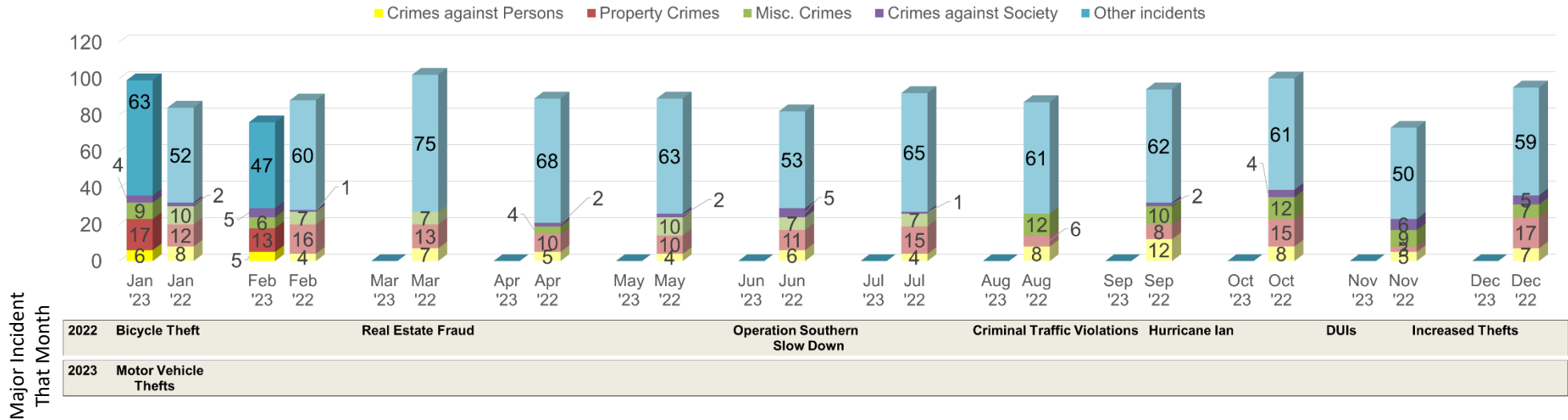
This reporting aligns with new crime data collection requirements from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the FBI. This announcement for crime reporting was covered in the February 2022 monthly report.

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 and medical assists.

February Incident Trends

47 non-criminal incident reports were taken during February 2023, representing two-thirds of the total incident reports. Most of the non-criminal reports were for suspicious incidents (suspicious people or phone calls), missing persons or welfare checks.

2023 v. 2022 Incident Trends
by Crime Category, Non-Crime

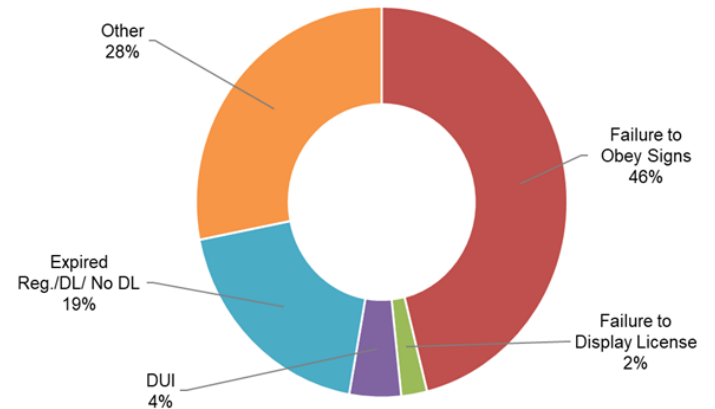


February Traffic Patrol

212 traffic citations and warnings were issued by the Marco Island Police Department during February. Most infractions (46%) were for the failure to obey signs and traffic control devices. The remaining citations were written for expired licenses and registrations, or failure to display them (21%). Other citations included violations for passing, not yielding to the right of way at an intersection and equipment violations.

This month, the Marco Island Police Department arrested 8 people for traffic violations. 4 arrests were for DUIs and 4 were for driving with a suspended license with knowledge of the suspension. 10 licenses and 2 license plates were seized during traffic stops due to suspensions or revocations.

February 2023
Citations Offenses vs Total Traffic
Citations Written



Personnel News

We congratulate Officer Joe Belardo, the 2023 Marco Island Police Foundation Officer of the Year.

Ofc. Belardo has an extensive career in law enforcement, spanning 33 years. He joined Marco Island in 2020. He previously served as the Police Chief in Schodack, NY. Within his 3 years at the Marco Island Police Department, Ofc. Belardo became certified as a General Instructor by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and received certification for being a Crime Prevention Specialist. He has multiple lifesaving and meritorious awards.

In his spare time, Ofc. Belardo perfects his culinary skills in anticipation of winning "Best Chili" for the Police Department in the annual Jerry Adams Chili Cook off.




*Officer Belardo, Officer of the Year
Photo courtesy of the Marco Island Police
Foundation.*

February 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.

Activity Type	February	January	Current Year 2023
Administrative	30	20	50
Beach Patrol	5	0	5
Community Events	30	25	55
Monthly Meeting	8	10	18
Park Patrol	0	5	5
Special Duty (Paid)	148	168	316
Solo Patrol	6	6	12
Program Coordination	20	20	40
Training	139	40	179
Total	386	294	680

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

Special Details in February totaled 307 hours,  26 hours from January.

- United Church Security 28 Hours
- JCMi Security 59 Hours
- Island Country Club Security 45 Hours
- Presbyterian Church Security 26 Hours
- Farmer's Market Security & Traffic 70 Hours
- San Marco Catholic Church Security 41 Hours
- St. Mark's Art Show Traffic 12 Hours
- Center for the Arts Show Traffic 12 Hours
- YMCA Tour De Marco Traffic 6 Hours
- MIA Sadie Hawkins Day Security 8 Hours

February Detective Bureau Monthly Report

Investigative Summaries:

	Feb-23	Feb-22	23 vs. 22 Diff.
Closed	52	61	-15%
Cleared	12	6	100%
Open	11	16	-31%
Suspended	4	7	-43%
Total	79	90	-12%

Investigative Summaries

Cases Closed by Detective Bureau:

Residential Burglary – A case is pending until more information is obtained from the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS).

Civil Dispute – A case of disputed property was determined to be Civil.

Follow-Up Reports from Patrol:

Grand Theft – An arrest warrant was requested from the State Attorney’s Office for apprehending a suspect with stolen music equipment.

Criminal Mischief – An unknown suspect kicked a car door in a parking lot. Surveillance video was collected, and the investigation is ongoing.

Grand Theft – Detectives investigated a grand theft of a bicycle. The case has been listed as inactive until more information is available.

Theft of Mail – An investigation is on-going with suspects stealing mail from condominium mailroom.

Grand Theft – A report was taken for a cellular phone theft. After investigation, no suspect was developed. The case is listed as inactive, until more information becomes available.

Found Property – Two firearms were turned over to Marco Island Police Department for safekeeping.

Grand Theft Vessel – The Detective Bureau is investigating leads regarding a missing vessel’s last known location out of the county.

Death Investigation – A male subject was found unresponsive at his residence. An investigation is ongoing.

Criminal Mischief – A temporary employee vandalized a construction project. An investigation is ongoing.

Petit Theft – An electric bicycle was reported stolen. The case is listed inactive until more information becomes available.

Child Pornography – A pornographic photo was distributed. The investigation is ongoing.

Self-Initiated Reports:

Child Molestation – The Detective Bureau is investigating an alleged incident.

Forgery/Fraud – The Detective Bureau is investigating a forgery/fraud case involving a real estate transaction.

Operation Medicine Cabinet – 54 lbs. of assorted prescription medications were removed from the public drop-off site and placed into evidence pending destruction.



*Command staff attends the 40th Annual Prayer Breakfast with members from the Marco Island Police Foundation.
Photo courtesy of the Marco Island Police Foundation.*

Detectives: Investigation Summary for February

Case Management		Arrests/Warrants/Prosecution/ Hearings	
Supplemental Reports	31	Warrant Checks	196
Det. Supervisor Review of Reports	21	Arrest Warrant Request	1
Det. Supervisor Evidence Log Processing	17		
Initial Reports Written	4		
Exploratory (Collection / Documentation)		Follow up / Assists	
Videos Processed from WatchGuard	12	Case follow-ups	62
Interviews	11	Bulletins Created/ Distributed	9
Evidence Submissions	8	Other Agency Assists	2
Neighborhood Canvass	3	Department of Children/Family Referral	1
Sex Crime Investigation	2		
Extensive Crime Scene Processing	1		
Death Investigation	1		
Child Protective Team interviews	1		
Subpeona Requests	1	Policing	
		Traffic Stops	1

School Resource Officers

During February, our School Resource Officers worked in partnership with Tommie Barfield Elementary School to conduct a fun and interactive series of workshops with their 5th graders. Students participated in a 10-week Law Enforcement Against Drugs & Violence L.E.A.D. program (L.E.A.D.). Lessons promoted the importance of self-confidence for these young people with a goal to foster healthy relationships, make healthy choices, resist substance abuse and stop bullying. We are proud of this year's graduates and their course accomplishment.



2023 graduates of the L.E.A.D program at Tommie Barfield Elementary School

Marine Report

Marine Unit officers observed an increase in boater traffic and anchored vessels on Marco Island waterways during the month of February. Officers conducted vessel safety and sanitation inspections of anchored vessels in Smokehouse and Factory bays. All vessels were following Coast Guard regulations. Officers also participated in the annual Blessing of the Fleet sponsored by the Marco Island Yacht Club.

Marine officers responded to 2 marine emergency and rescue (MERT) calls for service. The first incident occurred on February 17, when two individuals who rented jet skis became lost and ran aground. Officers located the lost jet skiers in Grassy Bay and transported both operators back to shore without incident.

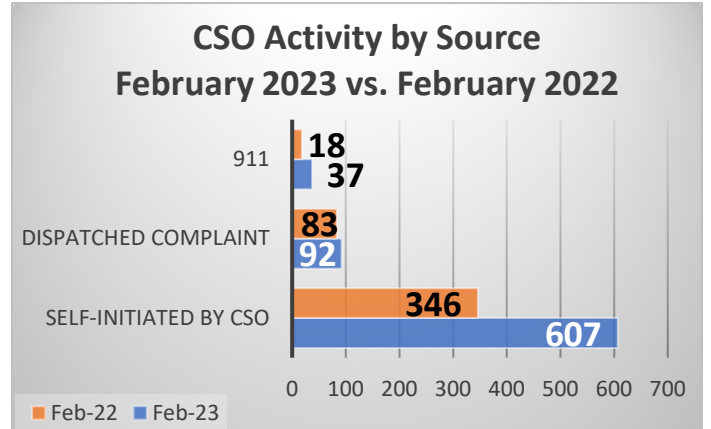
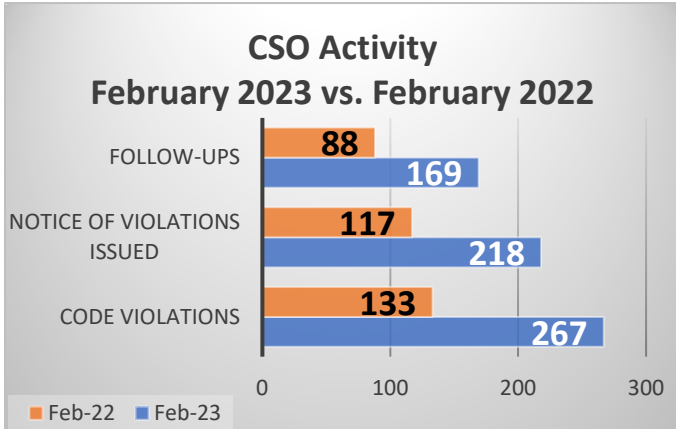
The second incident occurred on February 18th when four individuals paddling 2 canoes capsized approximately one mile west of Dickman's Point. Officers responded to the area locating the individuals and transported them back to shore along with their canoes and belongings.

February 2023 Marine Incidents	Feb-23	Feb-22
Total events	499	459
Canal, Bay River and Gulf patrol	229	97
Patrols/ Business Checks	55	108
Vessel Stops	56	70
Citations/ Warnings	56	70
Sanitation Inspections Factory Bay	2	3
Sanitation Inspections Smoke House Bay	1	0
Suspicious Vessels	4	2
MERT (Marine Emergency Response Team)	2	3
Assist Boater/Citizen Contacts	24	41
Resource Checks	4	6
Boater Safety Checks	7	9
Patrols/ Inspections of Marinas	58	61
* Some items may have occurred during the same incident		

Code Enforcement:

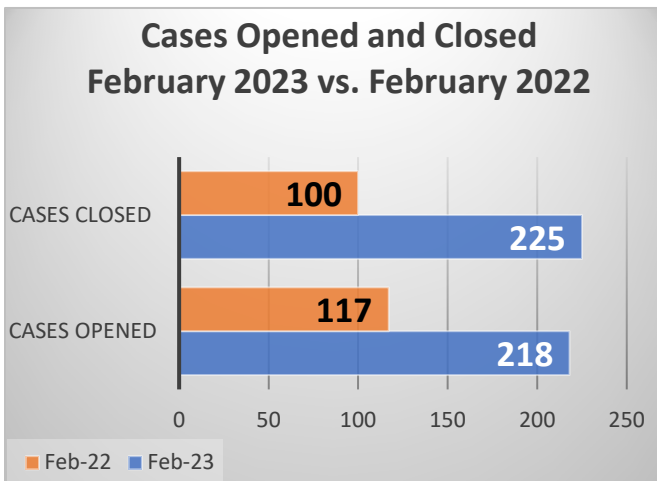
In February, the Code Enforcement unit continued to respond to the issues that are of importance to the residents of Marco Island. The self-initiated case increase shows that dedication in keeping Marco Island as beautiful as ever.

March 1st was the deadline for all Landscapers to register with the City in accordance with our Landscape and Fertilizer Registration process. Starting March 1, the Code Enforcement team will proactively check landscapers working in the field. If the landscaper is not registered with the City, Code Officers will issue Notices of Violations with a compliance date of April 1st to be registered.



CSO Warder at the Farmer's Market, providing educational material about Marco Island's protected species ordinances and fertilizer registration program

Code Enforcement Cases

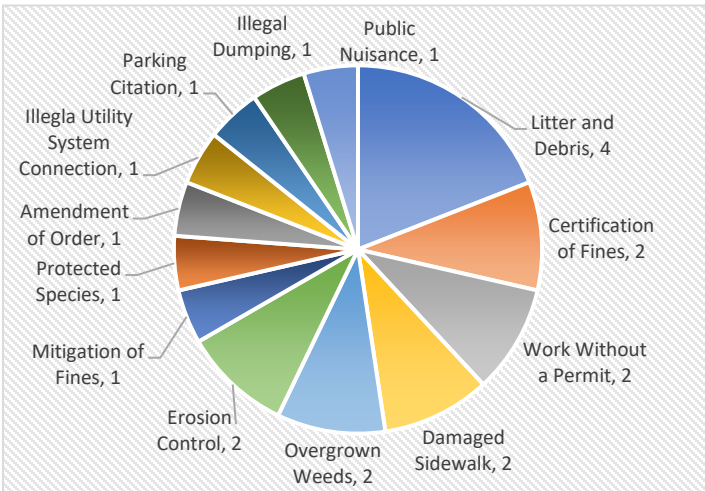


Type of Violation	Number of Violations
Placement of Waste at Curb	92
Parking Citation	25
Boat and Boat Trailer Parking	16
Litter and Debris	13
Irrigation	11
RV Permits	10
Silt Fence	9
Overgrown Weeds	9
Public Nuisance	8
Sidewalk Encroachment	7
Right of Way Obstruction	6
Damaged Sidewalk	5
Illicit Discharge	5
Protected Species	4
Work Without a Permit	4
Staging 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.

February Special Magistrate Hearing

Nineteen cases were reviewed during the February 28, 2023, Magistrate Hearing. 21% of cases were due to overgrown weeds, 11% were certification of fines, and there was 1 mitigation of fines case. For more information regarding the Special Magistrate Hearings please visit: [Minutes \(33\).pdf](#)



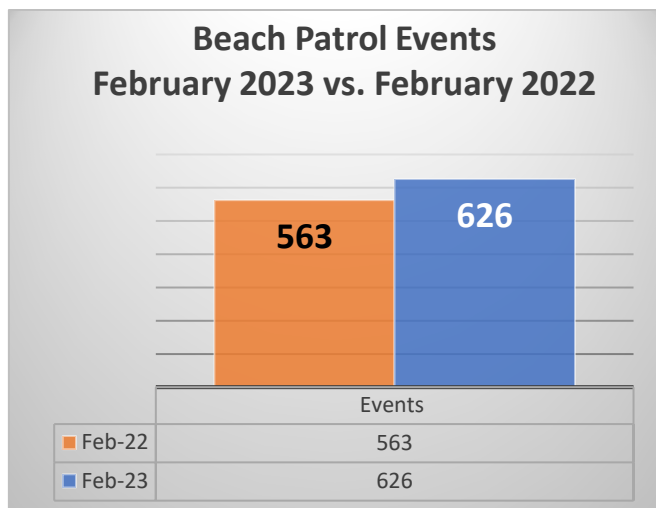
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Pick-up Litter and Debris	136
Patrol Activity	129
Information/Directions	110
911 Call Response	71
Youth Badge/Photo Op/Giveaways	43
Community Oriented Policing	37
Inspect/Check Beach Signs	34
Glass on Beach	15
Dog on Beach	13
Injured/Sick Bird	8
Bikes on Beach	7
Shorebird Flushing	6
Drone/Kites	3
Courtesy Transport	2
Details	2
Medical Calls	2
Found Property	2
Assist	2
Traffic Stop	1
Code Enforcement	1
Fill Holes in Sand	1
Suspicious Activity	1

Beach Report

February had an 11% increase in incidents in comparison to February 2022.

Our Code Enforcement Officers are continuously busy picking up litter and debris on our beaches, helping to keep our beach goers safe. Litter and debris were the highest logged activity with 136 events for February, up from 92 Events from January. Extra patrolling of our beaches remains high with 129 logged Activities.



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Code Enforcement Protected Species

Burrowing Owls- As of February 15th, the protection zone for Burrowing Owl nests in construction lots increased to a 33-foot perimeter versus a 10-foot perimeter.

This month, Code Enforcement responded to 22 reported Burrowing Owl violations. Most of the offenses were due to the increased perimeter code. Below are outcomes from the calls for service:

- 3 NOV's were issued;
- 7 verbal warnings were issued;
- 7 cases were unfounded;
- 3 cases adjusted the protection zone; no violation issued;
- 2 cases were turned over to the Florida Wildlife Commission for further investigation. One case was for a collapsed burrow and the other for a protection zone violation.

Other Birds- The case involving the Marriott employee who intentionally drove into the flock of Black Skimmers was investigated by the State of Florida, Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC), as well as the Marco Island Code Enforcement Unit. Code Enforcement issued 10 Notices of Violation to the subject for violating protected species codes under City ordinances. This case was scheduled for magistrate in February but was continued pending outcome of the criminal case.

Code Enforcement Officers responded to 11 calls for service for injured or sick shorebirds . Four of the injured birds were rescued and turned over to the organization, Audubon Western Everglades (AWE). The other cases involved birds suspected to be injured but flew away upon approach.

Gopher Torties- This month, 6 Gopher Tortoises were killed due to vehicle strikes.

Other Species- A dead sea turtle was observed in the Gulf of Mexico, by South Beach. Pictures were taken and forwarded to FWC for follow up.

Enforcement: Water quality

During the month of February, Code Enforcement issued 14 Notices of Violation for the MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) ordinance.

Nine violations were for silt fence; 8 of the silt fence violations complied and 1 is scheduled for Magistrate.

Five violations were issued for Illicit Discharge; 3 of the violations came into compliance and 2 are scheduled for Magistrate.

Training

- Officer Berndt attended FBI Child Abduction training. The curriculum covered command post protocols, resources available and case studies from previous abductions.
- Officer Campbell attended Human Trafficking training.
- Accreditation Manager, Joan Taylor attended the Florida Police Accreditation Coalition conference. Topics covered new standard requirements, technical training, and subject reviews (eg. forfeiture procedures).
- Code Enforcement Officers O'Keefe and Bruce attended training by the Florida Association of Code Enforcement (FACE). FACE is a comprehensive program that covers legal, administrative aspects of code enforcement, environmental regulations and county, regional, state and federal codes in the State of Florida.

Community Engagement Report



The Marco Island Police Department began February by engaging at the Farmer’s Market. Code Enforcement and Growth Management reintroduced the Fertilizer Ordinance and Registration.

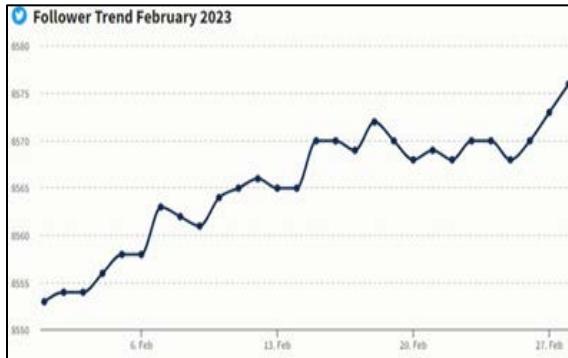
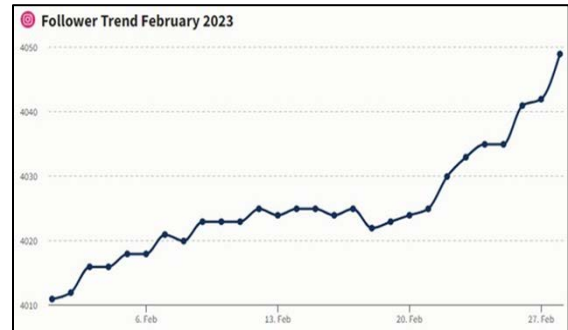
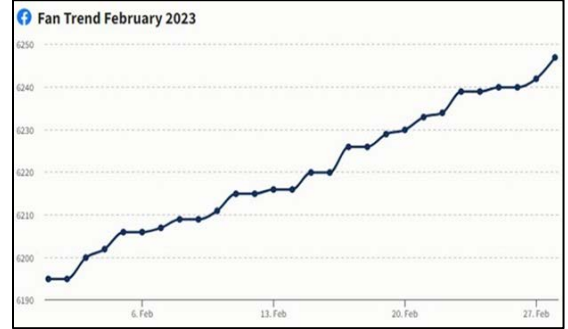
On February 2, 2023, Chief Frazzano spent time with the Marco Island Women's Club, discussing MIPDs accomplishments in 2022 and goals for this year.

Achievements and appreciation filled our feeds this month, starting with School Crossing Guard, School Resource Officers, and Officer of the Year. Our whole department celebrated achieving the Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation on February 23, 2023.

Several education and prevention campaigns were shared throughout the month, including severe weather, drunk driving, red tide, and stolen boats and vehicles.

MIPD took to social media for help locating a found pup's family, and our community members were eager to help. A specially painted shell was left on the PD stairs to spread sunshine and kindness!

Number of followers for MIPD Facebook, Twitter, Instagram



#Bettogether Highlight



A 3rd grader from Tommie Barfield Elementary School (TBE) found a wallet on his way to school and immediately turned it into School Resource Officer Guyer. Everyone was pleasantly surprised when returning the wallet to the owner; he was also a former TBE student now in his 20s.

February Top Performing Posts



**Officer of the Year
Joe Belardo**



**L.E.A.D Graduation
Tommie Barfield Elementary**



**Chief Frazzano
Turns 50**

Appendix: February 2023 vs. February 2022

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Community Oriented Policing Activities	2,249	1,855	1,989	2,018	2,066	2,032	2,181	1,950	1,862	2,104	2,201	2,155	2022
	2,024	1,621	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Extra Patrols	9,392	7,250	7,353	8,115	7,972	7,675	7,379	7,722	7,441	7,991	8,854	7,896	2022
	7,500	6,591	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Parking Complaints	30	89	80	57	32	19	33	41	34	3	12	28	2022
	25	78	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Noise Complaints	37	43	61	50	48	44	92	56	33	28	22	38	2022
	35	26	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Traffic Stops	844	690	711	799	625	709	864	786	638	446	611	609	2022
	657	592	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Noise Complaints Verified	2	1	1	2	4	4 *	1 *	7 *	1	3	2	1	2022
	1	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Traffic Citations	135	106	143	119	91	96	114	139	112	27	83	80	2022
	111	89	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Traffic, Parking & Vessel Written Warnings	201	212	203	197	187	194	215	210	171	55	122	134	2022
	146	152	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Vehicle Crash	49	38	46	42	21	11	39	15	51	24	20	23	2022
	48	44	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Criminal Cases - Open	11	16	7	10	7	4	5	5	6	11	5	8	2022
	11	15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Criminal Cases - Closed	46	61	72	63	64	52	65	61	61	63	42	58	2022
	60	52	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Criminal Cases - Cleared	2	6	12	4	12	13	10	15	15	16	17	14	2022
	15	12	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Criminal Case - Follow-Ups	45	37	52	47	46	31	32	33	31	38	6	31	2022
	55	62	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Crime or Incident Reports Taken	84	90	100	89	89	79	91	88	88	100	73	89	2022
	99	79	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Persons Arrested	13	6	10	4	11	11	12	15	14	13	15	15	2022
	17	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Beach Patrol Events	557	563	717	671	982	569	872	753	644	531	553	622	2022
	534	626	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Marine Patrol Events	337	459	712	459	636	435	635	895	487	450	734	354	2022
	647	499	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Calls for Service	13,124	11,744	12,337	13,119	12,548	12,071	12,518	12,522	12,057	12,424	13,323	12,710	2022
	12,646	11,065	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023

Calls for Service data reflects activity captured in an agency's Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) System for any call (not per incident) that causes a police officer or code enforcement officer to take an action or expend agency resources, whether agency-initiated or citizen initiated.

* Note, may be under-reported due to CAD coding issue.

Vehicle Count (Jolley Bridge North bound).	NA	NA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Vehicle Count (Jolley Bridge South bound).	NA	NA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023

Note: 2023 Jolley Bridge vehicle count data has been effected by Hurricane Ian damage.



Marine Unit participating in the Blessing of the Fleet at the Marco Island Yacht Club