

City of Marco Island

Meeting Date: April 4, 2022

To: City Council

From: Chief Tracy L. Frazzano

Through: Michael A. McNees, City Manager

Re: February 2022 Monthly City Council Report

The Annual Officer of the Year ceremony sponsored by the Marco Island Police Foundation was held on Tuesday, February 8th. We were pleased to honor Officer William Prigge as Officer of the Year. Officer Prigge is known by his peers and community for diplomacy, integrity and professionalism. He is an asset to our community and agency. While Officer Prigge gained national notoriety for safely wrangling a seven-foot python hiding in a vessel, we recognize him for his many public service accomplishments. Some of his achievements included: locating and safely returning a missing 83-year-old man to his family, rescuing a 68-year-old woman from Marco River's strong currents, apprehending a reckless driver trying to evade law enforcement, and numerous traffic and DUI arrests. Congratulations Officer Prigge for this well-deserved award!

All law enforcement agencies are transitioning the way how crime data is reported to a new standard format. NIBRS, the National Incident Based Reporting System, will become the national crime data collection program operated by the FBI. The result will be more robust and complete data. Prior to 2021, Florida law enforcement reported crime data on a "summary" basis, which means if multiple crimes occurred during an event, only the most serious crime would be reported. All other lower-level crimes of that event would not be included. For example, if a robbery and a murder occurred at the same time and place, crime stats prior to 2021 would report the murder, alone. With NIBRs, all criminal offenses will be included with that jurisdiction's crime statistics, regardless of the crime hierarchy. Based on this reporting shift, we anticipate crime statistics across the country and in Marco Island to increase.

With any transition of this magnitude, delays have occurred. The FBI has been working closely with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to better align crime reporting methodology. Marco Island Police Department as well as other local law enforcement agencies have made significant investments with training, new records management systems, and more advanced hardware. Based on discussions with the FBI and FDLE, 2021 NIBRs crime data is anticipated for a Spring 2022 release. Marco Island Police Department is currently aggregating 2021 crime data through both reporting methodologies to benchmark potential differences and implications.



February Police Activity

Crime report:

90 incident reports were written in the month of February. One third of the written incident reports were criminal, consistent with the number of criminal reports taken the same time last year. 6 arrests made in February 2022.

This month experienced an increase with criminal traffic (driving without a license with knowledge), assault, and reported fraud cases. MIPD received numerous reports of stolen mail and identity thefts through stolen mail. The Marco Island Police Department increased patrol units in the areas where suspicious vehicles were reported. Communication campaigns through social media outlets also alerted community members to be aware of this occurrence and report suspicious activity to the police.

20	022 vs. 2021 Crime	es b	y Category, Non-Criminal Offenses	5
Feb-2022			Feb-2021	
Crimes against Persons	# of incidents		Crimes against Persons	***************************************
Domestic Battery	1		Domestic Battery	-
Assault	3		Assault	***************************************
Total	4		Total	
Property Crimes			Property Crimes	***************************************
Burglary Auto	0		Burglary Auto	-
Theft	8		Theft	www
Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	1		Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	***************************************
Fraud	7		Fraud	************
Total	16		Total	
Misc. Crimes			Misc. Crimes	wwwww
Others (Trespass, Warrants, etc)	3		Others (Trespass, Warrants, etc)	-
Criminal Traffic	4		Criminal Traffic	
Fleeing and Eluding	0		Fleeing and Elluding	***************************************
Total	7		Total	
Crimes against Society			Crimes against Society	***************************************
DUI	1		DUI	Manage Ma
Total	1		Total	-
Other Incidents			Other Incidents	
Marchman Act	5		Marchman Act	
Baker Act	2		Baker Act	
Operation Medicine Cabinet	1		Operation Medicine Cabinet	***************************************
Non-Criminal incidents	54		Non-Criminal incidents	***************************************
Total	62		Total	vanousson

Feb-2021		'22 v.'21
Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Diff.
Domestic Battery	1	
Assault	0	
Total	1	300%
Property Crimes		
Burglary Auto	3	
Theft	10	
Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	3	
Fraud	1	
Total	17	-6%
Misc. Crimes		
Others (Trespass, Warrants, etc)	3	
Criminal Traffic	2	
Fleeing and Elluding	1	
Total	6	17%
Crimes against Society		
DUI	6	
Total	6	-83%
Other Incidents		
Marchman Act	3	
Baker Act	0	
Operation Medicine Cabinet	0	
Non-Criminal incidents	36	
Total	39	59%

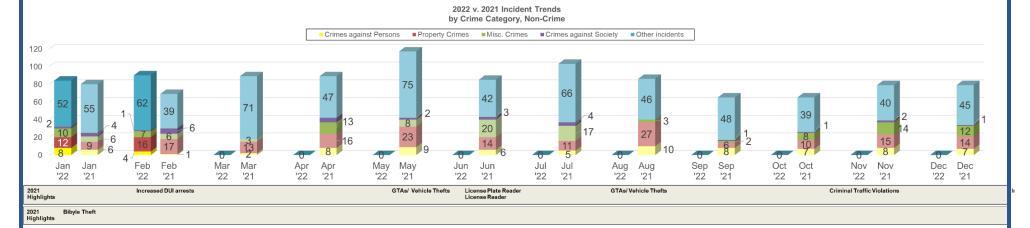


Officer of the Year, Officer Will Prigge. He is joined by his wife, Police Foundation Director Vernon Geberth and Chief Frazzano (photo credit: Steve Stefanides)

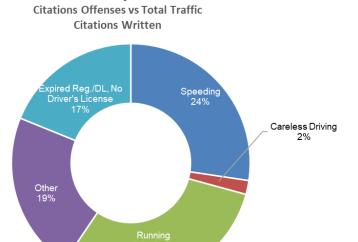
Note: Non-Criminal incidents are reports that do not have a criminal offense or are information reports. Examples include fraud cases (outside of Marco Island jurisdiction), other agency assists, lost, and found items and medical assists.

2022 vs 2021 Incident Trends

62 non- criminal incidents were reported in February 2022. Reports for lost and found property made up most non- criminal reports (16%), followed by individuals driving with a suspended license without knowledge (10%), and medical assists (9%)



Traffic patrol



February 2022

Over 266 traffic warnings and citations were issued in February. Failure to stop at a light/ stop sign was the largest traffic infraction making up 27% of total citations issued. Speeding was the second highest infraction at 24% of total citations.

13 driver's licenses and 1 license plate were confiscated from motorist operating a vehicle with a suspended or cancelled license. 7 motorists were arrested for knowingly operating a vehicle with a suspended license and were transported to Naples Jail Center. 1 motorist was transported to Naples Jail Center for driving while under the influence

February Detective Bureau Monthly Report

Investigative Summary:

Investigative cases for our detective bureau increased by 30% this month versus the same time period last year due to more battery occurrences and theft/fraud cases.

	Feb-22	Feb-21	22 vs. 21 Diff.
Closed	62	13	377%
Cleared	6	39	-85%
Open	16	7	129%
Suspended	6	10	-40%
Total	90	69	30%

Several cases involving mail theft occurred on Marco Island this month. Deliveries were reported missing to homeowners' properties and mail theft progressing to credit card fraud occurred. Several homeowners learned credit card accounts were opened under their names without their permission. Detectives are working closely with affected individuals and the US Postal Inspector. Extra patrols have been assigned to prevent additional occurrences and we are asking our community to call in suspicious behavior for police follow-up.

Cases Closed by Detective Bureau:

Sexual Battery – A warrant request was sent for a suspect for alleged rape.

Transmit Harmful Material – A warrant request was sent for a suspect soliciting nude photographs from an underage person.

Lewd and Lascivious Molestation – A warrant request was sent for a suspect who allegedly molested a child several years ago.

Aggravated Battery – An unknown male struck the victim, causing serious bodily injury. No witnesses could identify the suspect and no video surveillance could be obtained. This case was placed into inactive status.

Battery – A warrant request was sent for a suspect who allegedly struck a neighbor with gardening equipment.

Grand Theft – Two kayaks were stolen from a residence, but no suspects could be identified. This case was placed into inactive status.

Retail Theft – A retail theft was investigated, and leads were developed. The victim, however declined continuing with the investigation.

Petit Theft – A bicycle was stolen from Marco Island Charter Middle School. A suspect was identified, and the bicycle was subsequently recovered. The victim did not wish to pursue criminal charges.

DCF Referrals – Two DCF referrals were investigated, and it was determined that no crime occurred.

Criminal Mischief – A jet ski was tampered with, but no suspects could be identified. This case was placed into inactive status until more information is obtained.

Hit and Run – The driver of a hit and run was located and issued a notice to appear for leaving the scene.

Hit & Run – A dog was struck and killed by a vehicle which fled the scene. Evidence identified a lead but after further investigation, it was determined more proof would be required to proceed with criminal charges. This case was placed into inactive status.

Fraud Assist – A fraud report was followed-up on and discovered to have occurred in Naples. The case was forwarded to the Sheriff's Office, the agency with jurisdiction.

Fraud – A report of fraud was investigated and referred to the Postal Inspector's Office due to the funds being mailed to an address in Georgia.

Cybertip – A cybertip was investigated and suspended due to the offense being unsubstantiated.

Death Investigation – A death investigation was closed after the Medical Examiner ruled the cause as suicide.

Follow-Up Reports from Patrol:

Grand Theft – Report of stolen jewelry. Investigation ongoing.

Grand Theft – Phone stolen from package on front porch of residence. Investigation ongoing.

Petit Theft – Report of stolen dolly. Investigation ongoing.

Mail Thefts/Credit Card Frauds (Assist US Postal Inspector)— Several credit cards were fraudulently obtained and then stolen from mailboxes after delivery. Investigation ongoing.

Fraud/Petit Theft – Report of stolen cash and fraudulent use of credit card. Investigation ongoing.

Self-Initiated Reports:

Mail Theft/Credit Card Fraud – In the course of investigating several mail thefts, another incident was discovered and documented.

Identity Theft Report – A report was generated to document that a person's name was used at a retail store.

Trespass Warning – Detective Bureau issued a trespass warning regarding a harassment complaint.

Operation Medicine Cabinet – Assorted prescription medications were removed from the public drop off site and placed into evidence pending proper destruction.

Detectives: Investigation Summary for February

Case Management		Arrests/Warrants/Prosecution/ Hear	ings
Supplemental Reports	37	Arrest Warrant Requests	6
Det. Supervisor Review of Reports	47	Warrant Checks	174
Det. Supervisor Evidence Log Processing	9	Contact with State Attorney's Office	4
Initial Reports Written	5	Court Hearning	1
Self-Initiated Reprots 4		Follow up / Assists	
Exploratory (Collection / Documentation)		Detective Called In (from Off-duty)	2
Interviews	14	Case follow-ups	23
Evidence Submissions	3	Bulletins Created/ Distributed	21
Neighborhood Canvass	2	State Attorney/ Clerk of Court	4
Videos Processed from WatchGuard	5	Other Agency Assists	2
Subpoena Requests	7	DCF referrals	2
		Policing	
		Special Events Coverage	21
		Traffic Stops	11

February Marine Report

Marine Unit officers observed an increase in boater traffic on Marco Island waterways during the month of February.

Officers Josh Ferris and Bob Marvin conducted vessel safety and sanitation inspections of anchored vessels in Factory Bay and the Marco River. All vessels followed Coast Guard regulations; boating safety inspection decals were issued.

Officers responded to three reported marine emergencies (MERT) during the month of February:

On February 10, 2022, Sgt. Casabona and Officer Marvin responded to Cape Romano beach on a reported medical emergency. Officers stabilized the patient and assisted Marco Island Fire Rescue (MIFR) Marine Unit in transporting the patient to Caxambas boat park. Once there, medical technicians continued treatment.

On February 28, 2022, Officer Marvin responded to a vessel fire on the Marco River. Officer Marvin located the vessel and assisted MIFR as they put out the engine fire. There were no reported injuries.

Police	

Marco Island Yacht Club's Blessing of the Fleet event

February 2022 Marine Events	Feb-22	Feb-21
Total Events	459	205
Canal, Bay River and Gulf patrol	97	52
Patrols/ Business Checks	108	23
Vessel Stops	70	42
Warnings	67	41
Citations	3	1
Summons to appear in Court		1
Assist Boater/Citizen Contacts	41	7
MERT	3	1
Sanitation Inspections Smoke House Bay	0	12
Sanitation inspections Factory Bay	3	20
Boater Safety Checks*	9	
Resource Checks*	6	
Patrols of the Marinas	61	
Suspicious Vessels	2	3

^{*}Newly reported activity in 2022

More than 1 incident may have occurred during an event



Marco Island Police Department marine emergency rescue on Cape Romano

Sgt. Casabona and Officer Ferris attended the Marco Island Sail and Power Squadrons' dinner on February 9th at the Marco Island Yacht Club. They conducted a boater safety presentation to members of the Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron members.

On February 19, members of the Marco Island Police Marine Unit participated in the Marco Island Yacht Club's Blessing of the Fleet event.

February Employee News

- Yanneth Contrada joined Marco Island Police Department on February 14th in the role of Community Education Specialist. Prior to joining, Ms. Contrada was the Public Affairs Specialist with the Fremont Police Department and served as an Emergency Services Dispatcher the Fremont Police Department & Alameda County Sheriff's Office.
- James Rizzi joined Marco Island Code Enforcement as a Community Service Officer on February 17th. He previously worked as a Lieutenant for NYPD.
- Carolyn Huffor and Mike Cunningham rejoined Marco Island Police Department as administrative volunteers. They are resuming their activities after the pandemic protocol hiatus.
- Officer Josh Ferris was recognized by City Council on February 7th for his 10 years of service with the City of Marco Island.
- Officer Hunter Howell received recognition for his 5 years of dedicated service from the City of Marco Island.



Ms. Yanneth Contrada,
Community Education Specialist



Mr. Michael Cunningham Civilian Volunteer



Ms. Carolyn Huffor Civilian Volunteer



Officer James Rizzi
Community Service Officer

February Training

- Officers Lopez and Garner were certified in speed measurement with radar and laser devices.
- Officer Corrigan completed his law enforcement equivalency training for Florida.
- Chief Frazzano discussed "The Five Dysfunctions of a Team" with City Employees. This training is part of a City Leadership Lunch & Learn initiative for City Employees and community members.



Marco Island Police Department
Officer Howell celebrating 5 years of service



City council presenting 10 years of service award to Officer Ferris

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
(All reported in hours)	2022	2022	2022
Administrative	20	18	38
Background Investigations	0	15	15
Beach Patrol	4	5	9
Community Events	35	15	50
Investigations / Follow-up	0	0	0
Marine Patrol	0	0	0
Monthly Meeting	16	0	16
Park Patrol	3	3	6
Special Duty (Paid)	78	104	182
Special Duty (Unpaid)	0	10	10
Solo Patrol	3	0	3
2 nd OFC Patrol	0	0	0
Program Coordination	15	12	27
Training	64	12	76
Weather Event	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Total	238	194	432



Officer Kirsch with visitors from Switzerland

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

•	United Church	Security	18 Hours
•	JCMI	Security	33 Hours
•	Island Country Club	Security	64 Hours
•	Presbyterian Church	Security	31 Hours
•	Farmer's Market	Security & Traffic	80 Hours
•	Tour De Marco	Traffic	36 Hours
•	San Marco Catholic Church	Security	30 Hours
•	St. Mark's Art Show	Traffic	12 Hours
•	Center for the Arts Show	Traffic	12 Hours

February Code Enforcement:

Community Service Officers (CSOs) responded to or initiated 450 calls for service during February 2022, a similar number of calls for service in comparison to last year.

The majority of Code Enforcement efforts (77%) were self-initiated.

Approximately one -third of code enforcement investigations (35%) resulted in the issuance of a Notice of Violation. The largest amount of Code Enforcement violations this month continued to be for parking citations/warnings and placement of waste on curb. The need to obtain an RV permit had the third largest number of violations written.





February 2022 Code Enforcement Cases

The number of cases opened in February 2022 (117 cases) were similar to the number opened this time last year. Parking citations represented the majority of violations at 43%. Construction related code violations (erosion control, work without a permit, staging without a permit, illicit discharge) decreased 66% during February verses January. 43 noise complaints were made during February with only one verified for being in excess of the City Code ordinance.



Type of Violation	Number of Violations
Parking Citations/Warnings	53
Placement of Trash on Swale	30
RV Permits	10
Right of Way Obstruction	6
Public Nuisance	5
Boat and Boat Trailer Parking	4
Litter and Debris	4
Erosion Control	3
Staging Without a Permit	3
Work Without a Permit	2
Noise	1
Vegetation Removal without a Permit	1
Damaged Sidewalk	1
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^{**}This figure reflects the total number of violations and not the number of cases. This is to account for cases with multiple violations.

Code Enforcement Cases

February 22nd, 2022, Special Magistrate Hearing Cases

February 2022 Magistrate Hearing reviewed 18 cases. Most cases heard before Magistrate concerned construction violations: 7 cases were in relation to work done without a permit, 4 were staging without a permit, 2 were for illicit discharge. For more information about Magistrate cases/rulings, please visit us at:

City of Marco Island Florida - Meeting of Code Enforcement Magistrate on 2/22/2022 at 10:30 AM (legistar.com)

Click on the published minutes for that session.

<u>Code Enforcement Protected Species Update</u>

Burrowing Owls: On February 18th, the Marco Island Code Enforcement Department hosted a meet and greet for the Marco Island Owl Watch Committee. This occasion marked the two-year anniversary of Audubon Western Everglades' (AWE) proclamation from the City of Marco Island for their efforts at protecting the Burrowing Owls. Over 25 people

attended the event. Community Service
Officer (CSO) Warder, AWE and Owl Watch
discussed collaborative efforts and the
partnership amongst the organizations.
Together, we work to protect and educate the
community about these special creatures.

At the end of February, AWE reported approximately 337 owl burrows on Marco Island. 104 starter burrows were created by Owl Watch Volunteers; 25 of these starters have been successfully excavated by Owls. In total, 11 sites are active with chicks.

Owls are searching for new locations to live.



Marco Island welcomes one of its newest members to the community (photo credit: Jean Hall)



Staging Without a

Permit

Illicit

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Vegetation

Removal.

Permit

Protected

Species

2 Trash on

Swale

Work

Without a

Permit

Parking

Citation

Meet and Greet with Owl Watch Committee member, Audubon Western Everglades' (AWE), and Marco Island Code Enforcement Officers (photo credit: Jean Hall)

AWE reported more Burrowing Owls appear to be returning to construction sites during time of inactivity. AWE believes a possible reason could be that owls with burrows lawfully removed, are looking to return to their original location. AWE also monitored more owls setting up burrows in unusual locations due to lack of habitat. More owls are locating to swales; an area that presents significant risk for the owl and their chicks. The Code Enforcement Department is educating people about this safety risk through social media. Our Code Department also continues to remind community members to drive carefully; everyone plays a part in helping this unique animal thrive.

8 incidents involving owls were investigated by Marco Island Code Enforcement. All incidents involved parked vehicles within the 33-foot burrow perimeter. Education, training and verbal warnings were effective in resolving these violations.

Beach Report

Community Service Officers (CSO) logged slightly less hours for Beach patrol, as they did last month. The decrease in hours was a result of their reassignment for Farmer's Market traffic control. Patrolling the beach, debris pick-up and community-oriented policing remain the main duty focus for our CSOs.

The number of medical related incidents was higher this month in comparison to previous months. Not only do our Community Service officers patrol the beach to enforce city ordinances, but they also serve a key role for helping people who have become injured or help off the beach through transport. This month, officers have also enforced more boaters distance from beach swimmers, ensuring they stay 750 ft off- shore.

CSO Warder monitored 2 dolphins thought to be stranded due to tide, both were deemed in good health and went on their way.

Activity	Events
Patrol Activity	174
Pick Up Debris/Litter	100
Information/Directions	75
Community Oriented Policing Activity	42
Inspect/Check Beach Signs	32
Glass on Beach Enforcement	24
911 Calls	18
Fill Holes in Sand	17
Marine Emergency Call Assist	15
Dog on Beach	13
Youth Badge/Photo Op	11
Bikes on Beach	12
Injured/Sick Bird/Animal	5
Courtesy Transport	4
Special Detail	3
Medical Emergency	3
Trespass	3
Fishing License Check	3
Traffic Problem	3
Shorebird Flushing	2
Found Property	2
Assists	2
Suspicious	1
Missing Person	1





February 4th was Crossing Guard Appreciation Day. Thank you for your service, Ms. Pisano in keeping our children safe

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February's social media outreach and engagement showed a steady increase of followers and fans. We began the month with our students at Tommie Barfield Elementary, highlight the L.E.A.D. program, which promotes health communities free of drugs, bullying and violence. Throughout the month, prevention campaigns on mail and boat thefts were pushed out across all platforms.

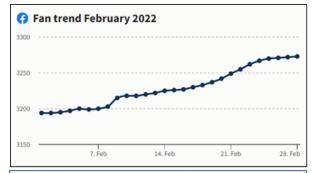
Two "MIPD Spotlight" posts were published, detailing the impressive biographies of Officers Rosario and Prigge. Both posts received high levels of engagement and numerous complementary remarks!

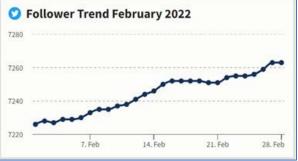
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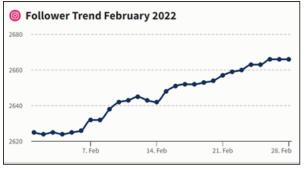


When we work together and help each other out, our community is better. This month we celebrated a #Bettertogether moment with Owl Watch volunteers, The Audubon Western Everglades, and Community Service Officers during Owl Watch Appreciation Day. There was a great turn-out and a lot of excitement behind the partnership.

Number of followers for Marco Island Police Department Facebook, Twitter, Instagram February 2022







February Top Performing Posts



Marine unit assists with medical emergency



Officer Corrigan's swearing in ceremony with Chief Frazzano



Honoring the memory of Lt. Smith

Appendix: February 2022 vs. 2021 Activity Overview

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	
Community Oriented	2,332	2,327	2,065	2,118	2,255	2,357	2,583	2,144	2,464	2,426	2,061	2,020	2021
Policing Activities	2,249	1,855											2022
Extra Patrols	7,993	7,885	8,596	8,063	7,261	6,627	7,728	8,821	10,398	10,751	8,374	8,859	2021
Extra Patrois	9,392	7,250											2022
Parking Complaints	20	34	31	42	37	41	93	80	49	34	23	32	2021
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Noise Complaints	52	44	86	85	105	83	103	68	43	54	22	30	2021
Noise complaints	37	43											2022
Traffic Stops	801	795	670	819	823	726	857	649	776	790	689	754	2021
Trume Stops	844	690											2022
Calls for Service	13,180	12,977	13,792	13,192	12,068	11,853	13,745	14,175	15,508	14,687	12,979	13,723	2021
Guilla for service	13,124	11,744											2022
Noise Complaints	8	5	15	16	16	16	11	13	4	12	1	5	2021
Verified	2	1											2022
Traffic Citations	112	109	70	96	116	152	166	59	120	107	88	73	2021
Traine Citations	135	106	-			-							2022
Traffic, Parking & Vessel	174	165	127	148	234	175	190	226	245	197	119	152	2021
Written Warnings	201	212	-			-							2022
Vehicle Crash	31	24	66	32	28	35	29	13	17	20	36	29	2021
Venicle Crash	49	38		1				-	-		-		2022
Criminal Cases - Open	5	7	10	9	17	10	10	17	5	9	16	6	2021
Criminal Cases - Open	11	16		1				-	-		1		2022
Criminal Cases - Closed	52	37	58	44	53	45	57	50	46	40	37	52	2021
Criminal Cases - Closed	46	61											2022
Criminal Cases - Cleared	18	14	14	25	2	29	28	10	7	2	13	10	2021
Criminal Cases - Cleared	2	6											2022
Criminal Case - Follow-Ups	23	27	31	42	61	47	33	43	35	56	28	32	2021
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Crime or Incident Reports	80	69	89	89	117	99	103	86	65	64	79	79	2021
Taken	84	90											2022
Persons Arrested	19	15	12	21	17	33	23	11	7	10	18	8	2021
T CISONS ATTESTED	13	6											2022
Beach Patrol Events	720	694	694	817	1,204	590	859	637	654	599	556	638	2021
Deach Fation Events	557	563											2022
Beach Patrol Hours	305	258	355	359	398	251	362	249	266	214	198	258	2021
Deach ration hours	222	221											2022
Marine Patrol Events	354	205	198	286	200	143	78	227	163	233	275	703	2021
	337	459											2022
Traffic Count (Jolly Bridge).	15,628	22,043											
Avg. Daily Count													2022
Total	18,278	17,801	18,368	18,224	17,735	16,669	19,319	18,744	20,470	19,542	17,237	18,599	2021
Total	17,988	16,237											2022

