



City of Marco Island

Meeting Date: March 7, 2022
To: City Council
From: Chief Tracy L. Frazzano
Through: Michael A. McNees, City Manager
Re: January 2022 Monthly City Council Report

The popular Marco Island Farmer's Market was in full operation this month. This year, the Farmer's Market relocated to Mackle Park, a temporary home while Veteran's Park remains under construction. To identify potential issues that may occur at the new location, Marco Island Police Department and the Parks and Recreation staff partnered to create a trial run of the Market at Mackle Park end of its 2021 season.

At the start of the new season, Marco Island Police Department pre-emptively doubled its Police presence at the event and key intersections to help with congestion and parking issues. Code Officers were assigned to support the community's access, pedestrian safety and parking compliance. Given the added complexities of roadway construction located nearby the market, the Marco Island Police are continuously seeking solutions to manage the traffic flow and parking experience with the community.

After 5 and a half years of service, Community Service Officer John Kovacs retired from the department on January 19th. John played a strong role at helping our community achieve a high quality of life through his work as a Community Service Officer. John was known for his friendliness and approachability, instilling a small-town feel that Marco Island is known for. John will continue with the Code Enforcement Department as a reserve member when he's not out enjoying his well-deserved retirement. We wish him all the best.



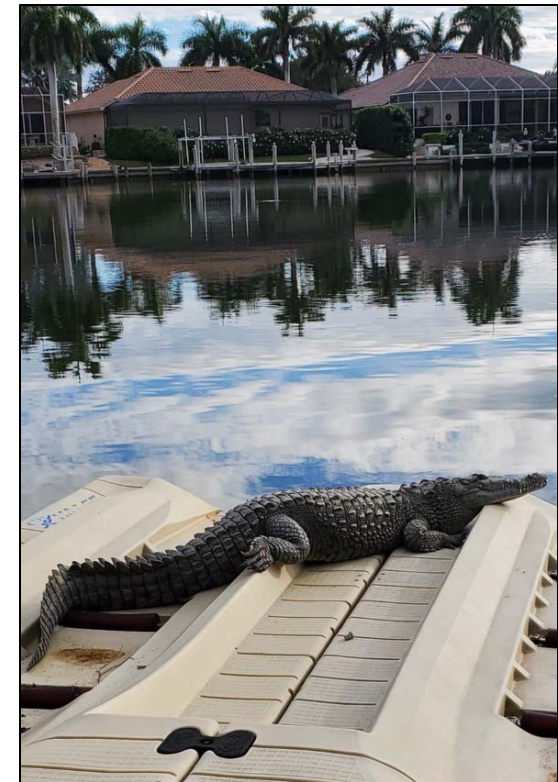
*A view from patrolling at sunrise
(The officer of this vehicle was not driving when this picture was taken)*

January Police Activity

Crime report:

84 incident reports were written in January. The number of crimes this month increased in comparison to January 2021 due to more criminal traffic cases and bicycle thefts that occurred on the island. The Marco Island Police Department reminds residents and visitors to make sure they lock their bicycles whenever they are not within their possession.

Jan-2022		Jan-2021		'22 v. '21
Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Diff.
Sex offenses	4	Sex offense	2	
Domestic Battery	2	Domestic Battery	2	
Assault	2	Assault	2	
Intimation/Stalking	0	Intimation/Stalking	0	
Total	8	Total	6	33%
Property Crimes		Property Crimes		
Robbery	0	Robbery	0	
Burglary	0	Burglary	1	
Burglary Auto	0	Burglary Auto	0	
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	Motor Vehicle Theft	0	
Theft	9	Theft	2	
Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	1	Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	6	
Fraud	2	Fraud	0	
Total	12	Total	9	33%
Misc. Crimes		Misc. Crimes		
Others (Trespass, Warrants, etc.)	1	Others (Trespass, Warrants, etc.)	3	
Criminal Traffic	9	Criminal Traffic	1	
Obstructing Officers	0	Obstructing Officers	1	
Fleeing and Eluding	0	Fleeing and Eluding	1	
Total	10	Total	6	67%
Crimes against Society		Crimes against Society		
DUI	2	DUI	4	
Narcotics	0	Narcotics	0	
Total	2	Total	4	-50%
Other Incidents		Other Incidents		
Marchman Act	1	Marchman Act	3	
Baker Act	0	Baker Act	2	
Operation Medicine Cabinet	1	Operation Medicine Cabinet	0	
Non-Criminal incidents	50	Non-Criminal incidents	50	
Total	52	Total	55	-5%

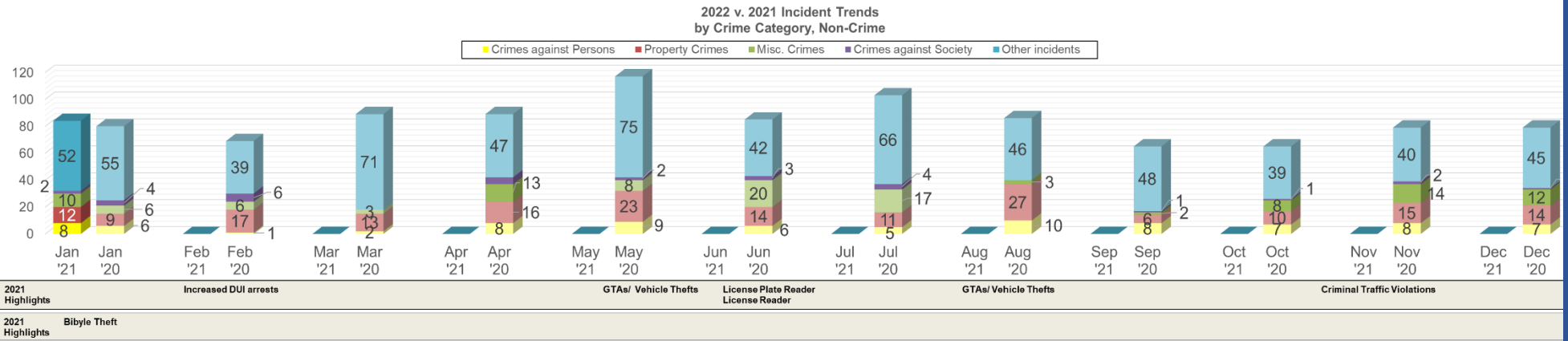


Officers called to investigate a salt-water crocodile (a rare sighting) sunning himself in a canal

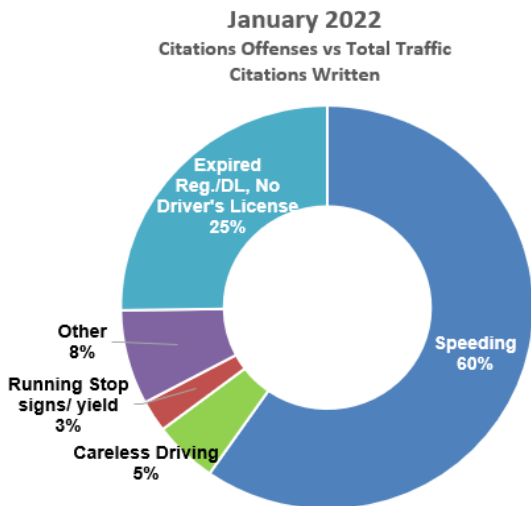
Note: Non-Criminal incidents are reports that do not have a criminal offense or are information reports. Examples include fraud cases (outside of Marco Island jurisdiction), other agency assists, lost, and found items and medical assists.

2022 vs 2021 Incident Trends

52 non-criminal incidents were reported in January. Lost and found items continued to represent the largest number of non-criminal events, accounting for 25% of reported incidents. Fraud that occurred outside Marco Island’s jurisdiction and medical assists represented the second and third highest reported incidents at 14% and 10%, respectively. Many of the fraud cases categorized as “information reports” were because the crime location was in cyberspace and needs to be investigated by another Law Enforcement agency other than Marco Island Police. Our police department helps fraud victims by informing them of resources available to them and documenting the initial report needed for the respective investigative agency.



Traffic patrol



Over 330 traffic warnings and citations were issued in January. Speed related infractions continue to represent the greatest number of written infractions: 60% of total issued traffic citations.

11 driver’s licenses and 4 license plates were confiscated from motorists operating a vehicle with a suspended or canceled license. 9 drivers were arrested for knowingly operating a vehicle with a suspended license; they were transported to the Naples Jail Center.

January Detective Bureau Monthly Report

Investigative Summary:

Investigative cases for our detective bureau increased this month versus the same time period last year due to more sex offense cases and thefts reported.

	Jan-22	Jan-21	22 vs. 21 Diff.
Closed	46	54	-15%
Cleared	2	3	-33%
Open	11	3	267%
Suspended	9	6	50%
Total	68	66	3%

This month's highlight for the detective bureau involved arresting two suspects through a collaborative effort with the Collier County Sheriff's Office. Several bicycles were recently stolen from Marco Island. The Marco Island Detective Bureau released a bulletin to surrounding law enforcement agencies notifying them of the missing bikes. At a traffic stop in Naples, a Collier County Deputy discovered high-end bicycles located in a vehicle. The Collier County Sheriff's Office contacted Marco Island detectives after seeing the bulletin, to investigate if the bicycles were ones stolen from the Island. The suspect voluntarily removed the bicycles from his vehicle for inspection. Marco Island detectives confirmed the bicycles were the same ones reported stolen from Marco Island. The suspects were arrested and taken to Naples Jail Center.

Cases Closed by Detective Bureau:

Death Investigation – A death reported to and handled by patrol officers was closed after the Medical Examiner ruled the death was from natural causes.

Harassment – The Detective Bureau was called in to assist patrol officers in evaluating a threat made to a local business. The person making the threats was interviewed and deemed not to be a credible threat at this time. The reporter wanted this incident documented.

Battery – A photograph of a suspect who battered a restaurant patron was disseminated through various platforms, however no leads developed. The case was suspended pending a tip.

Death Investigation – A death investigation was closed after the Medical Examiner ruled it a suicide.

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Hit and Run – A report of a vehicle crashing into a gate and leaving the scene of the crash. The suspect was identified and agreed to pay for the damages. The victim declined prosecution.

Battery – A road rage incident led to one subject biting another. The victim declined prosecution.

Grand Theft – A wedding ring was stolen from a residence. Suspects were identified but sufficient probable cause for an arrest has not yet been established.

Follow-Up Reports from Patrol:

Sex Crime – A report of past child molestation was received; the investigation is ongoing.

Suspicious Incident – Mail delivered to a resident on Marco Island contained a missing credit card. This mail was part of another incident, a stolen Mail bag that was recovered in Collier County. Investigation is ongoing with the US Postal Service.

Suspicious Incident – A report of an attempt at vacation rental fraud by an out of state victim. Victim located the listing through a website. Investigation is ongoing.

Sex Crime - A report of a past child molestation was received. The investigation is ongoing

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String of Thefts – Two subjects have been arrested and charged with the theft of several bicycles at a condominium complex. Both subjects are suspected of additional thefts; charges are pending.

Sex Crime – A male exposed himself to a female in a parking lot. The investigation is ongoing.

Fraud – The reporter was defrauded over \$30,000 by means of impersonation. The investigation is ongoing.

Self-Initiated Reports:

Operation Medicine Cabinet – A report was initiated on two different dates after prescription drugs were removed from the public drop-off cabinet. Prescription drugs were packaged and placed into MIPD Property and Evidence pending proper destruction.

Fraud – A report of a vacation rental fraud. Victim booked through a website. Investigation is ongoing.

Cyber Tips – Two cyber tips were received this month regarding internet crimes against children.

Detectives: Investigation Summary for January

Case management		Arrests/Warrants/Prosecution/ Hearings	
Supplemental Reports	40	Arrest Warrant Requests	3
Det Supervisor Review of Reports	37	Warrant Checks	183
Det Supervisor Evidence Log Processing	15	Contact with State Attorney's Office	4
Initial Reports Written	8	Follow up / Assists	
Self-Initiated Reprots	2	Detective Called In (From Off Duty)	2
Exploratory (Collection / documentation)		Case Follow Ups	37
Interviews	25	State Attorney/ Clerk of Court	5
Evidence Submissions	9	Bulletins Created/Distributed	17
Neighborhood Canvass	2	Other Agency Assists	1
Videos Processed from WatchGuard	15	Policing	
Sex Crime Investigations	6	Special Events Coverage	18
Child Protective Team Interviews	3	Traffic Stops	2
Subpoena Requests	2		
Death Investigation	1		

January Marine Report

Marco Island Police Department Marine Officers observed a decrease in boater traffic on Marco Island waterways due to several cold fronts and high winds during the month of January. Officers took advantage of the inclement weather to conduct vessel maintenance to our fleet.

Officers Josh Ferris and Bob Marvin conducted vessel safety and sanitation inspections of anchored vessels in Smokehouse and Factory bays. All vessels were following Coast Guard regulations.

An at-risk sailboat located in Factory Bay was investigated in partnership by Marco Island Police Department's Marine Unit and Florida Fish and Wildlife (FWC). The derelict vessel, moored for the past three months in Factory Bay, degraded and began taking on water. Until the owner of the vessel was located, the Marco Island marine unit periodically checked on the vessel and pumped water from the sailboat to prevent sinking. The owner of the 38ft. sailboat was located and issued a summons along with two misdemeanor citations. A Notice of Violation was also posted on the vessel, giving the owner 21 days to comply.

One marine emergency (MERT) occurred this month. Officer Bob Marvin responded to a marine emergency on January 18th. A paddle boarder was caught in a strong current on the Marco River and unable to make it back to shore. Officer Marvin made contact with the paddle boarder and safely returned him to shore.

January 2022 Marine Events	2022	2021
Total Events	338	354
Canal, Bay River and Gulf patrol	103	105
Patrols/ Business Checks	83	24
Vessel Stops	42	75
Warnings	34	85
Citations	3	1
Assist Boater/Citizen Contacts	21	2
MERT	1	3
Sanitation Inspections Smoke House Bay	1	20
Sanitation inspections Factory Bay	2	36
Boater Safety Checks*	21	--
Resource Checks*	8	--
Marina Patrols*	42	--
Suspicious Vessels	5	3

*Newly reported activity in 2022



MIPD Marine Officer Ferris and Florida Fish and Wildlife Officer Plussa meet with a friendly visitor from Chicago



Marco Island Police Department resecured vessels that dragged anchor during the high-wind storm that occurred in January

January New Hires

- Andrew Smith joined Marco Island as a Reserve Officer on January 10th. Officer Smith previously served with the Collier County Sheriff's Office prior to coming to the Marco Island Police Department.
- Brian Corrigan joined the Marco Island Police Department as a patrol officer on January 24th. Before joining the Marco Island Police Department, Officer Corrigan acted as the Commanding Officer of the Counterterrorism Canine Unit for the NYPD.

January Training

Marco Island Police Department recently acquired Inveris, an interactive computer program that trains officers how to manage and deescalate high tension situations. This tool supplements Marco Island's law enforcement training curriculum. Through role playing, this scenario-based program places officers in simulated events that are emotionally driven and unpredictable. Officers must quickly assess and respond in real time with voice commands. This training is designed to prepare our officers to effectively navigate potentially life-threatening events through greater incident frequency and exposure to a variety of scenarios.



Officer Corrigan's swearing in by Chief Frazzano

This month, all officers received training on Ketamine, an illegal recreational drug.



Reserve Officer Andrew Smith

January 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.

Activity Type	Jan-22	Current Year 2022
Administrative	18	18
Background Investigations	15	15
Beach Patrol	5	5
Community Events	15	15
Investigations / Follow-up	0	0
Marine Patrol	0	0
Monthly Meeting	0	0
Park Patrol	3	3
Special Duty (Paid)	104	104
Special Duty (Unpaid)	10	10
Solo Patrol	0	0
2 nd OFC Patrol	0	0
Program Coordination	12	12
Training	12	12
Weather Event	0	0
Other	0	0
Total	194	194

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.

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

Special Details in January totaled 350 hours, ↑ 52 hours from December.

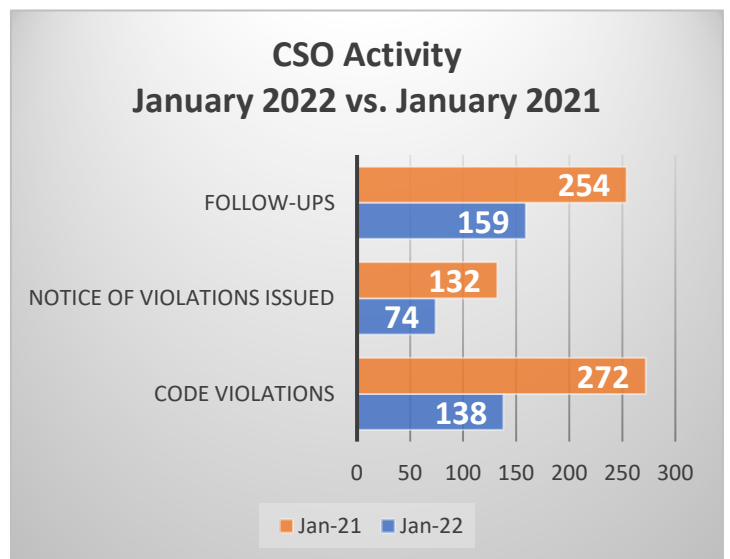
• United Church	Security	23 Hours
• JCMJ	Security	33 Hours
• Island Country Club	Security	80 Hours
• Presbyterian Church	Security	32 Hours
• Farmer’s Market	Security & Traffic	80 Hours
• Chase Bank	Security	27 Hours
• San Marco Catholic Church	Security	38 Hours
• Crescent Beach	Security	13 Hours
• St. Mark’s Art Show	Traffic	12 Hours
• Center for the Arts Show	Traffic	12 Hours

January Code Enforcement:

Community Service Officers (CSOs) answered approximately 500 calls for service during January 2022. Continued compliance with removing waste receptacles on curb coupled with the holiday moratorium of parking on swales generated 30% less events this year verses last. On January 15th, 2022, the City of Marco Island ended the moratorium of the overnight swale parking.

The majority of Code Enforcement efforts (78%) were self-initiated. There was a significant increase in 911 Code calls this month due to misdials on the beach.

40% of code enforcement investigations resulted in issuance of a Notice of Violation and is similar to the amount issued last year at this time (49%). The most significant Code Enforcement violations for this month include: parking citations/warnings, placement of waste on curb, and parking of boats or boat trailers in visible locations.

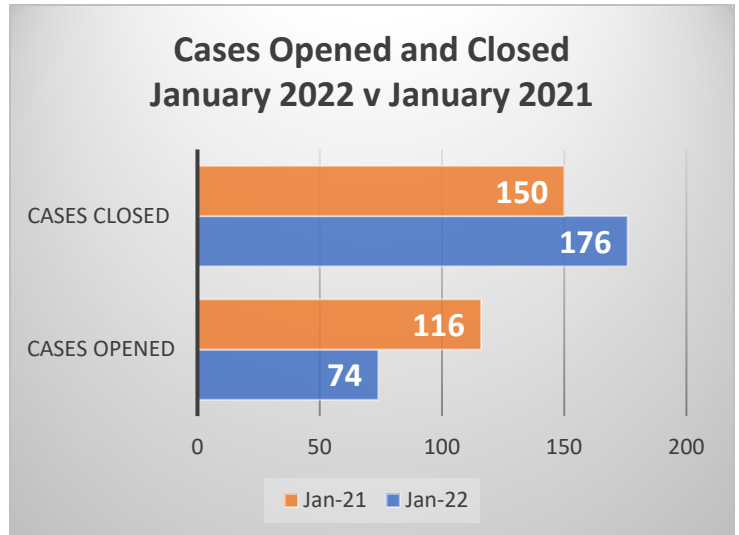


Code Enforcement Cases

January 2022 Code Enforcement Cases

Cases opened in January 2022 were 36% less than this time last year. This decrease is likely due to inclement weather on the Island. The top three violations for the month of January 2022 include: City Code Ordinance 50-37 “Prohibited Parking”, 18-38(8) “Placement of Waste on Curb”, and 30-1007c “Boat and Boat Trailer Parking”. There were two validated noise violations in January.

Type of Violation	Number of Violations
Parking Citations/Warnings	12
Placement of Trash on Swale	9
Boat and Boat Trailer Parking	8
Work Without a Permit	7
Right of Way Obstruction	6
RV Permits	6
Erosion Control	6
Litter and Debris	3
Staging without a Permit	3
Public Nuisance	3
Protected Species	3
Illicit Discharge	2
Noise	2
Vehicle for Sale without Permit	1
**This figure reflects the total number of violations and not the number of cases. This is to account for cases with multiple violations.	

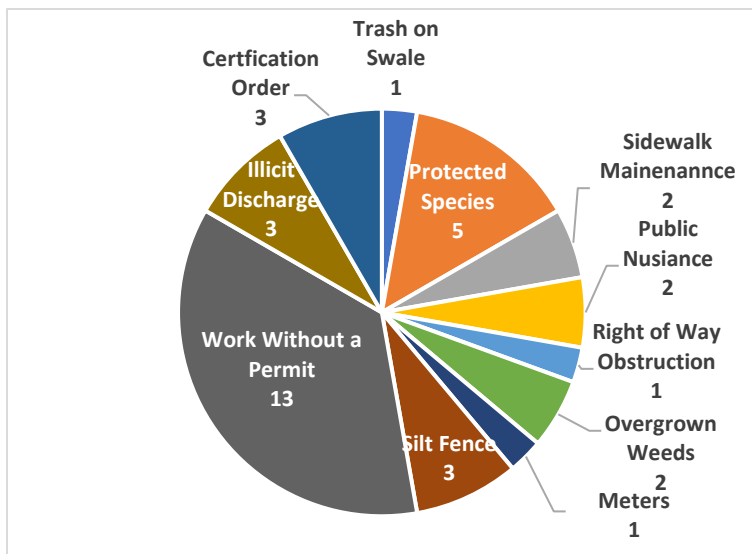


January 25th, 2022, Special Magistrate Hearing Cases

36 cases were reviewed during the January 2022 Magistrate Hearing. 36% of cases were in relation to work done without a permit, and 14% were for protected species violations.

For more information about Magistrate cases/rulings, please visit us at:

<https://marcoisland.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=M&ID=923656&GUID=DD16ADD6-5073-4CEA-B92F-28E198D5F55E>



CSO Lindenmuth rescues injured Osprey for care

Code Enforcement Protected Species Update

Sea turtles: Community Service Officers have been in contact with the Sea Turtle Conservancy. They will be partnering with the Conservancy to set up a workshop for establishing best practices with Sea Turtle provisioning in early May.

Burrowing Owls: The Audubon of the Western Everglades monitored 7 sites on the Island with chicks. These hatchlings came earlier versus other seasons. The biologist for the Audubon is investigating the chicks' accelerated timeline.

In January, Marco Island CSOs received 10 calls for service regarding Burrowing Owls. 7 of the calls were regarding vehicles parked too closely to the burrows: 3 received citations and 4 warnings. No owls were injured.

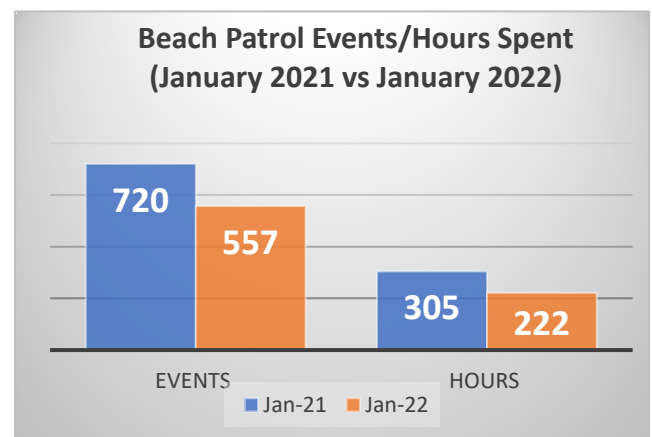
Beach Report

Community Service Officers (CSO) logged slightly less beach patrol hours and events this year versus last January. The decreased activity is due to managing traffic flow and parking at the Farmer's Market. In preparation for Spring beach visitors, Community Service Officers prioritized beach sign inspections. These signs inform both residents and guests about our City's beach codes and are an integral tool for educating beach visitors about code compliance. Community Service Officers (CSO's) also played an active role for keeping our beaches safe by picking up debris that washed ashore from the severe weather system that impacted our area.

Activity	Events
Patrol Activity	128
Information / Directions	100
Pick Up Debris/Litter	92
Community Oriented Policing Activity	61
911 Call	33
Inspect/Check Beach Signs	30
Fill Holes in Sand	19
Glass on Beach Enforcement	18
Bikes on Beach	17
Dog on Beach	15
Youth Badge/Photo Op	12
Shorebird Flushing	11
Courtesy Transport	5
Code Violations	3
Injured/Sick Bird/Animal	3
Traffic Problem	2
Assist	2
Animal Complaint	1
Special Detail	1
Welfare Check	1
Suspicious	1
Drone Complaint	1
MERT Call Assist	1



CSO's gather debris washed ashore from storm

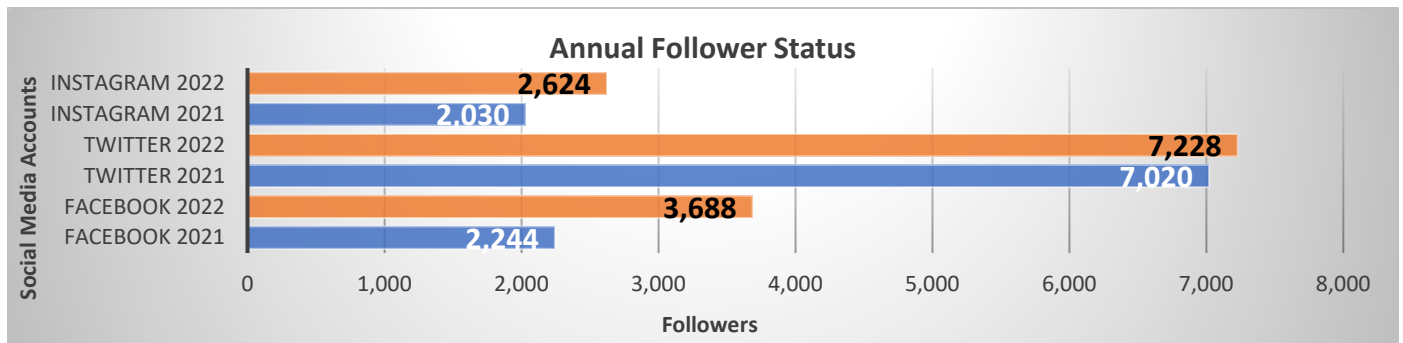
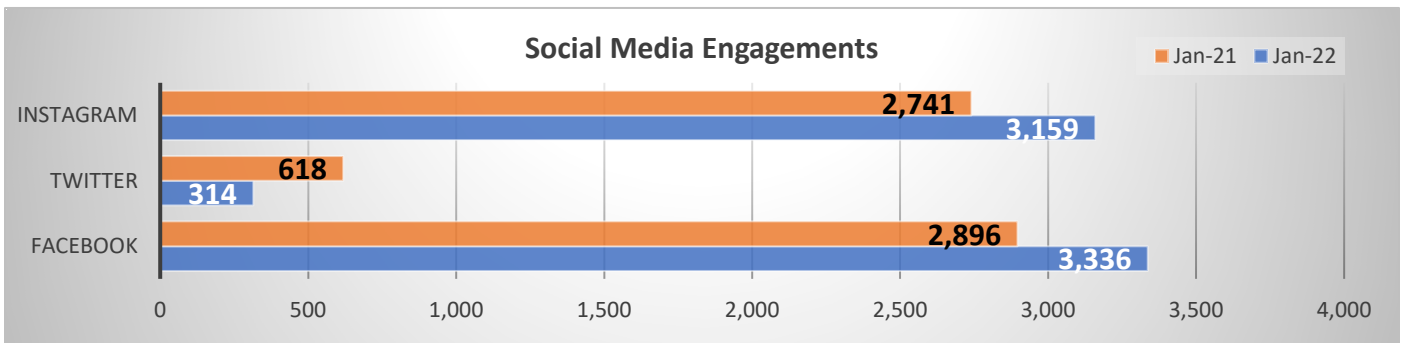


January Community Engagement Report



Throughout January, the Marco Island Police Department continued its informational campaign across all social media channels to deter common city ordinance violations. Messages including swale parking, fireworks, dumping, and property maintenance were pushed out to our social media community members. MIPD also reminded residents of our “Operation Medicine Cabinet” initiative that encourages redemption of unused and expired medicines. In 2021, this program safely disposed of over 600 pounds of medications, keeping our community and waterways safe. MIPD also informed residents that the City of Marco Island successfully renewed its StormReady® Community preparedness program with the National Weather Service, through 2024. StormReady® provides communities with clear-cut advice from the National Weather Service Office, state and local emergency managers, and the media.

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!



January Top Performing Posts



Ofc. Garner assists homeowner with removal of an iguana



Tommie Barfield Elementary students show appreciation with donuts



CSO John Kovacs celebrates at his retirement party

Appendix: January 2022 vs. 2021 Activity Overview

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Community Oriented Policing Activities	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
	2,249	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	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
	9,392	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2022
Parking Complaints	20	34	31	42	37	41	93	80	49	34	23	32	2021
	30	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2022
Noise Complaints	52	44	86	85	105	83	103	68	43	54	22	30	2021
	37	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2022
Traffic Stops	801	795	670	819	823	726	857	649	776	790	689	754	2021
	844	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	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
	13,124	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2022
Noise Complaints Verified	8	5	15	16	16	16	11	13	4	12	1	5	2021
	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2022
Traffic Citations	112	109	70	96	116	152	166	59	120	107	88	73	2021
	135	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2022
Traffic, Parking & Vessel Written Warnings	174	165	127	148	234	175	190	226	245	197	119	152	2021
	201	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2022
Vehicle Crash	31	24	66	32	28	35	29	13	17	20	36	29	2021
	49	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2022
Criminal Cases - Open	5	7	10	9	17	10	10	17	5	9	16	6	2021
	11	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2022
Criminal Cases - Closed	52	37	58	44	53	45	57	50	46	40	37	52	2021
	46	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2022
Criminal Cases - Cleared	18	14	14	25	2	29	28	10	7	2	13	10	2021
	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2022
Criminal Case - Follow-Ups	23	27	31	42	61	47	33	43	35	56	28	32	2021
	45	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2022
Crime or Incident Reports Taken	80	69	89	89	117	99	103	86	65	64	79	79	2021
	84	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2022
Persons Arrested	19	15	12	21	17	33	23	11	7	10	18	8	2021
	13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2022
Beach Patrol Events	720	694	694	817	1,204	590	859	637	654	599	556	638	2021
	557	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2022
Beach Patrol Hours	305	258	355	359	398	251	362	249	266	214	198	258	2021
	222	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2022
Marine Patrol Events	354	205	198	286	200	143	78	227	163	233	275	703	2021
	337	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2022