



# City of Marco Island

Meeting Date: March 6, 2023  
To: City Council  
From: Chief Tracy L. Frazzano  
Through: Michael A. McNees, City Manager  
Re: January 2023 Monthly City Council Report

Highlights for January included Tommie Barfield Elementary School children celebrating Law Enforcement Appreciation Day with our officers. Our officers visited the school and enjoyed the signs and treats the students gave them.

We said goodbye to one of the original members of the Marco Island Police Department. Sergeant Hector Diaz retired after 23 years of service with the Marco Island Police Department. In total, he served 30 years with law enforcement. During his tenure with the Marco Island Police, Sergeant Diaz started and ran the K-9 unit with his K-9 partners Sampson and Alan. He also was a certified motorcycle officer and a Field Training Officer, successfully training several recruits into becoming Police Officers. Sergeant Diaz was recognized throughout his career with numerous awards including Officer of the Year and lifesaving awards. We are pleased that Sergeant Diaz will remain closely connected with our Department as he shifts his duties to serve as a Reserve Officer; a law enforcement agent that serves the community in a voluntary capacity.

Officers Pruchnik, Monsalve, and Reyes were deployed to Sanibel Island to assist the Sanibel Police Department and community with Hurricane Ian recovery. Our officers provided additional security and crime prevention patrols.



*Sergeant Hector Diaz and family being recognized by Command Staff*

## January Police Activity

### Crime report:

99 incident reports were written in January. Property crimes increased due to a chain of motor vehicle thefts. The Marco Island Police Department reminds all residents and visitors to secure their vehicles by locking and removing keys.

The Marco Island Police Department arrested 16 individuals in December 2022 for offenses including Aggravated Assault, Domestic Violence, Driving under the Influence and Driving with a suspended license/ registration with knowledge.

2023 vs. 2022 Crimes by Category, Non-Criminal Offenses				
Jan-2023		Jan-2022		'23 v. '22
Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Diff.
Sex Offenses	0	Sex Offenses	4	
Domestic Battery	2	Domestic Battery	2	
Assault	2	Assault	2	
Intimation/Stalking	2	Intimation/Stalking	0	
Total	6	Total	8	-33%
<b>Property Crimes</b>		<b>Property Crimes</b>		
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	Motor Vehicle Theft	0	
Theft	8	Theft	9	
Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	3	Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	1	
Fraud	1	Fraud	2	
Total	17	Total	12	29%
<b>Misc. Crimes</b>		<b>Misc. Crimes</b>		
Others (Trespass, Warrants, etc.)	1	Others (Trespass, Warrants, etc.)	1	
Criminal Traffic	7	Criminal Traffic	9	
Obstructing Officers	1	Obstructing Officers	0	
Total	9	Total	10	-25%
<b>Crimes against Society</b>		<b>Crimes against Society</b>		
DUI	3	DUI	2	
Narcotics	1	Narcotics	0	
Total	4	Total	2	50%
<b>Other Incidents</b>		<b>Other Incidents</b>		
Marchman Act	2	Marchman Act	1	
Baker Act	2	Baker Act	0	
Operation Medicine Cabinet	1	Operation Medicine Cabinet	1	
Non-Criminal incidents	58	Non-Criminal incidents	50	
Total	63	Total	52	19%



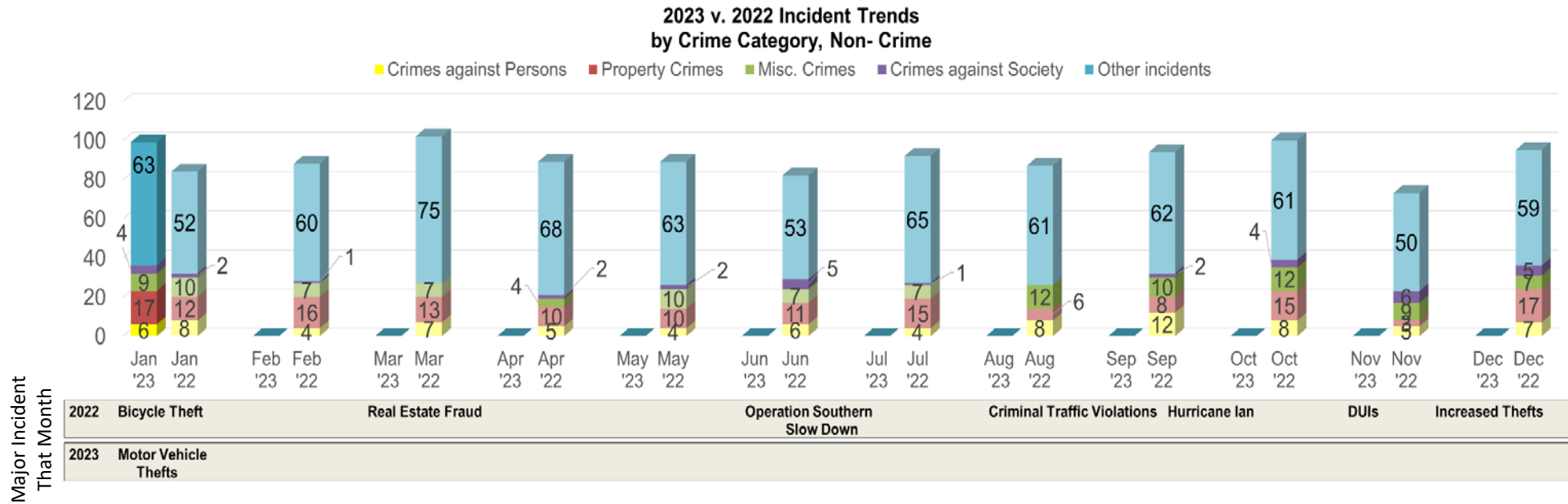
*Officers representing the Marco Island Police Department at the Marco Island Police Foundation Pickleball Slammer Event*

Note: Multiple criminal offenses may have occurred within some incidents in 2022. 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.

## January Incident Trends

63 non-criminal incident reports were taken during January 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.

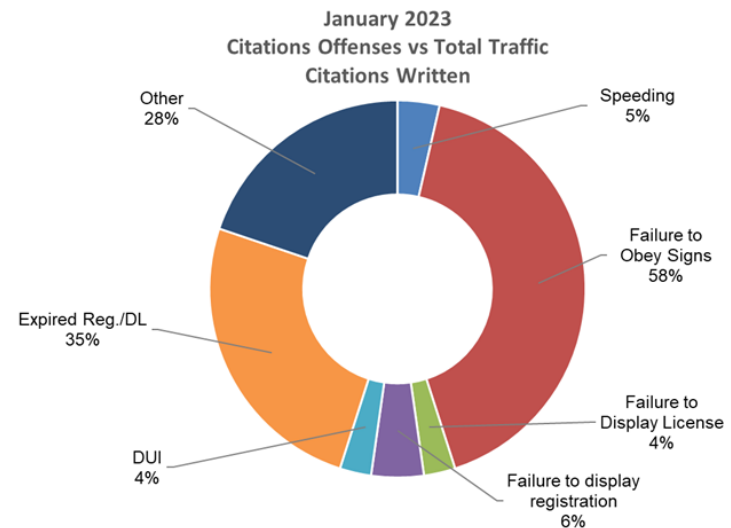


## January Traffic Patrol

232 traffic citations and warnings were issued by the Marco Island Police Department during January. Most infractions (58%) were for the failure to obey signs and traffic control devices. The remaining citations were written for expired licenses and registrations (35%), failure to display a valid registration (6%), and speeding (5%).

In January 2023 the Marco Island Police Department arrested 7 individuals for criminal traffic violations such as driving with an expired driver's license (with knowledge) or driving without being issued a driver's license. 3 people were arrested for Driving under the Influence.

18 licenses and 6 vehicle license plates were seized for operating a motor vehicle with a suspension or revocation.




## 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. 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	January	Total
Administrative	20	20
Background Investigations	0	0
Beach Patrol	0	0
Community Events	25	25
Investigations / Follow-up	0	0
Marine Patrol	0	0
Monthly Meeting	10	10
Park Patrol	5	5
Special Duty (Paid)	168	168
Solo Patrol	6	6
2 <sup>nd</sup> OFC Patrol	0	0
Program Coordination	20	20
Training	40	40
Weather Event	0	0
Other	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>294</b>

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

Special Details in January totaled 281 hours,  112 hours from December.

- United Church Security 20 Hours
- JCMi Security 51 Hours
- Island Country Club Security 48 Hours
- Presbyterian Church Security 24 Hours
- Farmer's Market Security & Traffic 80 Hours
- San Marco Catholic Church Security 34 Hours
- St. Mark's Art Show Traffic 12 Hours
- Center for the Arts Show Traffic 12 Hours
- Santa's Last Stop Security 12 Hours
- Farmer's Market Security & Traffic 100 Hours

## January Training

- Civilian staff were trained for the Incident Command System (ICS). This FEMA developed training helps prepare people for emergency management situations, such as Hurricanes.
- Agency members completed training for Equal Opportunity requirements (Sexual Harassment, Workplace Diversity and Workplace Bullying).
- Agency members were trained by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) for Beach Driving.

## January Detective Bureau Monthly Report

### Investigative Summaries:

	Jan-23	Jan-22	23 vs. 22 Diff.
Closed	60	46	30%
Cleared	15	2	650%
Open	11	11	0%
Suspended	10	9	11%
Total	96	68	41%

### Investigative Summaries

#### **Cases Closed by Detective Bureau:**

**False Imprisonment / Battery** –The State Attorney’s Office denied a request for an arrest warrant.

**Vehicle Burglary** – Two unlocked vehicles were rummaged through at a residence. The case was suspended due to lack of further leads.

**Criminal Mischief** – Landscape lighting was damaged at a local church. The case was suspended; all leads were exhausted.

#### **Follow-Up Reports from Patrol:**

**Death Investigation** – Awaiting a Medical Examiner’s final report.

**Death Investigation** – A death related to a fall is under investigation; a Medical Examiner’s final report is pending.

**Multiple Grand Theft Autos**- 3 vehicular thefts that occurred on the same night are under investigation; all vehicles were recovered in the Tampa Bay area.

**Medical Aid/Death Investigation** – A person from a medical aid call for service at a pool died at the hospital; an investigation is underway with the Medical Examiner’s Report pending.

#### **Self-Initiated Reports:**

**Death Investigation** – The Detective Bureau launched a death investigation after being notified an individual from a medical aid call for service passed away at the hospital.

**Assist Other Agency** – Detective Bureau assisted Collier County Sheriff’s Office with a citizen who needed to comply with a court order.

**Suspicious Incident** – Detective Bureau investigated a suspicious item left behind at a local business.

**Operation Medicine Cabinet** – 51.5 lbs. of assorted prescription medications were removed from the public drop-off site and placed into evidence pending destruction.



*Gary Sinise Foundation thanked First Responders and City Workers for their efforts with Hurricane Ian recovery.*

## Detectives: Investigation Summary for December

Case Management		Arrests/Warrants/Prosecution/ Hearings	
Supplemental Reports	60	Warrant Checks	226
Det. Supervisor Evidence Log Processing	30	Contact with State Attorney's Office	2
Det. Supervisor Review of Reports	55	Court Hearings	2
Initial Reports Written	8	Arrest made by Detectives	1
Exploratory (Collection / Documentation)		Follow up / Assists	
Videos Processed from WatchGuard	37	Case follow-ups	55
Interviews	24	Bulletins Created/ Distributed	15
Evidence Submissions	16	State Attorney/ Clerk of Court	2
Extensive Crime Scene Processing	3	Other Agency Assists	3
Death Investigation	4	Department of Children/Family Referral	1
Subpeona Requests	1	Policing	
Background Checks	1	Traffic Stops	1

## New Member

Pastor Scott Kerens joined the Department, volunteering as the Department's first participant in our new Chaplain Program. The Chaplain Program consists of community religious leaders who help assist our officers with victim support or people who may have experienced traumatic incidents. Chaplains participating in the program also serve with our officers on a committee for Faith and Blue events (community outreach). Pastor Scott Kerens is the lead pastor at the Marco Island Presbyterian Church.



*Pastor Scott Kerens, inaugural member of the MIPD Chaplain program*

## January Marine Report

Officers assigned to the Marco Island Police Marine Unit conducted directed patrols of Marco Island waterways, city marinas, and boat ramps.

Marine Unit officers observed an increase in boater traffic and vessels on anchorage on Marco Island waterways during the month of January. Officers conducted vessel safety and sanitation inspections of anchored vessels in Smokehouse and Factory bays. All vessels were following Coast Guard regulations.

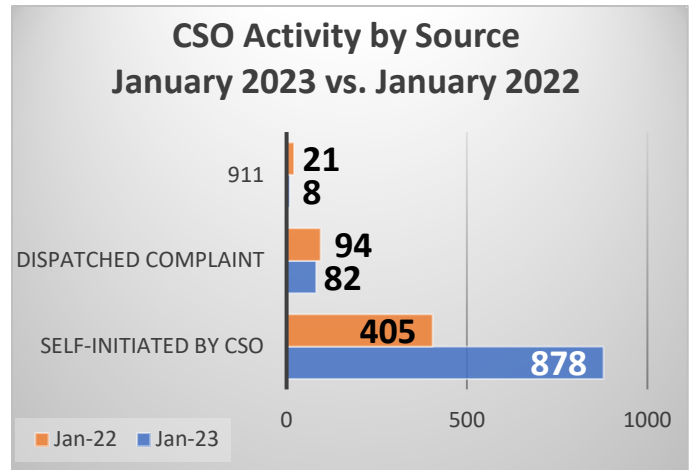
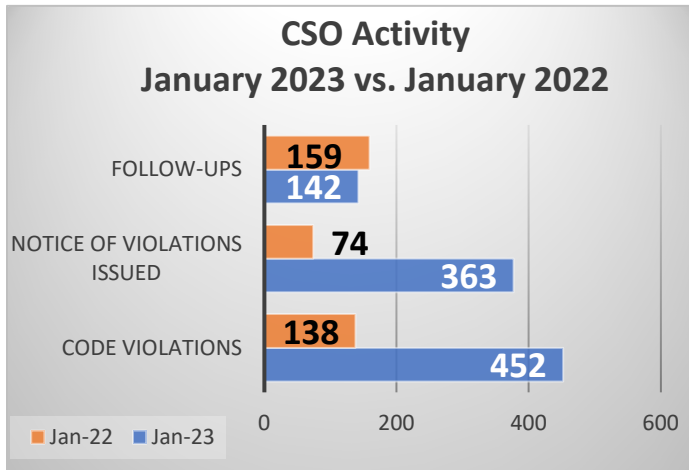
January 2023 Marine Incidents	Jan-23	Jan-22
Total events	647	338
Canal, Bay River and Gulf patrol	289	103
Patrols/ Business Checks	70	83
Vessel Stops	77	42
Citations/ Warnings	84	37
Sanitation inspections Factory Bay	5	2
Sanitation Inspections Smoke House Bay	7	1
Suspicious Vessels	0	5
MERT (Marine Emergency Response Team)	4	1
Assist Boater/Citizen Contacts	23	21
Resource Checks	6	8
Boater Safety Checks	17	21
Patrols/ Inspections of Marinas	65	42

\* Some items may have occurred during the same incident

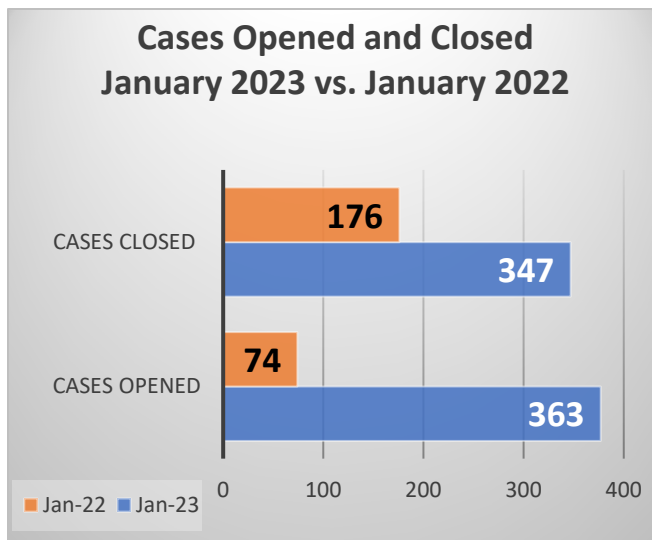
## January Code Enforcement:

To maintain the quality of our waterways in 2023, The Code Enforcement Unit (CSOs) will be tasked with the compliance of the professional Landscape and Fertilizer registration process. On January 10<sup>th</sup> all Code members attended an eight-hour training of Green Industries Best Management Practices (GI-BMP ) given by the University of Florida and passed the certification exam. All Landscapers working within the City of Marco Island were identified and notified of the requirements of the program.

The temporary exemption that allows for residential area overnight parking on the swale ended January 15.



## January 2022 Code Enforcement Cases



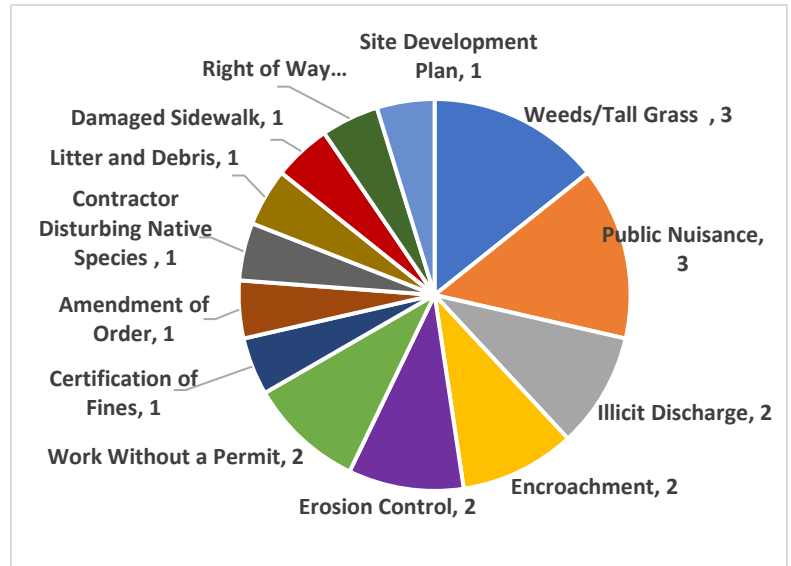
Type of Violation	Number of Violations
Trash on Swale	213
Litter and Debris	21
Irrigation	17
Parking Citation	17
Overgrown Weeds	16
Boat and Boat Trailer Parking	14
Sidewalk Encroachment	14
RV Permit	10
Damaged Sidewalk	9
Protected Species	8
Construction on a Holiday	4
Public Nuisance	4
Erosion Control	4
Abandoned or Derelict Vehicle/Trailer	3
Work without a Permit	3
Right of Way Obstruction	2
Staging without a Permit	2
Anchoring and Mooring	1
Dilapidated/Structurally Unsound Dock	1
Failing Seawall	1
Illegal Dumping	1
Illegal Utility Systems Connections	1
Noise Citation	1
Vessel Encroachment into Waterway	1
Parking on Unapproved Surface	1

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

## December 2022 Special Magistrate Hearing

20 cases were reviewed during the January 31, 2023, Magistrate Hearing. 15% of cases were due to overgrown weeds, 15% were due to public nuisances, and there was 1 certification of fines case. For more information regarding the Special Magistrate Hearings please click on this link:

[Minutes \(32\).pdf](#)

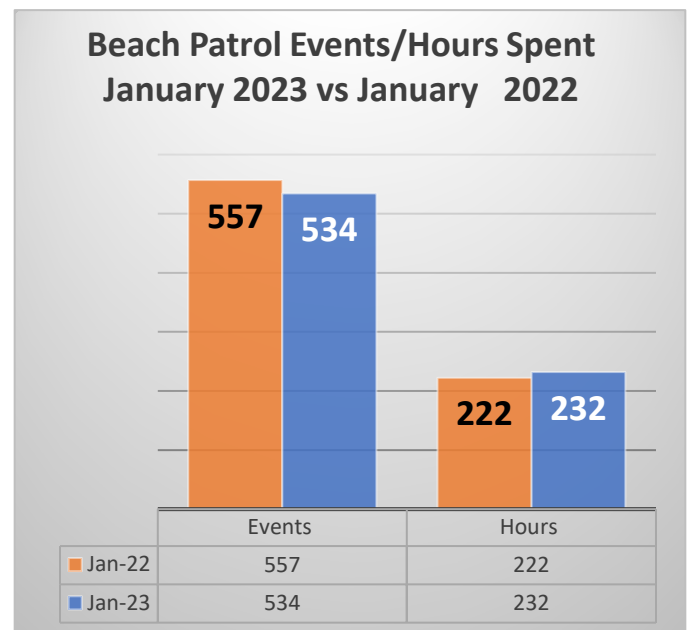


## Beach Report

January saw a small increase in hours spent patrolling the beach vs January 2022 and a 4% decrease in events vs January 2022.

With our beaches now in high season, our Code Enforcement Officers stayed busy assisting our beach goers with information and directions with a total number of Events at 112. Patrol Activity remains the highest number with 128 Events. We are always interacting with the community providing information and educating regarding the many species of animals found on our beautiful beaches.

Type of Violation	Number of Violations
Patrol Activity	128
Information/Directions	112
Pick-up Litter and Debris	92
Youth Badge/Photo Op/Giveaways	45
Community Oriented Policing	40
911 Call Response	27
Inspect/Check Beach Signs	23
Dog on Beach	17
Glass on Beach	8
Shorebird Flushing	8
Injured/Sick Bird	8
Drone/Kites	5
Courtesy Transport	4
Bikes on Beach	3
Details	3
Traffic Stoop	3
Medical Calls	2
Code Enforcement	2
Fill Holes in Sand	1
MERT (Marine Emergency Rescue/ Assistance)	1
Disturbance	1
Suspicious Activity	1





## January Code Enforcement Protected Species

**Burrowing Owls**- There were 25 calls for service for Burrowing Owls in January. All calls involved construction vehicles or cars parked too close to the protection zones. Code Enforcement Officers worked collaboratively with the Audubon of the Western Everglades (AWE) with these incidents.

- 8 were handled with education and verbal warnings. These resulted in immediate compliance.
- 3 had Stop Work Orders issued.
- 1 construction site, after several verbal warnings were issued, received 2 citations for non-compliance.
- The remaining construction sites are being monitored regularly.

Breeding season for Burrowing Owls officially starts February 15 and ends July 10<sup>th</sup>. During this time, the protection perimeter around the Owl's burrows increases from 10-feet to 33- feet of protection.

**Other Birds**- CSOs responded to 2 separate incidents of an injured Laughing Gull and an injured Pelican on the beach. Both were transported to the Conservancy by Audubon of Western Everglades (AWE) volunteers.

CSOs and Police Officers responded to a call for service concerning Black Skimmers that were intentionally killed on the beach. An employee from the Marriott drove through a resting flock of Black Skimmers, a protected species under the US Migratory Bird Treaty Act and identified as a State of Florida threatened species. This act led to the death of 5 Black Skimmers. One of the Skimmers was banded for identification and tracking purposes. The case was investigated by the State of Florida, Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC), the Marco Island Police and Code Enforcement. The Code Enforcement



*Code and Police Investigation of 5, killed Black Skimmers*

Department issued 10 Notices of Violation to the subject for violating our protected species codes. The subject is scheduled to appear before the Magistrate in March. FWC is pursuing criminal charges against the offender.

**Gopher Tortoise** - CSO officers responded to 5 Gopher Tortoise calls. One Gopher Tortoise was run over by a vehicle and killed. The 4 other Gopher Tortoise cases in January involved either individuals parking too close to burrows or debris near an active burrow. Three of the incidents were unfounded and 1 Notice of Violation was issued for debris too close to a burrow. AWE was notified of the debris incident and a CSO followed-up with the contractor to advise him of the violation.

Within the month of January, 5 Gopher Tortoises have been struck by vehicles, resulting in 4 confirmed deaths. The Marco Island Police Department advises residents and visitors to drive within the speed limit and be aware of their surroundings to prevent further injuries.

## January Code Enforcement Protected Species (Cont'd)

**Other Species-** While on beach patrol, CSOs were approached by a beach guest with concerns of an injured manatee. Upon investigation, the manatee was extremely close to shore and appeared to be struggling with cold stress due to the drop in temperature. Both Code Enforcement and AWE monitored the situation and contacted FWC. FWC advised against intervention and requested Code Enforcement and AWE to continue observation. The manatee eventually removed itself from the shore and returned to deeper water.



*Manatee monitored by Code Enforcement Officers and AWE*

## Enforcement: Water quality

Code Enforcement remains focused on Water Quality for 2023. During the month of January 2023, there were five violation notices issued for MS4.

Two violations were for Silt Fence, and three were for Illicit discharge. Two of the Silt fences were compliant prior to the Compliance date, and the remaining three are scheduled for February Magistrate.



**Code Enforcement Unit new uniforms**

# January Community Engagement Report

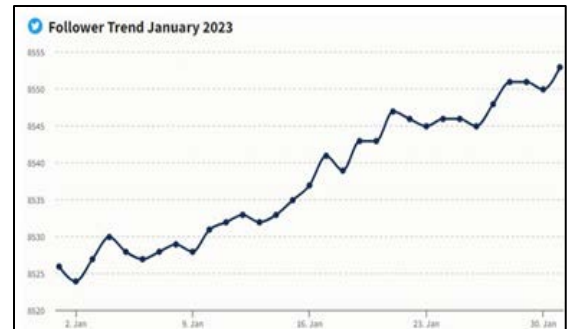
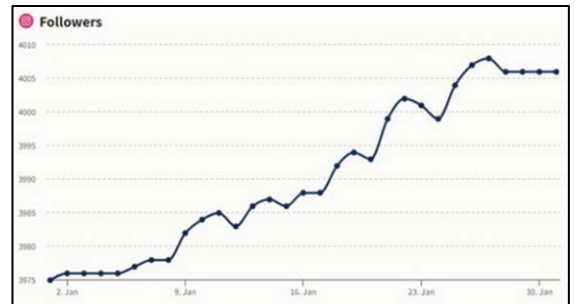
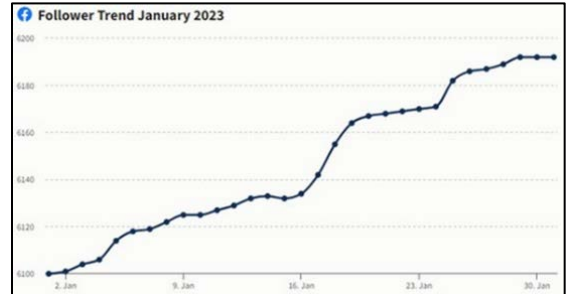


Connect with us @MarcoIsland PD

Marco Island Police Department's social media platforms increased significantly in the last 12 months. Facebook increased by 84.7%, and we continue to see a slight growth weekly. Instagram increased by 53.8%; this platform has been instrumental in reaching vacationers and younger audiences. Twitter increased by 18.6%; this platform serves well to connect with local reporters and media outlets. With a total of 19,197 followers/fans across these platforms our engagement and reach has significantly improved.

January 9 was Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and Tommie Barfield treated some of our officers to a morning of recognition. This month we also introduced the new Code Enforcement Officer uniforms, receiving positive feedback for the new look. MIPD also shared an informative video on how to operate Low Speed Vehicles (LSV's) legally and safely.

## Number of followers for MIPD Facebook, Twitter, Instagram



## #Bettogether Highlight



Chief Frazzano, Sgt. Montgomery and Ofc. Howell competed in the Marco Island Police Foundation Pickleball Slam. The Marco Island Police Department would like to thank the Marco Island Police Foundation, Paradise Pickleball, sponsors, players, supporters, our community and the foundation committee for a great event!

## January Top Performing Posts



Suspect Intentionally Killing Black Skimmers



Sgt. Diaz Retirement



Distraction Theft

## Appendix: January 2023 vs. January 2022

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
<b>Community Oriented Policing Activities</b>	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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Extra Patrols</b>	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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Parking Complaints</b>	30	89	80	57	32	19	33	41	34	3	12	28	2022
	25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Noise Complaints</b>	37	43	61	50	48	44	92	56	33	28	22	38	2022
	35	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	844	690	711	799	625	709	864	786	638	446	611	609	2022
	657	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Noise Complaints Verified</b>	2	1	1	2	4	4 *	1 *	7 *	1	3	2	1	2022
	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Traffic Citations</b>	135	106	143	119	91	96	114	139	112	27	83	80	2022
	111	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Traffic, Parking &amp; Vessel Written Warnings</b>	201	212	203	197	187	194	215	210	171	55	122	134	2022
	146	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Vehicle Crash</b>	49	38	46	42	21	11	39	15	51	24	20	23	2022
	48	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Criminal Cases - Open</b>	11	16	7	10	7	4	5	5	6	11	5	8	2022
	11	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Criminal Cases - Closed</b>	46	61	72	63	64	52	65	61	61	63	42	58	2022
	60	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Criminal Cases - Cleared</b>	2	6	12	4	12	13	10	15	15	16	17	14	2022
	15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Criminal Case - Follow-Ups</b>	45	37	52	47	46	31	32	33	31	38	6	31	2022
	55	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Crime or Incident Reports Taken</b>	84	90	100	89	89	79	91	88	88	100	73	89	2022
	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Persons Arrested</b>	13	6	10	4	11	11	12	15	14	13	15	15	2022
	17	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Beach Patrol Events</b>	557	563	717	671	982	569	872	753	644	531	553	622	2022
	534	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Beach Patrol Hours</b>	222	221	309	295	325	205	335	252	193	150	215	204	2022
	232	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Marine Patrol Events</b>	337	459	712	459	636	435	635	895	487	450	734	354	2022
	647	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Calls for Service</b>	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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	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.

<b>Vehicle Count (Jolley Bridge North bound).</b>	NA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Vehicle Count (Jolley Bridge South bound).</b>	NA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023

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



Students thank our officers during Law Enforcement Appreciation Day