



# City of Marco Island

Meeting Date: May 8 , 2023  
To: City Council  
From: Chief Tracy L. Frazzano  
Through: Michael A. McNees, City Manager  
Re: March 2023 Monthly City Council Report

March 1 was the start date for enforcing the newly restructured fertilizer permit process. The revised fertilizer application requirement was enacted to support our community's water quality: limiting the amount of fertilizer applied to a property in a year, the time of year, and the type of fertilizer applied.

Landscapers who use fertilizer are required to register and secure a permit from the City. Part of the permit process includes the Landscapers successfully completing fertilizer application training , "Green Industries Best Management Practice (GI-BMP)," a course developed by the University of Florida . When Landscapers provide their proof of training, the state issues a Limited Commercial Fertilizer Applicator Certification (LCFAC), and the City will issue a permit sticker with a unique identification number. The Landscaper is required to display that permit on their vehicle. Certification is valid for a four-year period, in accordance with the State regulation for fertilizer applicators. To date, compliance has been positive with 77 Landscapers fulfilling requirements.

Since the start of 2023, our Code Enforcement Officers have been proactively preparing for this fertilizer permit process. All Code Enforcement Officers successfully completed the Green Industries Best Management Practice (GI-BMP) training and officers have been providing continuous on-site education with Landscapers for the restructured permit process, deadline dates, and non-compliance penalties.

This month, the amount of self-initiated calls made by our Code Enforcement Officers doubled in comparison to the same time last year. This significant increase can be attributed to officers focusing on permit inspections, Landscaper awareness efforts, and issuing violations for non-compliance. During March, 67 violations were issued.

Across the upcoming months, our Code Enforcement Officers will continue to focus their efforts on fertilizer permit enforcement including community outreach, to ensure a successful transition with the City requirements. Our Marco Island Police Department also encourages fertilizer professionals to contact the Code Enforcement Department if they have any questions about the permitting process.



**Code Enforcement Officer Zeidler inspects Landscaper vehicles for Permit sticker**

## March Police Activity

### Crime report:

Officers wrote 97 incident reports in March. This month, property crimes increased by 5 incidents (38% ) in comparison to the same time period last year. This increase was due to a rise in thefts (mainly shoplifting, pick pocketing, bicycle thefts). Crimes against society (driving under the influence, possession of narcotics) also had a substantial increase due to more offenses occurring this year versus last year (6 incidents in March 2023 versus 1 incident in March 2022).

The Marco Island Police Department had 13 arrests for incidents including criminal traffic, battery, DUI, narcotics, and arrests for warrants from out of county agencies.

2023 vs. 2022 Crimes by Category, Non-Criminal Offenses				
Mar-2023		Mar-2022		'23 v. '22
Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Diff.
Domestic Battery	3	Domestic Battery	3	
Assault	2	Assault	3	
Intimation/Stalking	0	Intimation/Stalking	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-29%</b>
<b>Property Crimes</b>		<b>Property Crimes</b>		
Theft	13	Theft	7	
Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	4	Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	1	
Fraud	1	Fraud	5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Misc. Crimes</b>		<b>Misc. Crimes</b>		
Others (Trespass, Warrants, etc)	5	Others (Trespass, Warrants, etc)	1	
Disorderly Conduct	1	Disorderly Conduct	1	
Criminal Traffic	4	Criminal Traffic	5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>43%</b>
<b>Crimes against Society</b>		<b>Crimes against Society</b>		
DUI	3	DUI	1	
Narcotics	3	Narcotics	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>500%</b>
<b>Other Incidents</b>		<b>Other Incidents</b>		
Marchman Act	0	Marchman Act	4	
Baker Act	1	Baker Act	1	
Operation Medicine Cabinet	3	Operation Medicine Cabinet	2	
Non-Criminal incidents	58	Non-Criminal incidents	68	
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>-17%</b>



**Police Chiefs join State Attorney Ashley Moody to celebrate Women in Law Enforcement for National Women's History Month.**

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

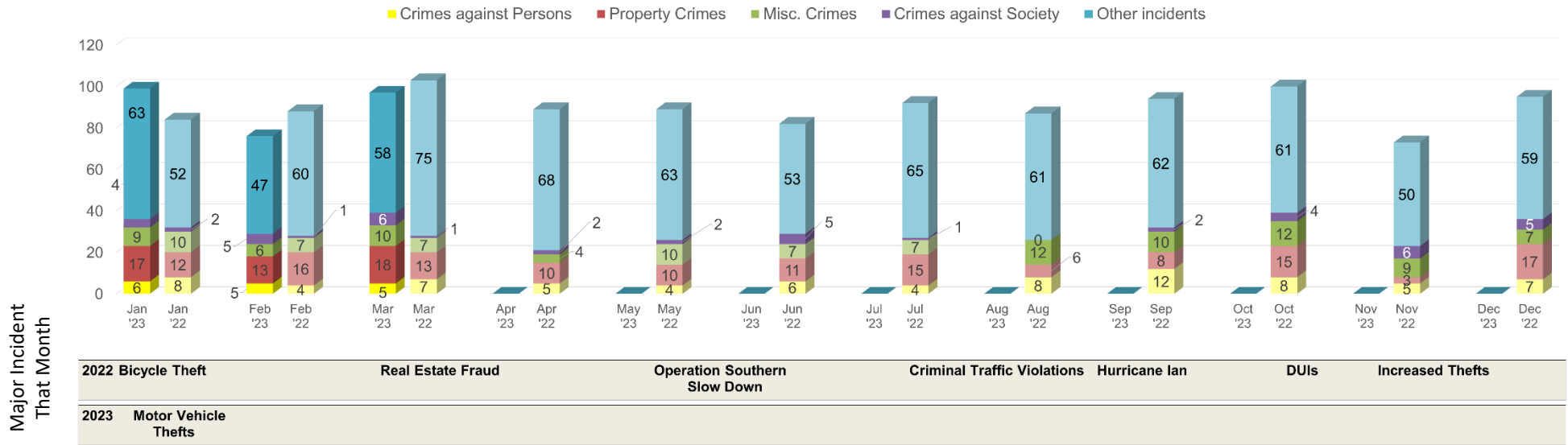
This reporting aligns with new crime data collection requirements from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the FBI. This announcement for crime reporting was covered in the February 2022 monthly report.

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.

## March Incident Trends

58 non-criminal incident reports were taken during March 2023, representing half of the total incident reports. Most of the non-criminal reports were for trespassing warnings, civil disputes and lost/found property. The Marco Island Police Department will hold items in our property and evidence department while we try to locate the owner.

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



## March Traffic Patrol

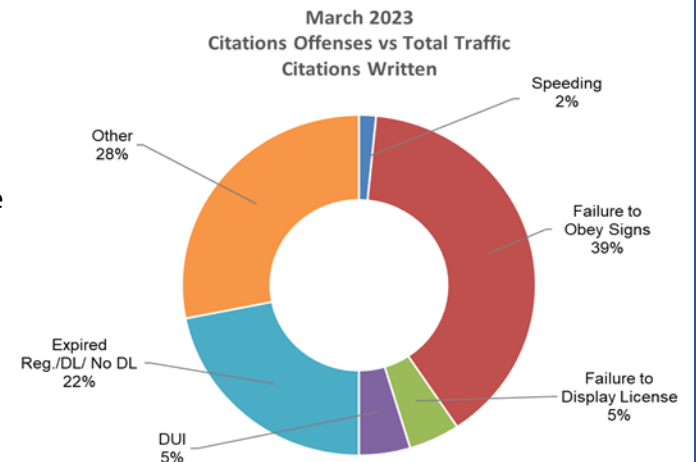
194 traffic citations and warnings were issued by the Marco Island Police Department during March. Most infractions (39%) were for the failure to obey signs and traffic control devices. 22% of infractions were for expired licenses and registrations. Other citations included safety belt infractions, improper passing, and illegal U-turns.

This month, the Marco Island Police Department arrested 7 people for traffic violations. 3 arrests were for DUIs and 4 were for driving with a suspended license with knowledge of the suspension.

Officers seized 7 licenses during traffic stops due to suspensions or revocations.

## Quarterly Crash Report

New legislation took effect on March 1, 2023, which delays the reporting of crash data. The amended statutes keep crash report information confidential from public records for a period of 60 days after the date the crash report is filed with an agency. The revision was passed to provide greater privacy with those involved in crashes. This change in legislation impacts 3<sup>rd</sup> party access to crash data, including the software company we use to geo-map our crash data. Q1 crash data geo-mapping will be available for distribution in June.



## March 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	March	February	Current Year 2023
Administrative	15	30	65
Beach Patrol	0	5	5
Community Events	15	30	70
Marine Patrol	20	0	20
Monthly Meeting	8	8	26
Park Patrol	0	0	5
Special Duty (Paid)	152	148	468
Solo Patrol	0	6	12
2 <sup>nd</sup> OFC Patrol	22	0	22
Program Coordination	20	20	60
Training	16	139	195
<b>Total</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>948</b>

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

Special Details in March totaled 418 hours, ↑ 111 hours from February.

- United Church Security 20 Hours
- JCMJ Security 54 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
- Greater Good Concert Security 8 Hours
- Farmer's Market Security & Traffic 100 Hours
- Somerset Condos Security 12 Hours
- JW Marriott Security 7 Hours
- Hilton Marco Island Security 7 Hours

## Employees News



*Sgt. Montgomery received his 10 years of service award*

- Sgt Montgomery received recognition from the City Council for his 10 years of service.
- Luis Smith joined the Marco Island Police Department as a Code Enforcement Officer. CSO Smith is a retired Police Sergeant from the Los Angeles School Police Department.



*Code Enforcement Officer Luis Smith at his swearing in with Chief Frazzano*

## March Detective Bureau Monthly Report

	Mar-23	Mar-22	23 vs. 22 Diff.
Closed	60	72	-17%
Cleared	13	12	8%
Open	17	7	143%
Suspended	6	9	-33%
Total	96	100	-4%

### Investigative Summaries

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

**Death Investigation** – The Medical examiner’s final report determined a death to be from natural causes.

**Missing Person** – A tourist reported missing was located out of state.

**Assist other Agency** – A construction accident was investigated and reported to OSHA.

**Grand Theft** – Theft of building materials was unfounded; missing materials were accounted for from the site cleanup.

**Petit Theft** – A bicycle valued at \$500 was stolen.

**Criminal Mischief** – A hotel employee’s vehicle was vandalized.

**Grand Theft** – Items were taken from an owner’s locker at a local condominium.

**Theft** – Follow up investigation on a theft of Prescription medications.

**Petit Theft** – A bicycle valued at \$200 was stolen.

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

**Death Investigation** – A subject was found deceased at their residence. Case pending Medical Examiner’s Report.

**Grand Theft** – A bicycle valued at \$760 was stolen.

**Retail thefts** – A local store reported three past petit thefts.

**Petit Thefts** – An employee stole items from other employees.

**Missing Person** – A juvenile placed with a foster family was reported as a runaway. Investigation is ongoing.

**Hit and Run Crash** – A driver failed to stop after a rear end collision.

**Battery** – A victim was battered on the beach. The case is ongoing.

**Trespassing** – An unidentified intoxicated individual attempted to burglarize a house. The case is ongoing.

**Grand Theft** – Detectives are investigating a potentially stolen ring from a rental house.

**Suspicious Incident / Assist other Agency** – Detectives investigated child abuse; case directed to Department of Children and Families (DCF) for follow-up.

**Grand Theft** – Detectives investigating unlicensed contracting and refusal to perform work; loss of \$7,000.

**Grand Theft** – Detective investigating trailer theft.

**Attempted Extortion** – A victim was threatened over social media.

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

**Suspicious Incident** – Detective bureau investigated a report of harassment between neighbors.

**Found Property** – A citizen turned in items at Marco Island Fire Rescue as found property.

**Operation Medicine Cabinet** – 59.5 lbs. of assorted prescription medications were removed from the public drop-off site and placed into evidence pending destruction.

### **Detectives: Investigation Summary for March**

Case Management		Arrests/Warrants/Prosecution/ Hearings	
Supplemental Reports	92	Warrant Checks	209
Det. Supervisor Review of Reports	80	Arrest Warrant Request	5
Det. Supervisor Evidence Log Processing	28	Contact with the State Attorney's Office	2
Initial Reports Written	6		
Exploratory (Collection / Documentation)		Follow up / Assists	
Evidence Submissions	16	Case follow-ups	86
Interviews	14	Bulletins Created/ Distributed	2
Videos Processed from WatchGuard	10	Other Agency Assists	2
Extensive Crime scene Process	2	Employee Background Checks	2
Sex Crime Investigations	1		
Death Investigation	1		
FDLE trips for Evidence	1		
Search warrants	1	Policing	
		Traffic Stops	1

## Marine Report

Marco Island waterways had a significant increase in transient vessel anchorages and vessel traffic during the month of March. As spring break was in full swing, more officers were deployed to the waterways and therefore a significant increase was made in areas of marine patrol, business checks, citations/warnings, and boater assists.

Marine officers recovered a dead manatee from the canal behind Eddington Ct. and transported it to the boat ramp where it was removed by FWC biologists. There was no apparent trauma on the mammal, and it was presumed to have succumbed to the red tide.

On March 11<sup>th</sup> officers were called to respond to Keewaydin island on a report of a large fight. On arrival, officers assisted Collier County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) marine unit officers with dispersing the crowd.

On March 29<sup>th</sup>, officers responded to Marco Beach to a report of a possible missing swimmer. Callers advised police that a swimmer had swam approximately 500 yards off the beach and had not returned. Officers activated a Marine Emergency and Rescue (MERT) and were assisted by CCSO and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conversation (FWC) with search efforts into the night. Officers were unable to locate the swimmer and there were no reported missing persons.

Marine officers continued efforts to secure, remove, and relocate debris from Marco Island waterways throughout their patrols. Marine officers continue to survey the waterways using sonar to locate submerged obstacles marking them with temporary buoys for later removal.

March 2023 Marine Incidents	Mar-23	Mar-22
Total events	1024	712
Canal, Bay River and Gulf patrol	372	203
Patrols/ Business Checks	107	71
Vessel Stops	139	120
Citations/ Warnings	141	114
Sanitation Inspections Factory Bay	9	2
Sanitation Inspections Smoke House Bay	10	6
Suspicious Vessels	7	8
MERT (Marine Emergency Response)	1	4
Assist Boater/Citizen Contacts	62	9
Resource Checks	8	11
Boater Safety Checks	53	63
Patrols/ Inspections of Marinas	115	101

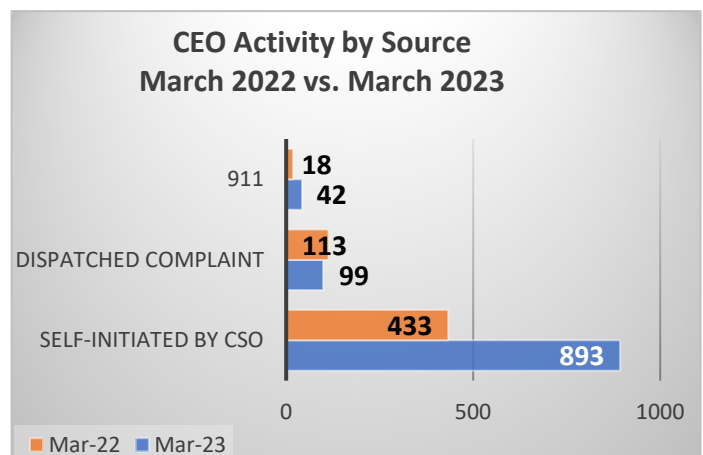
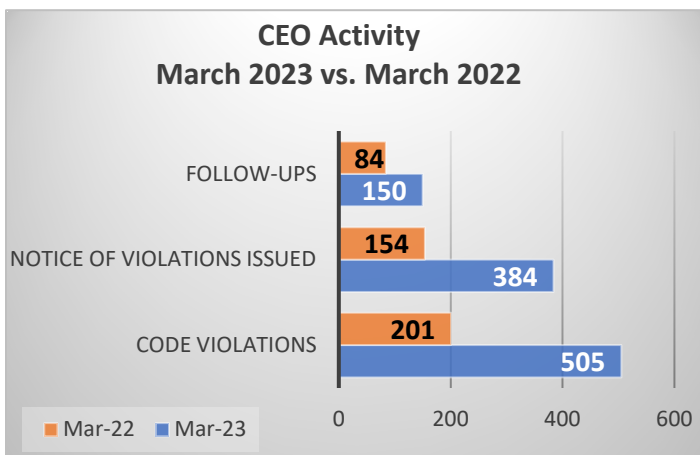
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## Training

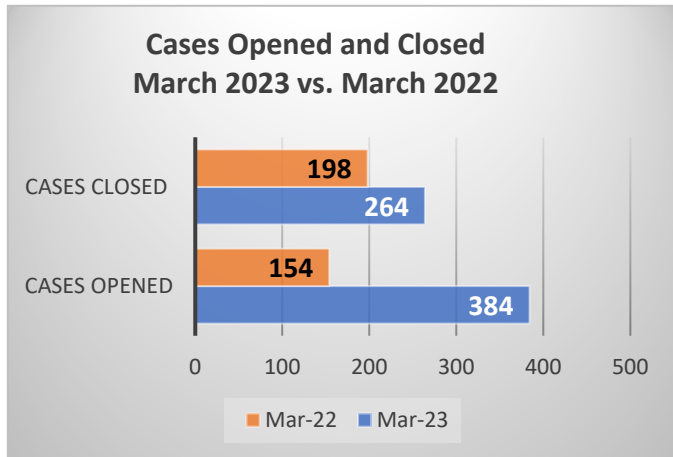
- Officer Carey attended Boat Field Sobriety training.

## Code Enforcement:

The Code Enforcement had a significant increase in self-initiated calls due to proactively notifying and checking on Landscapers for compliance for the March 1 deadline of the Landscape and Fertilizer Registration process. If the landscaper is not registered with the city, code officers issued Notices of Violations with a compliance date of 30 days to be registered.



## Code Enforcement Cases



Type of Violation	Number of Violations
Placement of Waste at Curb	127
Landscape Certification	67
Parking Citations	27
Litter and Debris	26
RV Permits	20
Damaged Sidewalk	19
Overgrown Weeds	18
Boat and Boat Trailer Parking	13
Public Nuisance	10
Erosion Control	9
Right of Way Obstruction	9
Irrigation	7
Violation Warning Notice	6
Work Without a Permit	5
Staging Without a Permit	4
Protectected Species	4
Illicit Discharge	4
Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling	3
Noise	3
Sidewalk Enroachments	2
Noise Citation	2
Abandoned or Derelict Vehicle	2
Code Citation	2
Building Certificate of Occupancy	1
Parking of Commercial Vehicles	1

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

## March Special Magistrate Hearing

The March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Magistrate hearing was cancelled by the Magistrate. All cases going to Magistrate in March were moved to the April 25 hearing.

## Code Enforcement Protected Species

**Burrowing Owls-** There were 26 violations involving Burrowing Owls during March. All were for protection zone violations, meaning vehicles were parked too close to burrows, or burrows were not properly protected with silt fences on construction lots. Of these cases:

- 13 verbal warnings were issued which led to immediate compliance;
- 1 written warning was issued;
- 1 citation was issued;
- 2 Notices of Violation were issued; and
- 9 cases were unfounded after an onsite inspection.

**Other Birds-** Code Enforcement Officers attended to 6 sick or injured birds. 3 Cormorants who appeared to be suffering from red tide issues were rescued. The birds were turned over to Audubon of Western Everglades (AWE), who transported them to the Conservancy for medical aid. One rescued duck had a broken wing. The duck was turned over to AWE. One pelican appeared injured but swam away before it could be rescued. One crow was reported dead.

**Gopher Torties-** There were 6 violations involving Gopher Tortoises this month. One was hit by a car and sustained serious injuries. The Tortoise was transported to the Conservancy for treatment. 4 protection zone violations occurred; when individuals parked their vehicles within the 25-foot protection zone. The violations were handled with 2 Notices of violation and 2 verbal warnings. One Gopher Tortoise appeared to be sick; it was transported to the Conservancy.

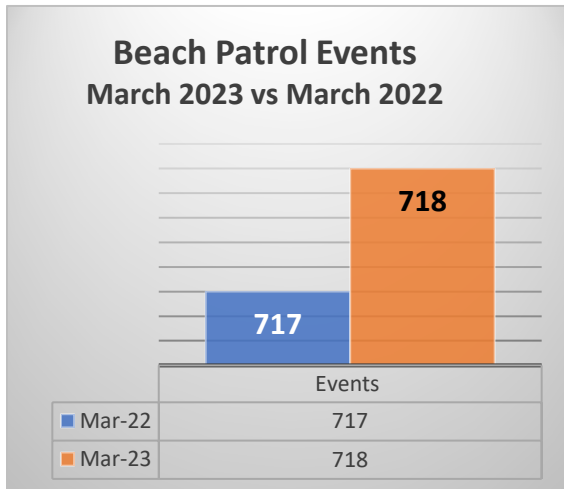
**Manatees-** Officers responded to 2 calls for service involving manatees. One manatee was deceased and turned over to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). The other case reported an injured manatee; the manatee was located and found to be healthy.

**Other Species-** May 1<sup>st</sup> starts our Sea Turtle Nesting Season and runs through October 31<sup>st</sup>. On April 20<sup>th</sup> we will host a Sea Turtle Lighting Enforcement open house from 5:00-7:00pm. There will be guest speakers from FWC and Rookery Bay.

## Beach Report

March had many visitors to our beaches since we were in the height of tourist season.

Our Code Enforcement Officers were busy enforcing and reminding beach goers that glass is not allowed on our beaches and logged 37 Glass on Beach Events. More visitors on our beaches means more litter and debris being left; our Officers were diligent with its removal.



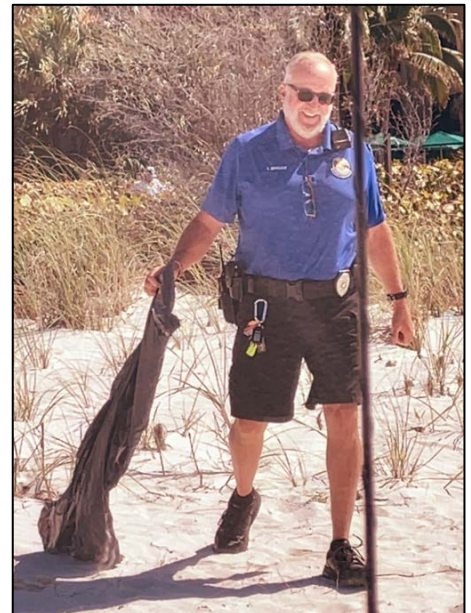
Activity	
Patrol Activity	177
Pick-up Litter and Debris	114
Information/Directions	102
911 Call Response	66
Community Oriented Policing	55
Youth Badge/Photo Op/Giveaways	55
Glass on Beach	37
Inspect/Check Beach Signs	30
Medical Calls	14
Bikes on Beach	9
Courtesy Transport	9
Drone/Kites	9
Dog on Beach	8
Code Enforcement	7
Medical Help	6
Injured/Sick Bird	5
Fill Holes in Sand	4
Assist	3
Fishing License Check	2
Follow Up Investigation	2
Traffic Stop	2
Found Property	1
Missing Person	1

## Code Enforcement: Water quality

During the month of March, Code Enforcement issued a total of 14 Notices of Violation for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4).

Ten violations were for Silt Fence, either missing or damaged. Seven were compliant by meeting the required compliance date, three have been scheduled for Magistrate.

Four violations were for Illicit Discharge. All four were non-compliant and scheduled for Magistrate.



*Code Enforcement Officer Ira Warder  
preparing to capture an injured shore bird*



## Community Engagement Report



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The Marco Island Police Department focused March's outreach on education concerning crime prevention and commonly asked questions from the community.

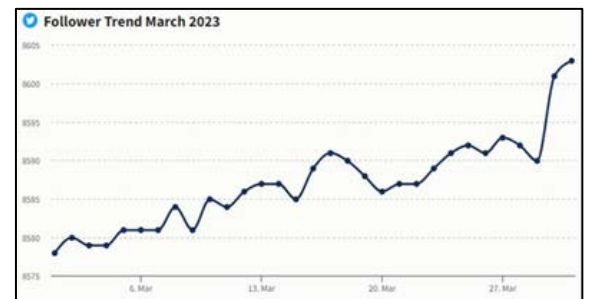
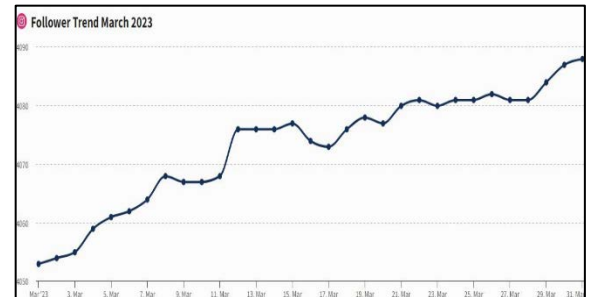
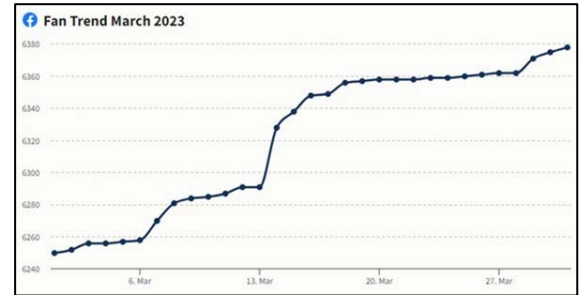
On March 14<sup>th</sup>, Detective Sergeant Huffor spoke with the Marco Island Area Association of Realtors about real estate fraud. He provided steps on how the real estate community can identify property fraud and what can be done for the victims of real estate fraud.

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, our Marco Island Police Department Administrative Staff spent the day at the Marco Island Farmer's Market answering questions from visitors about code ordinances including the fertilizer ordinance, and about services the Department offers such as extra patrols or requesting police reports.

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, several department members had the honor of providing an escort for the "Vinnie's Wounded Vet Run" in celebration of Cpl. Vincent Mannion Brodeur, a wounded veteran who earned the Bronze Star and Purple Heart while serving in Iraq in 2007.

At the end of the month, Chief Frazzano joined other women Police Chiefs in Florida to be recognized by Attorney General Ashley Moody for their achievement in law enforcement and celebrate Women's History Month.

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



### #Bettogether Highlight



School Resource Officer Guyer and 4<sup>th</sup> graders from Tommie Barfield Elementary School joined the Junior Deputy program hosted by the Collier County Sheriff's office.

### March Top Performing Posts



**Banding Marco Island's  
Burrowing Owls**



**Search Warrant & Arrest  
Child Pornography**



**National  
Women's Month**

## Appendix : March 2023 vs. March 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	1,621	1,889	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	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	6,591	7,044	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Parking Complaints</b>	30	89	80	57	32	19	33	41	34	3	12	28	2022
	25	78	94	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Noise Complaints</b>	37	43	61	50	48	44	92	56	33	28	22	38	2022
	35	26	51	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	844	690	711	799	625	709	864	786	638	446	611	609	2022
	657	592	550	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Noise Complaints Verified</b>	2	1	1	2	4	4 *	1 *	7 *	1	3	2	1	2022
	1	0	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Traffic Citations</b>	135	106	143	119	91	96	114	139	112	27	83	80	2022
	111	89	64	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Traffic, Parking &amp; Vessel Written Warnings</b>	201	212	203	197	187	194	215	210	171	55	122	134	2022
	146	152	152	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Vehicle Crash</b>	49	38	46	42	21	11	39	15	51	24	20	23	2022
	48	44	44	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Criminal Cases - Open</b>	11	16	7	10	7	4	5	5	6	11	5	8	2022
	11	15	12	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Criminal Cases - Closed</b>	46	61	72	63	64	52	65	61	61	63	42	58	2022
	60	52	62	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Criminal Cases - Cleared</b>	2	6	12	4	12	13	10	15	15	16	17	14	2022
	15	12	15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Criminal Case - Follow-Ups</b>	45	37	52	47	46	31	32	33	31	38	6	31	2022
	55	62	86	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Crime or Incident Reports Taken</b>	84	90	100	89	89	79	91	88	88	100	73	89	2022
	99	79	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Persons Arrested</b>	13	6	10	4	11	11	12	15	14	13	15	15	2022
	17	10	13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Beach Patrol Events</b>	557	563	717	671	982	569	872	753	644	531	553	622	2022
	534	626	718	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Marine Patrol Events</b>	337	459	712	459	636	435	635	895	487	450	734	354	2022
	647	499	1,024	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	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	11,065	12,204	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	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	NA	NA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
<b>Vehicle Count (Jolley Bridge South bound).</b>	NA	NA	NA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023

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



Newly painted Marco Island Police Department