



City of Marco Island

Meeting Date: January 9 , 2023
To: City Council
From: Chief Tracy L. Frazzano
Through: Michael A. McNees, City Manager
Re: November 2022 Monthly City Council Report

The Marco Island Police Department (MIPD) joined Veteran’s Day activities to honor community members that served our country. On November 11th, the Marco Island Police Department Honor Guard participated in the recognition ceremony at the Marco Island Lutheran Church. Command staff and squad members attended student performances for Veterans at the Tommie Barfield Elementary School. Students sang patriotic songs in appreciation of the Veterans’ service.



Marco Island Police Department Honor Guard at Veteran’s Day Celebrations. Photo courtesy of Lance Shearer, Marco Eagle

In the spirit of the holiday season, the Marco Island Police Department launched their Toys for Tots "fill the box" challenge. From November 28 - December 11, 2022, the police department requested community members to drop off toys at the department in support of the Marine Corps Toys for Tots effort.

We were impressed with the response. Hundreds of toys came in from various groups including private donors, local businesses such as the Turtle Lot, and community organizations such as The City of Marco Island Racquet Center pickleball players and local schools. There will be many happy children during the holiday season thanks to the kindness and generosity of our community.



Marco Island Police Department announces their toy drive for the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation

November Police Activity

Crime report:

73 incident reports were written in November. Driving under the influence (DUI) offenses increased this month and significantly increased versus the same period last year. The Marco Island Police Department made 15 arrests in November; they consisted of DUIs, criminal traffic and non-domestic violence related assaults.

2022 vs. 2021 Crimes by Category, Non-Criminal Offenses				
Nov-2022		Nov-2021		'22 v. '21
Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Diff.
Sex offenses	0	Sex offense	1	
Domestic Battery	1	Domestic Battery	3	
Assault	3	Assault	4	
Intimidation/Stalking	1	Intimidation/Stalking	0	
Total	5	Total	8	-38%
Property Crimes		Property Crimes		
Theft	1	Theft	10	
Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	0	Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	3	
Fraud	2	Fraud	2	
Total	3	Total	15	-80%
Misc. Crimes		Misc. Crimes		
Hit and Run	0	Hit and Run	3	
Criminal Traffic	9	Criminal Traffic	10	
Cruelty of Animals	0	Cruelty of Animals	1	
Total	9	Total	14	-36%
Crimes against Society		Crimes against Society		
DUI	6	DUI	1	
Narcotics	0	Narcotics	1	
Total	6	Total	2	200%
Other Incidents		Other Incidents		
Marchman Act	1	Marchman Act	2	
Baker Act	3	Baker Act	1	
Operation Medicine Cabinet	1	Operation Medicine Cabinet	1	
Non-Criminal incidents	45	Non-Criminal incidents	36	
Total	50	Total	40	25%

* Includes multiple offenses per case

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.

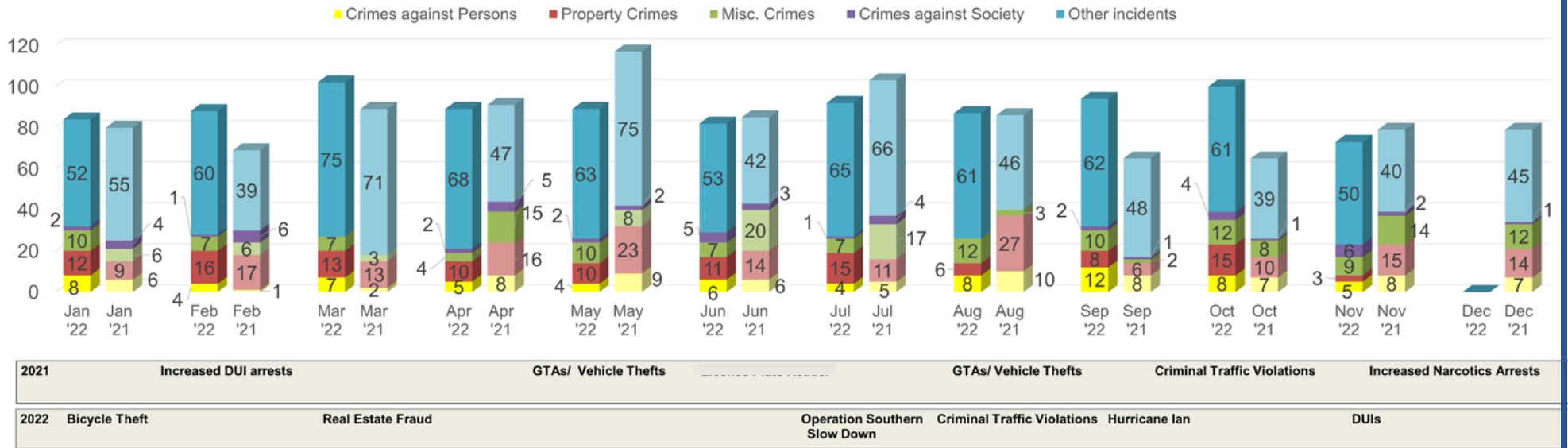


Chief Frazzano addressed guests at the Annual "Lunch with the Chief" hosted by the Marco Island Police Foundation

2022 vs 2021 Incident Trends

45 non-criminal incident reports were taken during November 2022, representing approximately 60% of total incident reports. Most reports were in reference to lost and found property (30%), followed by suspicious incidents which did not result in a crime (26%), and aiding other first responders such as the Marco Island Fire-Rescue and EMS (23%).

2022 v. 2021 Incident Trends by Crime Category, Non-Crime

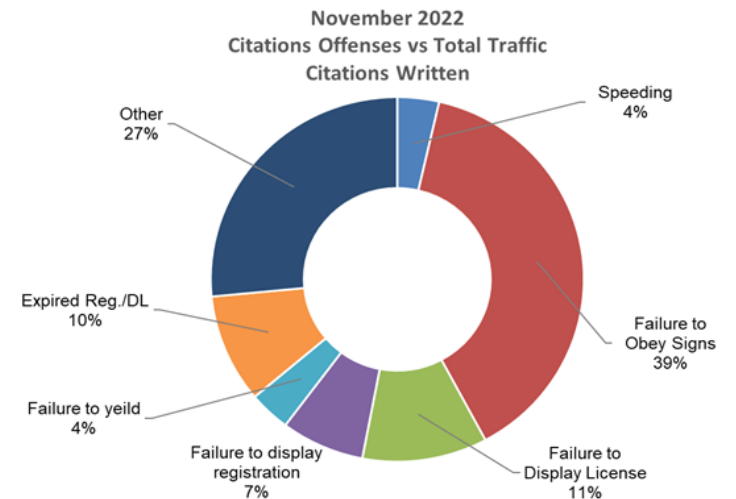


Traffic patrol

200 traffic citations and warnings were issued by the Marco Island Police Department during November. Most infractions were for: failure to obey a traffic control device (39%), failure to display a license/ no driver's license ever issued (11%) or possessing an expired registration or expired driver's license (10%).

9 individuals were arrested for criminal traffic violations including driving with a suspended license or expired registration or driving under the influence.

13 driver's licenses and 2 license plates were seized from individuals for operating a motor vehicle with a suspension or revocation (with or without knowledge).



November Detective Bureau Monthly Report

Investigative Summaries:

	Nov-22	Nov-21	22 vs. 21 Diff.
Closed	42	39	8%
Cleared	17	16	6%
Open	7	11	-36%
Suspended	4	13	-69%
Total	70	79	-11%

Cases Closed by Detective Bureau:

Child Pornography – Investigator's obtained a search warrant for a suspect's residence regarding child sexual abuse material. Numerous electronic devices were seized for forensic review. The suspect admitted to the offense and was incarcerated at the Naples Jail Center for criminal proceedings.

Suspicious Incident/Computer – A bank fraud case was closed after no additional leads were uncovered from follow up investigations. The victim will be reimbursed by the bank.

Follow-Up Reports from Patrol:

Welfare Check/Assist Other Agency – A suspicious person made a concerning phone call to a local business. The caller was tracked down and identified as residing in Nevada. MIPD worked with the local jurisdiction in Nevada to conduct a welfare check and a threat assessment. No credible threat was found.

Unlicensed Contracting – Investigation is continuing into the possible violation of contracting laws.

Death Investigation – A detective responded to an unattended death at a residence. Results from the Medical Examiner's Office is pending.

Fraud – A possible fraudulent prescription was reported by a local pharmacy and is currently under investigation.

Petit Theft – 2 bicycles were reported stolen; the investigation is on-going.

Battery – Co-workers were involved in a battery incident without injury; prosecution was declined.

Battery – An unknown suspect battered a bar patron. The victim declined prosecution.

Death Investigation – A detective responded to an unattended death at a condominium. Results from the Medical Examiner's Office is pending.

Self-Initiated Reports:

Cybertips – Two cybertips are being investigated from information received by the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children.

Operation Medicine Cabinet – 45 lbs. of assorted prescription medications were removed from the public drop-off site and placed into evidence pending destruction.

Detectives: Investigation Summary for November

Case Management		Arrests/Warrants/Prosecution/ Hearings	
Supplemental Reports	50	Warrant Checks	219
Det. Supervisor Evidence Log Processing	19	Contact with State Attorney's Office	3
Det. Supervisor Review of Reports	12	Arrest made by Detectives	2
Initial Reports Written	4	Arrest Warrant Requests	1
Self-Initiated Reports	4		
Exploratory (Collection / Documentation)		Follow up / Assists	
Videos Processed from WatchGuard	18	Case follow-ups	34
Evidence Submissions	9	Bulletins Created/ Distributed	12
Interviews	15	State Attorney/ Clerk of Court	1
Extensive Crime Scene Processing	2	Other Agency Assists	1
Death Investigation	2		
Subpeona Requests	2	Policing	
Search Warrants	1	Special Events Coverage	3
FDLE trips for Evidence	1	Traffic Stops	1
Neighborhood Canvass	1		

November 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	November	October	Current Year 2022
Administrative	18	20	180
Background Investigations	0	0	26
Beach Patrol	6	8	42
Community Events	24	20	154
Investigations / Follow-up	0	0	16
Marine Patrol	0	8	28
Monthly Meeting	10	12	106
Park Patrol	5	5	13
Special Duty (Paid)	45	33	332
Special Duty (Unpaid)	10	0	46
Solo Patrol	5	8	150
2 nd Ofc. Patrol	20	0	20
Program Coordination	20	20	150
Training	10	10	515
Weather Event	5	5	40
Total	178	149	1,975



Sergeant Casabona investigates the competition at the Annual Chili Cook Off

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

Special Details in November totaled 126 hours, ↓ 28 hours from October.

- United Church Security 12 Hours
- JCMJ Security 42 Hours
- Island Country Club Security 48 Hours
- Presbyterian Church Security 24 Hours



Officer Burns and CSO Youngkin (right) recognized for their military service with other City of Marco Island members on Veteran's Day

November Marine Report

Officers assigned to the Marco Island Police Marine Unit patrolled Marco Island waterways, city marinas, and boat ramps, conducting boater safety education, and enforcement activities.

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



Marine Officers continue with debris clean up after Hurricane Ian

November 2022 Marine Incidents	Nov-22	Nov-21
Total events	734	275
Canal, Bay River and Gulf patrol	356	109
Patrols/ Business Checks*	112	--
Vessel Stops	63	67
Citations/ Warnings	63	67
Sanitation inspections Factory Bay	0	2
Sanitation Inspections Smoke House Bay	0	5
Suspicious Vessels	6	1
MERT (Marine Emergency Response Team)	0	2
Assist Boater/Citizen Contacts	0	11
Resource Checks	1	12
Boater Safety Checks	17	52
Patrols/ Inspections of Marinas	116	12

*Newly reported activity in 2022
 ** Hurricane related activity not included on chart

Training

- Officer Pruchnik became a certified instructor from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. This certification is required to train other law enforcement officers for high liability or specialized topics such as defensive tactics, firearms, and speed measurement.
- Officer Kelley completed training to become a Field Training Officer. Field Training Officers are department members responsible for the training and evaluation of new recruits.



Command staff and officers attending Veterans Day recognition performance at Tommie Barfield Elementary School

November Code Enforcement:

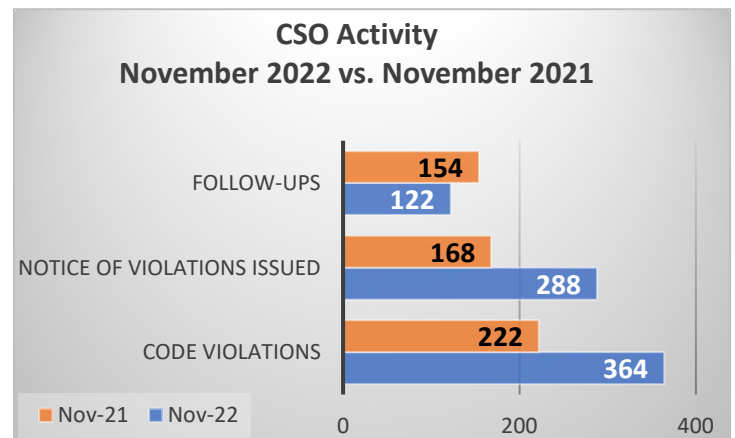
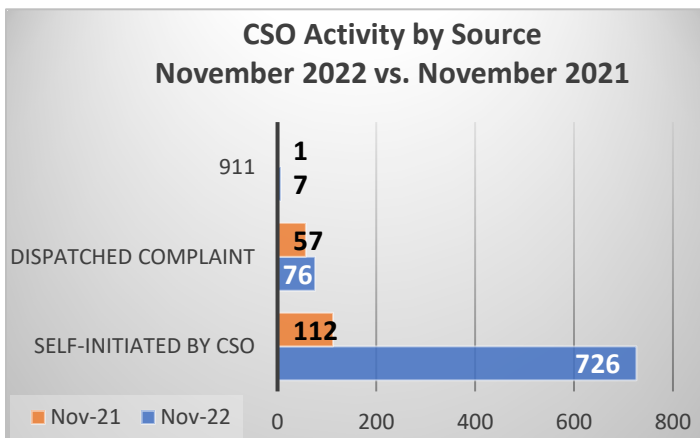
The number of calls for service conducted by Community Service Officers (CSOs) increased over 5-1/2 times versus the same period last year. The increase was due to continued recovery efforts and preparation for another hurricane in early November.

As the Island returned to daily activity, CSOs focused on post-hurricane efforts, which included litter and MS4 code ordinances. Close to 2/3 of November's code enforcement activity identified violations concerning trash on swale, erosion control, litter and debris.

On November 8th and 9th another storm, Hurricane Nicole was announced for landfall in Florida. CSO's proactively inspected and secured construction sites in case the hurricane trajectory shifted to the West Coast. CSO's inspected 215 construction sites and roofs prior to this event.

November 2022 Code Enforcement Cases

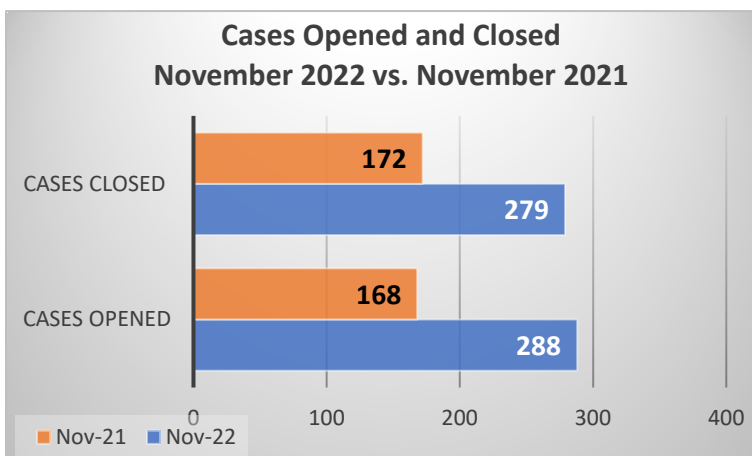
Approximately 80% of all code enforcement investigations resulted in a Notice of Violation. There were 2 valid noise complaints.



November 2022 Code Enforcement Cases

The November 2022 Magistrate Hearing was cancelled due to the Thanksgiving holiday. All scheduled cases were postponed to the December 13, 2022, hearing.

For more information regarding the Special Magistrate Hearings please visit: <https://marcoisland.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

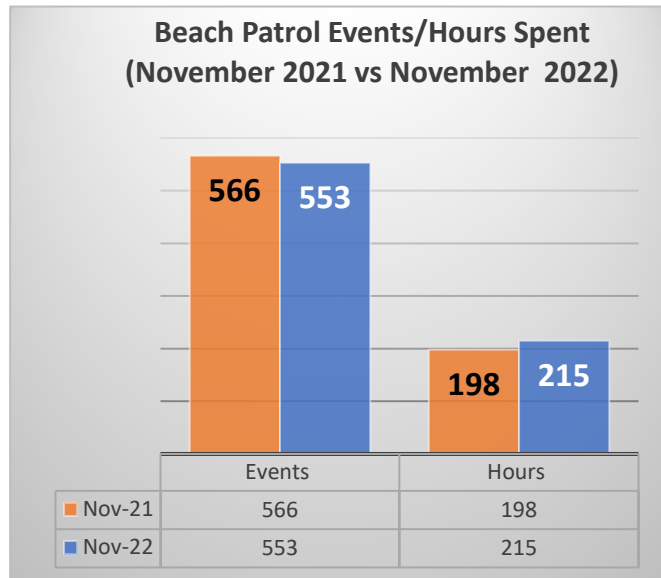


Type of Violation	Number of Violations
Trash on Swale	178
Erosion Control	25
Litter and Debris	23
Right of Way Obstruction	13
Public Nuisance	8
Overgrown Weeds	8
Irrigation	7
Encroachment on Sidewalk	6
Parking Citation	6
Damaged Sidewalk	5
Illicit Discharge	5
Boat and Boat Trailer Parking	3
Noise	2
Staging Without a Permit	2
Work Without a Permit	2
Parking on Unapproved Surface	1
RV Permit	1
Dock Protrusion Limits	1

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

Beach Report

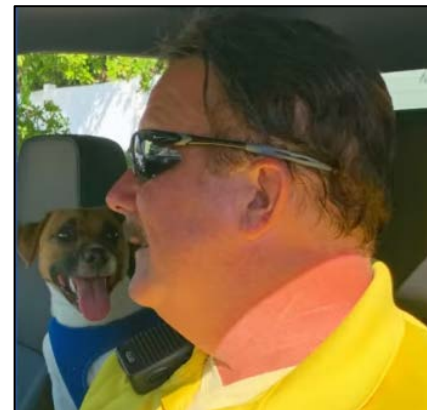
Our Community Service Officers (CSOs) maintained a strong presence patrolling the beach. Their priorities continued to focus on the debris cleanup from Hurricane Ian. Over 40% of beach patrol's calls for service were for assisting the public with questions /community policing concerning hurricane aftermath and water safety.



Activity	Events
Patrol Activity	179
Pick Up Litter/Debris	121
Information/Directions	113
Community Oriented Policing	53
Inspect/Check Beach Signs	16
Youth Badge/Photo Op	12
Injured/Sick Bird/Animal	11
Dog on Beach	10
911 Call Response	9
Glass on Beach	8
Shorebird Flushing	4
Bikes on Beach	4
Fill Holes in Sand	4
Traffic Stop	3
Courtesy Transport	2
Drone/Kites	2
MERT (Marine Emergency/Rescue)	1
Medical Call	1



Students from Tommie Barfield Elementary School's Kindness Club stopped by the Department to show their appreciation for first responders



CSO O'Keefe helps reunite an adventurous dog with his family

Code Enforcement: Water quality

During the month of November, Code Enforcement issued 30 violations for the MS4 ordinance (MS4 is the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Ordinance).

Of the 30 cases issued, 25 were for construction site silt fencing violations and 5 were for illicit discharge.

Of the 25 silt fence violations, 17 were compliant and 8 were scheduled for Magistrate. Of the 5 violations for illicit discharge, 2 were compliant and 3 were scheduled for Magistrate due to being non-compliant.

November Code Enforcement Protected Species Update

Burrowing owls

On November 12th, Community Service Officers (CSOs) Warder and Bruce attended the Audubon of Western Everglades (AWE) end of season meeting for Burrowing Owls. The event hosted many attendees, most of whom were volunteer owl watchers for AWE. Brittany Piersma, biologist and manager of the AWE Owl Watch Program reviewed the yearly statistics along with the challenges owls faced due to loss of their habitat. The “owl starter burrow program” initiated by the AWE continued to be a success in creating new habitat for the owls. CSO Warder summarized Code Enforcement past season’s calls for service with Burrowing Owls and restated Marco Island Police Department’s continued commitment to the owl program.

On November 1, Marco Island Police Department responded to a call for service for vehicles parked too close to burrows. The location that required investigation had been an ongoing issue due to the amount of construction occurring on the cul-de-sac. Upon inspection, the complaint was determined to be unfounded because vehicles were parked according to Code requirements. Two other calls involved Burrowing Owls taking refuge in resident’s homes; the owls were managed without issue.

On November 11, Community Service Officers responded to a complaint that an owl burrow had been contaminated with moth balls. Upon inspection CSO’s confirmed several open bags of moth balls had been placed inside the burrow. AWE was informed and FWC will conduct follow up investigations due to the possible criminal implications.

Gopher Tortoises

Officers responded to a call for service for two gopher tortoises in the roadway. The tortoises were removed from the roadway with no injuries.

Shore Birds/Wading Birds

Community Service Officers responded to several calls for sick or injured bird calls on the beach. Five distressed cormorants were transported to the Conservancy by CSO Bruce and AWE. AWE suspects the birds were affected by the red tide. CSO Bruce also transported an injured egret with a broken wing to the Conservancy. One dead gull was retrieved by CSO’s, and one injured gull was retrieved while on routine beach patrol.



Red shouldered hawk requiring assistance at the Hilton

Other Species

A deceased dolphin was reported in the canal on November 23. CSOs investigated and notified the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and AWE. A necropsy on the dolphin by FWC will be conducted by to confirm the cause of death. The dolphin has been identified by Bob McConville from the Dolphin Explorer as a documented dolphin named Cam. The dolphin was estimated to be between 50 to 60 years old.

On November 19, CSO’s responded to a call from the Hilton that a red shouldered hawk appeared in distress and disoriented. CSOs unfortunately could not capture the bird after numerous attempts. AWE was notified of the incident.



Audubon of Western Everglades end of season meeting for Burrowing Owls

November Community Engagement Report



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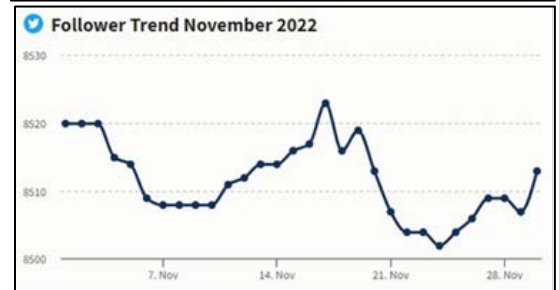
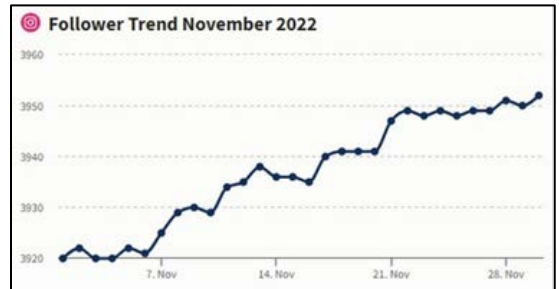
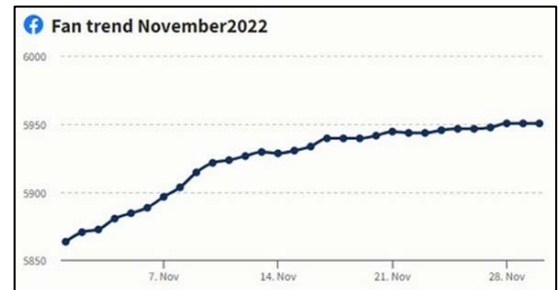
In the spirit of being thankful, this month brought many opportunities for our department and community to come together. We honored our Veterans at the Tommie Barfield event and recognized them at the City Hall breakfast. Our MIPD Honor Guard participated in the annual ceremony held at Marco Lutheran Church.

Chief Tracy Frazzano had the opportunity to thank our community partners for their continued partnership and support for our department at "Lunch with the Chief" hosted by Marco Police Foundation, including guest speaker Chief Shawn Chamberlain with the Lee County Port Authority

On November 12, MIPD participated in the 10th annual Jerry Adams Chili Cook-Off. It was a great Saturday afternoon supporting local organizations and foundations with plenty of chili for all!

MIPD also participated in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) Thanksgiving Holiday Travel campaigns, encouraging sober and safe driving through social media campaigns.

Number of followers for MIPD Facebook, Twitter, Instagram



#Bettogether Highlight



Continuing our commitment to being #bettogether MIPD participated in Meals For Hope alongside 400 volunteers. Over 200,000 meals were put together for our neighbors in need.

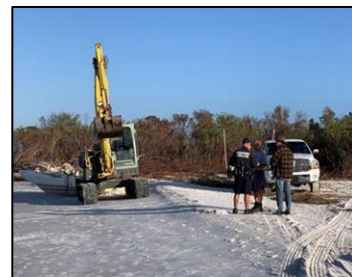
November Top Performing Posts



Deputy Christopher Taylor
Condolence



Bike Theft Video



Vessel Removal from
Tigertail Beach

Appendix: November 2022 vs. November 2021

	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	1,855	1,989	2,018	2,066	2,032	2,181	1,950	1,862		2,104		2,201	--	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	7,250	7,353	8,115	7,972	7,675	7,379	7,722	7,441		7,991		8,854	--	2022
Parking Complaints	20	34	31	42	37	41	93	80	49		34		23	32	2021
	30	89	80	57	32	19	33	41	34		3		12	--	2022
Noise Complaints	52	44	86	85	105	83	103	68	43		54		22	30	2021
	37	43	61	50	48	44	92	56	33		28		22	--	2022
Traffic Stops	801	795	670	819	823	726	857	649	776		790		689	754	2021
	844	690	711	799	625	709	864	786	638		446		611	--	2022
Noise Complaints Verified	8	5	15	16	16	16	11	13	4		12		1	5	2021
	2	1	1	2	4	4	* 1	* 7	1		3		2	--	2022
Traffic Citations	112	109	70	96	116	152	166	59	120		107		88	73	2021
	135	106	143	119	91	96	114	139	112		27		83	--	2022
Traffic, Parking & Vessel Written Warnings	174	165	127	148	234	175	190	226	245		197		119	152	2021
	201	212	203	197	187	194	215	210	171		55		122	--	2022
Vehicle Crash	31	24	66	32	28	35	29	13	17		20		36	29	2021
	49	38	46	42	21	11	39	15	51		24		20	--	2022
Criminal Cases - Open	5	7	10	9	17	10	10	17	7		9		11	6	2021
	11	16	7	10	7	4	5	5	6		11		5	--	2022
Criminal Cases - Closed	52	37	58	44	53	45	57	50	44		40		39	52	2021
	46	61	72	63	64	52	65	61	61		63		42	--	2022
Criminal Cases - Cleared	18	14	14	25	2	29	28	10	9		2		16	10	2021
	2	6	12	4	12	13	10	15	15		16		17	--	2022
Criminal Case - Follow-Ups	23	27	31	42	61	47	33	43	35		56		13	32	2021
	45	37	52	47	46	31	32	33	31		38		6	--	2022
Crime or Incident Reports Taken	80	69	89	89	117	99	103	86	65		64		79	79	2021
	84	90	100	89	89	79	91	88	88		100		73	--	2022
Persons Arrested	19	15	12	21	17	33	23	11	7		10		18	8	2021
	13	6	10	4	11	11	12	15	14		13		15	--	2022
Beach Patrol Events	720	694	694	817	1,207	590	859	637	654		599		556	638	2021
	557	563	717	671	982	569	872	753	644		531		553	--	2022
Beach Patrol Hours	305	258	355	359	398	251	362	249	266		214		198	258	2021
	222	221	309	295	325	205	335	252	193		150		215	--	2022
Marine Patrol Events	354	205	198	286	200	143	78	227	163		223		275	703	2021
	337	459	712	459	636	435	635	895	487		450		734	--	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	11,744	12,337	13,119	12,548	12,071	12,518	12,522	12,057		12,424		13,323	--	2022

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.

^ Note: September / October activity impacted by Hurricane Ian recovery

Vehicle Count (Jolley Bridge North bound). Avg. Daily	15,628	17,985	17,664	16,368	13,294	10,382	11,924	10,951	10,627	+	NA	+	NA	+	--	2022
Vehicle Count (Jolley Bridge South bound). Avg. Daily	15,896	17,610	17,051	15,830	13,269	10,716	12,293	7,204	3,226	+	NA	+	NA	+	--	2022

+ Note: September- November Jolley Bridge vehicle counts may be impacted by Hurricane Ian



Marco Island Police Foundation members join Chief Frazzano at the annual "Lunch with the Chief"