



City of Marco Island

Meeting Date: January 10, 2022
To: City Council
From: Chief Tracy L. Frazzano
Through: Michael A. McNees, City Manager
Re: November 2021 Monthly City Council Report

Thanksgiving is a time to pause and give thanks. All of us at the Marco Island Police Department are grateful for the strong partnership we have with our residents and the opportunity to serve this community.

We're also grateful for the positive outcome of several events that occurred this month.

During Thanksgiving week, our marine unit responded to two life threatening emergency events. Both calls answered vessels in distress with boaters either thrown overboard or vessel flooded. Quick action from our experienced marine officers averted injury and property damage; both parties were rescued. More details of these life-saving events are available in the Marine Patrol section of this report.

Earlier in the month, Officer Prigge also responded to a vessel call. This call included handling a 7-foot python that stowed away on a sailboat after a trip from Indian Key. Officer Prigge captured the snake and safely turned it over to a local wildlife handler. News of this incident made National and International headlines.

At the end of November, FDLE (Florida Department of Law Enforcement) awarded Marco Island Police Department a \$46,000 grant for the FIBRS (Florida Incident Based Reporting System) implementation project. This project is a new reporting system that helps standardize crime data across the US. Both Federal and Local Law Enforcement agencies use this crime data to identify and track trends which ultimately determine areas of focus and resource allocation. We are grateful for this funding which allows us to purchase IT equipment needed to manage data and comply with the new reporting system.



Protecting paradise on Marco Island

November Police Activity

Crime report:

79 incident reports were taken across the month of November: similar to the number of incident reports taken same time last year. Of the 79 reported events, 39 were criminal cases (crimes against persons, property, society, and miscellaneous crimes). 13 arrests occurred: most for criminal traffic violations (driving without a license with knowledge). Many of these arrests occurred from deploying the ALPR (license plate reader).

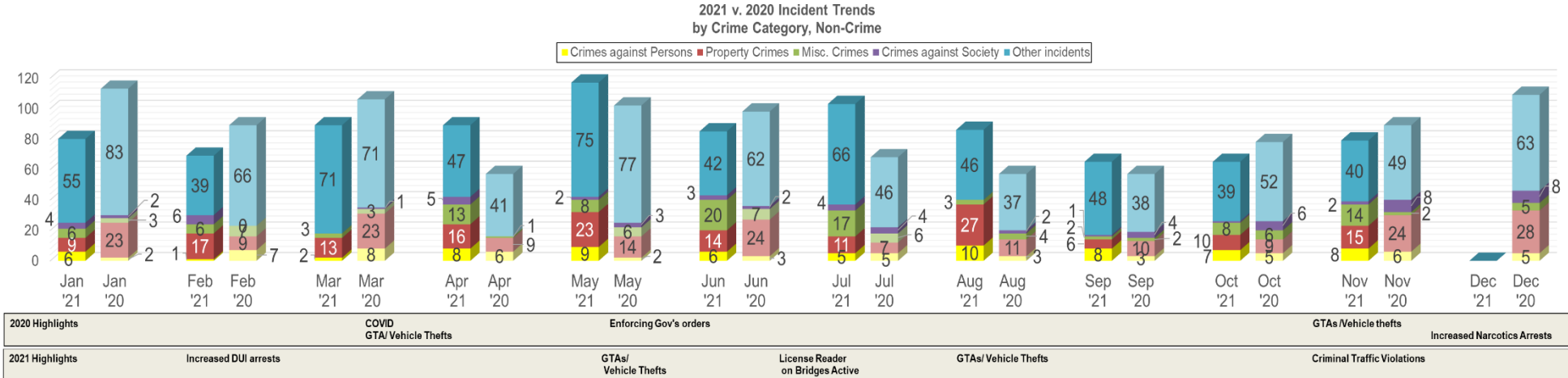
It's important to note that property crime during November 2021 decreased significantly versus November 2020. Last year at this time, a series of vehicle burglaries and thefts occurred on the island. The Marco Island Police Department activated several crime deterrents including a 40% increase of extra patrols this month versus same time period last year and a social media campaign that reminded residents and visitors to lock property and safely store key fobs. No vehicle property crimes occurred this month; 17 incidents occurred in 2020.

Nov-2021		Nov-2020		21 v. '20
Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Diff.
Sex offenses	1	Sex offense	1	
Domestic Battery	3	Domestic Battery	2	
Assault	4	Assault	2	
Intimation/Stalking	0	Intimation/Stalking	1	
Total	8	Total	6	33%
Property Crimes		Property Crimes		
Burglary Auto	0	Burglary Auto	14	
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	Motor Vehicle Theft	3	
Theft	10	Theft	2	
Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	3	Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	0	
Fraud	2	Fraud	5	
Total	15	Total	24	-38%
Misc. Crimes		Misc. Crimes		
Hit and Run	3	Hit and Run	0	
Criminal Traffic	10	Criminal Traffic	2	
Cruelty of Animals	1	Cruelty of Animals	0	
Total	14	Total	2	600%
Crimes against Society		Crimes against Society		
DUI	1	DUI	3	
Narcotics	1	Narcotics	5	
Total	2	Total	8	-75%
Other Incidents		Other Incidents		
Marchman Act	2	Marchman Act	2	
Baker Act	1	Baker Act	3	
Operation Medicine Cabinet	1	Operation Medicine Cabinet	1	
Non-Criminal incidents	36	Non-Criminal incidents	43	
Total	40	Total	49	-18%

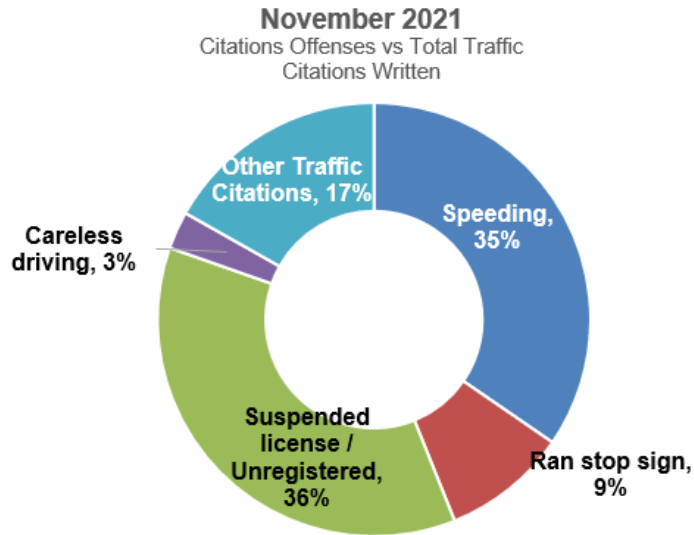
Note: Non-Criminal incidents are reports that do not have a criminal offense or are information reports. Examples include fraud cases (outside of Marco Island jurisdiction), other agency assists, lost, and found items and medical assists.

2021 vs 2020 Incident Trends

40 non-criminal incidents were reported in November. Lost and found items and fraud (occurring outside of Marco Island’s jurisdiction) represented the largest amount of non-criminal reports at 20%, each. Almost 15% of reported non-criminal cases were for trespassed individuals (most cases involved trespass from businesses). The number of trespass incidents increased versus October 2021 and same time period last year.



Traffic patrol



217 traffic warnings and citations were issued in November. Violations for excessive speed and suspended licenses/unregistered vehicles accounted for over 70% of citations issued.

The ALPR system (license plate reader) remains instrumental ensuring people living and visiting the Island have valid registration and licenses. 15 driver’s licenses and 2 license plates were confiscated from motorists for operating a vehicle with a suspended or canceled licenses. This statistic is comparable to the previous month. 10 drivers were arrested for knowingly operating a vehicle with a suspended license; they were transported to the Naples Jail Center.

The number of citations issued this month for running stop signs doubled vs. last month. The Marco Island Police Department reminds community and visitors that running stops signs is a leading cause for accidents. Help prevent accidents by coming to a full stop at stop signs.

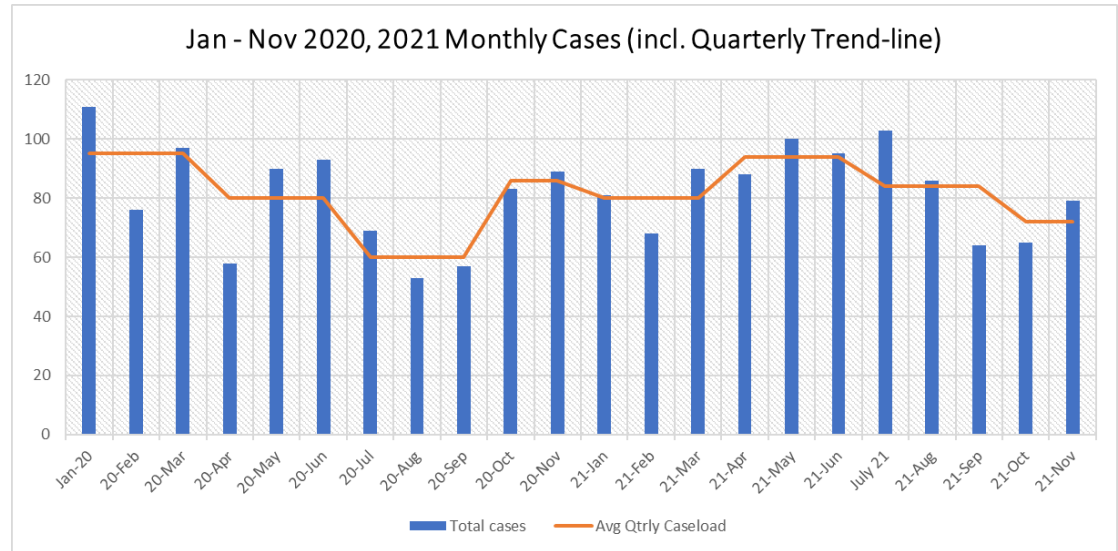
November Detective Bureau Monthly Report

Investigative Summary:

Investigative cases for our detective bureau increased this month vs last year; driven in-part by an increase of battery offenses.

This month's highlight for the detective bureau concerned a case involving credible information about a wanted fugitive frequenting the area. Based on gathered intelligence, Detectives surveilled select locations and subsequently located the fugitive. The fugitive was taken into custody for the outstanding warrant. Detectives charged the fugitive with additional offenses which included knowingly driving with a suspended license, possession of marijuana (not more than 20 grams) and providing false information to a law enforcement officer while lawfully detained.

	Nov-21	Nov-20	21 vs. 20 Diff.
Closed	39	33	18%
Cleared	16	17	-6%
Open	11	28	-61%
Suspended	13	5	160%
Total	79	83	-5%



Detective Smith meets beachgoers as he helps keep our beaches safe over the holiday weekend.



Fire Chief Byrnes and Chief Frazzano prepare for the 9th Annual Jerry Adams Chili Cook-off.

Investigative Summaries:

Cases Closed by Detective Bureau

Domestic-related Battery - The reporting person stated she was struck by her ex-boyfriend who left the scene. A suspect was identified, and a warrant request was sent to the State Attorney's Office.

Battery – An allegation of a battery on a waitress. The suspect was identified and provided an admission. The victim later decided not to press charges.

Battery - The reporting person stated she was battered by a male co-worker. Case open.

Criminal Mischief – A parked vehicle was damaged at a hotel. The suspect was identified and paid for the damage. The victim decided not to press charges.

Hit-and-run – A parked car was struck by another vehicle, which left the scene. The suspect vehicle was identified, however the victim declined to press charges.

Fraud – The State Attorney's Office approved a warrant request and filed charges against a suspect in a credit card fraud case which occurred in June of 2021. The suspect turned herself in at the Naples Jail Center.

Petit Theft – A bicycle was stolen from Mackle Park. The juvenile suspect was identified and issued a juvenile citation.

Follow-Up Reports from Patrol:

Grand Theft – An unknown person made a fraudulent copy of a victim's check and deposited it. Case open.

Death Investigations – The Detective Bureau worked four death investigations this month. These cases are with the Medical Examiner's for autopsy findings.

Suspicious Incident – Report of a condo association using surveillance equipment. Privacy concerns expressed.

Petit Theft – An unknown person stole bracelets from a retail store. Case open.

Self-Initiated Reports:

Operation Medicine Cabinet – A report was initiated after prescription drugs were removed from the public drop-off cabinet. All assorted prescription drugs were packaged and placed into MIPD property and evidence pending proper destruction.

Firearm Turn in – A citizen turned in firearms and ammunition. These items were placed into Marco Island Police Department property and evidence pending proper disposition/destruction.



Marco Island Police Department received over 100 stuffed animals generously donated by "For the Love of Cats", a Marco Island charity and Marco Island Middle School students, Liberty Mirabilo and Sophia Mendoza.

Detectives: Investigation Activity for November

Case management		Arrests/Warrants/Prosecution/ Hearings	
Supplemental Reports	43	Arrest Warrant Requests	4
Det Supervisor Review of Reports	40	Warrant Checks	165
Det Supervisor Evidence Log Processing	9	Warrant Arrests	3
Initial Reports Written	4	Court Hearings	1
Exploratory (Collection / documentation)		Follow up / Assists	
Evidence Submissions	10	Case Follow Ups	58
Neighborhood Canvass	4	State Attorney/ Clerk of Court	2
Videos Processed from WatchGuard	19	Bulletins Created/Distributed	27
Interviews	23	Other Agency Assists	1
Subpoena Requests	4	Detective Called (from Off-Duty)	1
Extensive Crime Scene Processing	4	Dept. Children & Families Referrals	1
Death Investigation	4	Policing	
		Traffic Stops:	3
		Special Events Coverage	7



Our newest officers: Police Officer Jonathon Gray and Community Service Officer James O'Keefe

November Marine Report

Marco Island waterways experienced an increase in boater traffic and anchored transient vessels during the month of November. Officer Ferris, new to the Marine Unit, along with other Marine Officers increased patrol events three-fold versus the same period last year. Marine Officers conducted more vessel safety and sanitation inspections vs. last month, including newly anchored vessels in Smokehouse and Factory Bays. All vessels followed Coast Guard regulations.

On November 23, 2021, while on routine patrol in Factory Bay, Officer Marvin came upon a sailing vessel listing and in distress. The vessel suddenly capsized sending both occupants overboard. Officer Marvin rescued both occupants, retrieving them from the waters. Afterwards, Officer Marvin proceeded to right the capsized vessel and return it to its owners. All passengers were unharmed. Four days later, Officer Marvin answered another boater distress call in the area of the Big Marco Pass. The operator of a rental boat breached an oncoming wave, swamping the vessel. Officer Marvin assisted the boater, and safely escorted the vessel back to the Isle of Capri. Officer Marvin received a letter of commendation for his quick actions for again preventing loss of life and property.

The Marine Unit also spent time this month educating boaters about the November 9, 2021 Board of Collier County Commissioners approved modifications to the boat ramp and parking at Caxambas Boat Park. Some of the modifications to the ramp include:

- Additional staffing of Caxambas Boat Park which includes a full-time Park Ranger in season and, scheduling for weekends and holidays off-season;
- Utilization of a message board on Collier Blvd. to advise when Caxambas Park is full and closed;
- Limiting the number of commercial boat launch permits annually to 180 permits;
- Increased launch permit fee for non-Collier County residents;
- Prohibiting trailers that carry more than four motorized vessels from parking in the lot but allow them to launch and leave.

***Additional modifications to Collier County Boat Ramp Management Strategy can be found at collierparks.com**

Marine Report	Nov-21	Nov-20
Total Events	275	78
Canal, Bay River and Gulf patrol	109	35
Vessel Stops	67	13
Warnings	60	13
Sanitation inspections Factory Bay	2	12
Sanitation Inspections Smoke House	5	1
Suspicious Vessels	1	2
MERT	2	1
Assist Boater/Citizen Contacts	11	2
Marina Inspections	12	0
Citations	7	2
Resource Checks	12	0
Boater Safety Checks	52	0

* Multiple events may have occurred during an incident



Ofc. Guyer, Chief Frazzano and former Fire Chief Murphy support Biking for Our Heroes Event

November New Hires and Personnel Changes

- Officer Jonathon Grey joined the Marco Island Police Department on November 1st. Officer Grey is a retired Commander from the Ohio State Highway Patrol.
- Officer Josh Ferris transferred from Marco Island Police Department Road Patrol to Marine Unit on November 8th.
- Community Service Office (CSO) James O’Keefe joined on November 8th. CSO O’Keefe is a retired Lieutenant from NYPD.
- Katie Hofmeister was promoted to Marco Island Police Department Records Clerk on November 8th.

November Training

- Officer Michael Berndt completed his Florida certification, passing FDLE (Florida Department of Law Enforcement) state exams.
- Officer Rich McElroy attended LEADS Training (Law Enforcement Against Drugs).
- Officer Schmid completed FEMA incident command system training; application will be for crisis management.

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. The below chart signifies the logged hours that have been devoted to the assignments by the Reserve and Auxiliary Officers.

Activity Type	November	Last 3 Months	Current Year
Administrative	18	58	246
Background Investigations	0	40	180
Beach Patrol	10	16	35
Community Events	10	50	427
Investigations / Follow-up	0	0	0
Marine Patrol	0	0	0
Monthly Meeting	12	34	110
Park Patrol	0	6	26
Special Duty (Paid)	71	192	633
Special Duty (Unpaid)	0	0	80
Solo Patrol	10	45	92
2 nd OFC Patrol	0	0	6
Program Coordination	10	34	139
Training	20	73	262
Weather Event	0	0	11
Other	0	0	40
Total	161	548	2,291

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

Special Details in November totaled 196 hours, ↑ 25 hours from October.

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| • United Church | Security | 16 Hours |
| • JCMI | Security | 12 Hours |
| • Island Country Club | Security | 64 Hours |
| • Presbyterian Bible Study | Security | 21 Hours |
| • MIA Football Game | Security | 8 Hours |
| • JW Marriott Triathlon | Security | 30 Hours |
| • SSNW Member Meeting | Security | 3 Hours |
| • JW Marriot Concert | Security | 10 Hours |
| • JW Marriott Thanksgiving | Security | 32 Hours |



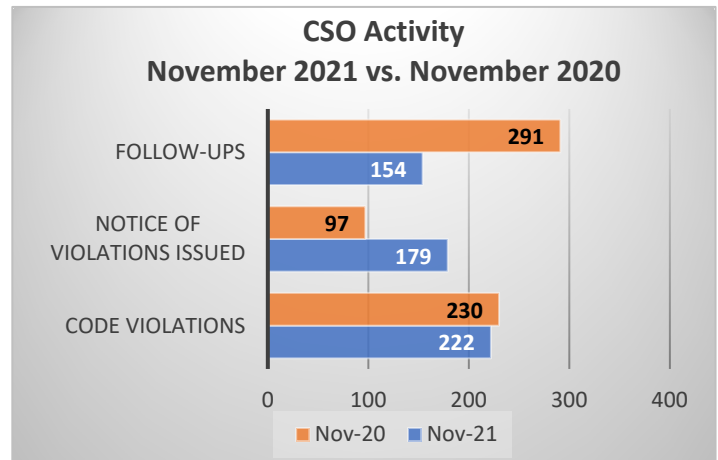
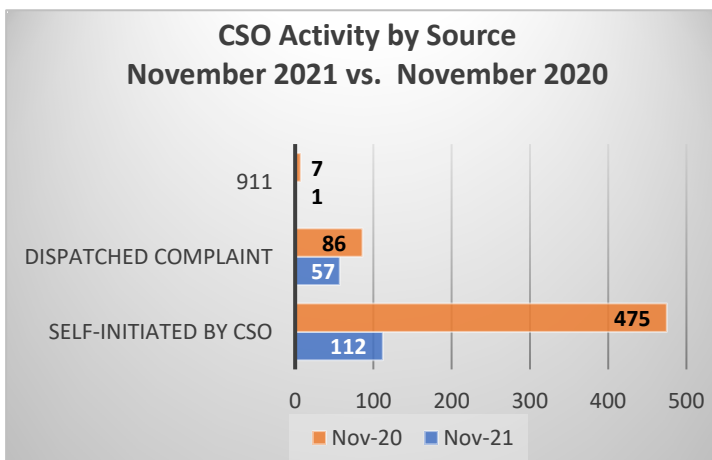
Detective Kelley engaging with one of our visitors.

November Code Enforcement:

Two code ordinances were modified in November. The City of Marco Island amended Noise Ordinance sections 18-104 and 18-105 on November 1, 2021. From 7am-9pm, decibel levels must be recorded at 68 or more to be a valid violation. From 10pm to 7am, the sound must be “plainly audible” within 50ft of the property or register at 60 decibels to be a valid violation.

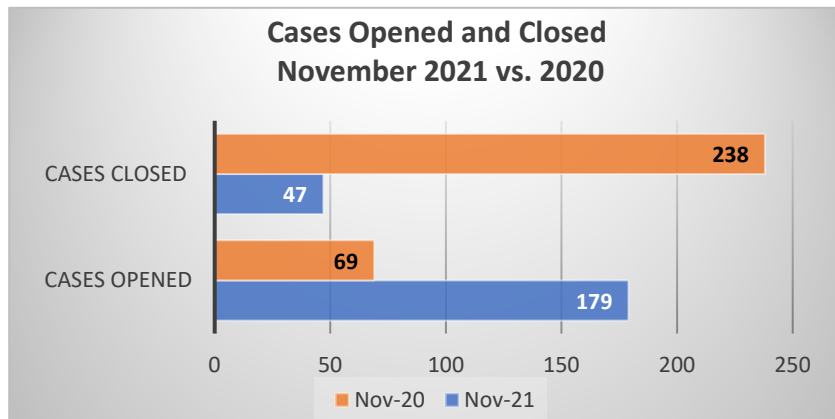
On November 15, 2021, a temporary exemption was granted in residential districts that allows for overnight parking on the swale until January 15, 2022.

78% of all Code Enforcement investigations resulted in an issuance of a Notice of Violation as compared to 70% the same time last year. The most significant Code Enforcement violations for the month of November were identified as waste placement on the curb, overgrown weeds, and vehicle parking.



November Code Enforcement Cases

More cases were opened this month to manage violations pertaining to placement of waste on the curb. Fewer cases were closed in November 2021 vs. the same period last year. The decrease is attributed to less complex cases appearing before Magistrate, such as parking and RV parking violations.



The three most significant violations for the month of November 2021 remain consistent vs previous months. Placement of Waste on Curb, City Code Ordinance 18-38(8) had the most violations, followed by Prohibited Parking, Ordinance 50-37; and Overgrown Weeds City Ordinance 18-36(10). November had 50% less violations this month versus last month for Placement of Waste on Curb. Increased patrolling efforts have resulted in greater community compliance.

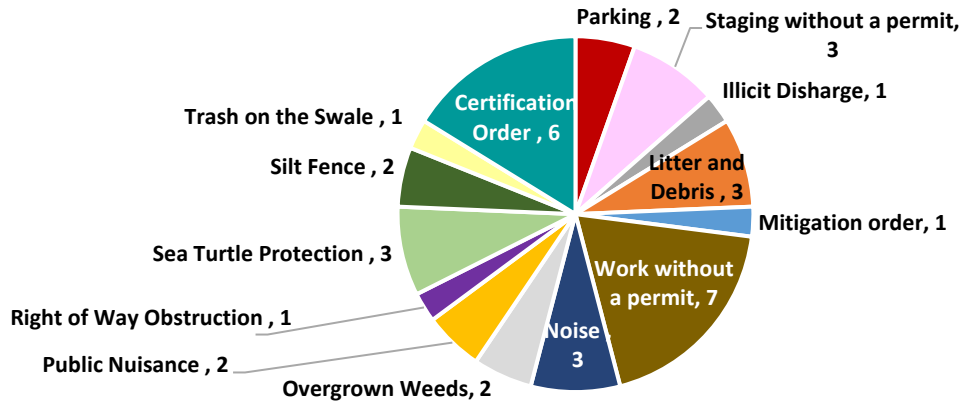
The amount of noise complaints decreased by 54% from last month (48 complaints made in October versus 22 in November). Of the 22 calls for service, only 1 event was validated as a noise violation.

Type of Violation	Number of Violations
Placement of Waste on curb	98
Overgrown Weeds	20
Parking Citations	19
Boat and Boat Trailer Parking	10
RV Permits	9
Right of Way Obstruction	7
Code Enforcement Citations	6
Erosion Control	6
Public Nuisance	4
Litter and Debris	4
Work without a permit	3
Meters	2
Illicit/Illegal Discharge	1
Noise	1
Damaged Sidewalk	1
Non-Permitted Boathouse	1
Staging without a permit	1
Seawall Maintenance	1

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

November 23, 2021 Special Magistrate Hearing Cases

37 cases were reviewed during the November 2021 Magistrate hearing: a similar number of cases to October's Magistrate hearing. Construction violations were among the largest number of cases reviewed at this month's Magistrate (32%). Construction violations included work done without a permit (7 cases), staging without a permit (3 cases), and silt fence issues (2). The number of certification of fines (liens on properties) increased; most liens were applied to properties performing work without permits.

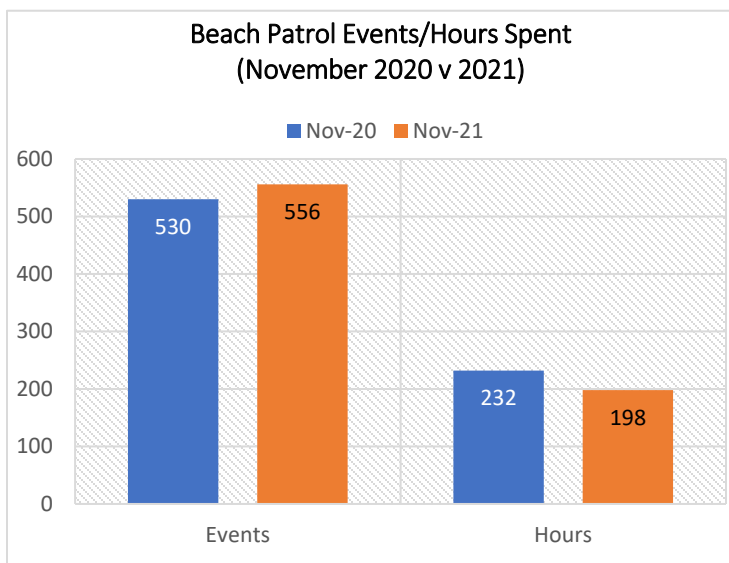


For more information about Magistrate cases/rulings, please visit us at:

<https://www.cityofmarcoisland.com/police/page/code-magistrate-orders-2021>

November Beach Report

Community Service Officers (CSO) maintained a strong presence on the beach, logging in 200 hours of beach patrol. Litter and debris removal remained one of the top incidents that required beach patrol enforcement. Other prevalent infractions such as glass on beach, dogs on beach and shorebird flushing decreased 35% during November versus October 2021. To enhance beach ordinance education, Marco Island Police Department delivered social media messaging that addressed beach regulation and safety.



Activity	Events
Patrol Activity	141
Pick Up Debris & Litter	138
Information / Directions	79
Community Oriented Policing Activity	59
Check Beach Signs	24
Glass on Beach Enforcement	14
Dog on Beach Enforcement	12
Bike on Beach	12
911 Call	11
Fill In Holes in Sand	9
Shorebird Flushing Enforcement	8
Injured/Sick Animal	8
Fishing License Check	6
Youth Badge / Photo	5
Warnings Issued	4
Transport	3
Traffic Problem	3
Drone Complaints	3
Animal Complaint	3
Assist	3
Special Detail	3
Property	2
Vessel Warning	2
Code Violations	1
Medical Call	1
Welfare Check	1
MERT Call Assist	1

November Community Engagement Report

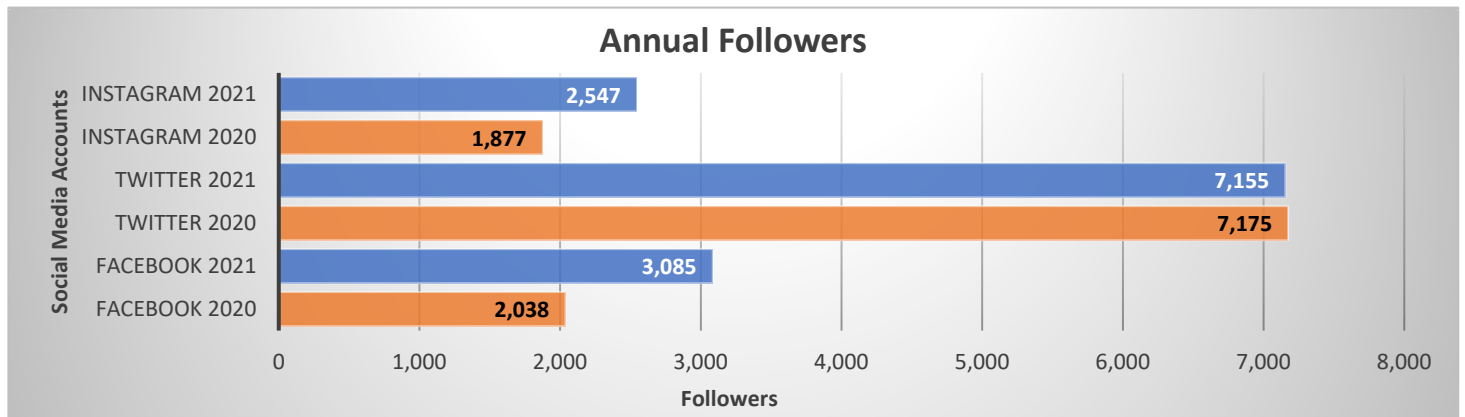
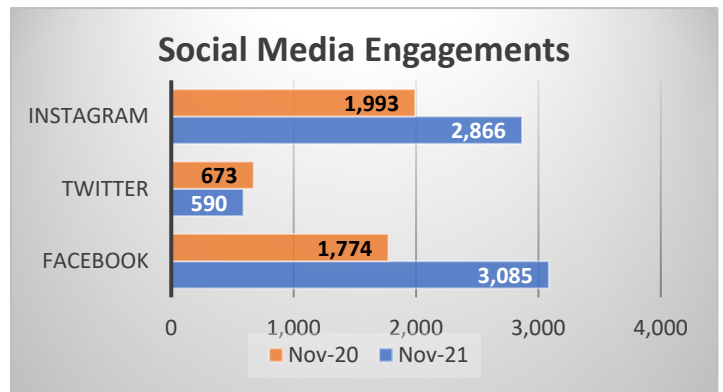
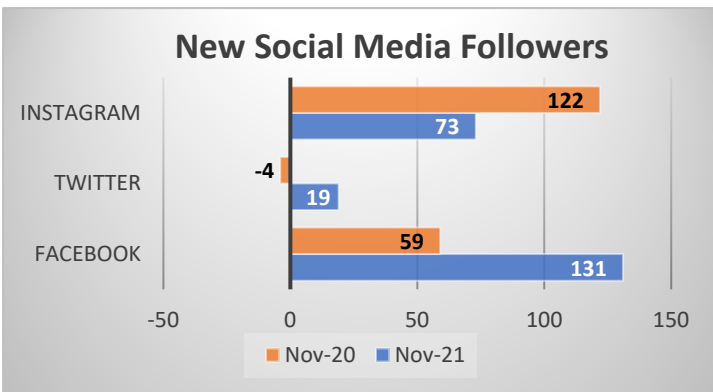


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Across November, the Marco Island Police Department activated a strategic campaign to deter a seasonal crime trend: vehicle theft and burglaries. In addition to increased patrols, the Marco Island Police Department implemented a social media campaign that advised residents and visitors to lock their vehicles, homes and safely secure key fobs away from their vehicles. During November 2020, multiple vehicles were burglarized or stolen. This year no vehicles were burglarized or stolen. A combination of prevention and increased patrols kept our neighborhood safe.

The busiest shopping time of the year is also one of the most vulnerable times for people to become victims of crime. The Marco Island Police Department increased social media activity to provide shopper protection tips this holiday season. Safe holiday shopping information was also shared with the community on November 10th at Coffee with a Cop at Smith House and with the American Association of University Women on the 15th.

The Marco Island Police Department began celebrating the holiday season by participating in Toys for Tots, collecting Christmas gifts for children in our community.



November Top Performing Posts



Thanksgiving celebration at MIPD



Ofc. Prigge python capture



Suspect inquiry concerning an injured seagull

Appendix: November 2021 vs. 2020 Activity Overview

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Community Oriented Policing Activities	2,168	1,904	2,652	3,238	3,640	2,553	2,363	2,065	1,896	2,231	2,115	1,840	2020
	2,332	2,327	2,065	2,118	2,255	2,357	2,583	2,144	2,464	2,426	2,061		2021
Extra Patrols	343	434	755	828	927	992	3,662	4,165	4,805	5,665	5,994	4,718	2020
	7,993	7,885	8,596	8,063	7,261	6,627	7,728	8,821	10,398	10,751	8,374		2021
Parking Complaints	21	34	21	9	45	20	12	455	139	54	13	17	2020
	20	34	31	42	37	41	93	80	49	34	23		2021
Noise Complaints	34	21	62	31	64	93	184	183	87	58	37	76	2020
	52	44	86	85	105	83	103	68	43	54	22		2021
Noise Complaints Verified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78	41	27	5	22	2020
	8	5	15	16	16	16	11	13	4	12	1		2021
Traffic Stops	623	505	323	43	487	608	638	687	862	664	706	658	2020
	801	795	670	819	823	726	857	649	776	790	689		2021
Traffic Citations	35	63	35	3	45	73	49	102	56	70	68	80	2020
	112	109	70	96	116	152	166	59	120	107	88		2021
Traffic, Parking & Vessel Written Warnings	257	116	106	2	149	171	309	732	441	253	141	105	2020
	174	165	127	148	234	175	190	226	245	197	119		2021
Vehicle Crash	55	35	43	10	21	16	16	19	10	17	19	35	2020
	31	24	66	32	28	35	29	13	17	20	36		2021
CAD Events	5,075	4,716	5,629	5,183	6,743	5,964	8,623	9,362	9,380	10,509	10,536	9,278	2020
	13,180	12,977	13,792	13,192	12,068	11,853	13,745	14,175	15,508	14,687	12,979		2021
Criminal Cases - Open	7	7	21	7	6	7	3	7	10	6	28	27	2020
	5	7	10	9	17	10	10	17	5	9	16		2021
Criminal Cases - Closed	83	52	61	36	66	59	44	36	35	48	33	51	2020
	52	37	58	44	53	45	57	50	46	40	37		2021
Criminal Cases - Cleared	10	14	12	8	13	18	17	11	11	22	17	17	2020
	18	14	14	25	2	29	28	10	7	2	13		2021
Criminal Case - Follow-Ups	37	25	43	23	29	48	27	25	25	25	49	54	2020
	23	27	31	42	61	47	33	43	35	56	28		2021
Crime or Incident Reports Taken	124	90	110	78	102	98	69	53	60	78	89	109	2020
	80	69	89	89	117	99	103	86	65	64	79		2021
Persons Arrested	9	8	2	1	14	1	10	4	9	9	12	12	2020
	19	13	7	14	7	24	22	11	6	10	13		2021
Beach Patrol Events	389	302	329	706	703	564	322	432	420	385	530	479	2020
	720	694	694	817	1,204	590	859	637	654	599	556		2021
Beach Patrol Hours	232	208	255	310	430	304	215	252	314	354	232	270	2020
	305	258	355	359	398	251	362	249	266	214	198		2021
Marine Patrol Events	17	26	52	39	57	47	73	104	123	95	78	177	2020
	354	205	198	286	200	143	78	227	163	233	275		2021
Total	9,176	8,126	9,756	9,727	12,614	10,644	12,974	14,529	13,878	14,878	14,703	13,285	2020
Total	18,278	17,799	18,363	18,217	17,725	16,660	19,318	18,744	20,469	19,542	17,232	-	2021



Officer Schmid in a motorcade escorting the Travelling Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Wall