

City of Marco Island

Meeting Date: December 1, 2021

To: City Council

From: Chief Tracy Frazzano

Through: Michael A. McNees, City Manager

Re: October 2021 Monthly City Council Report

October marked Domestic Violence awareness month. For the first 10 months of 2021, Marco Island domestic violence cases exceeded total year 2019 (pre-COIVD) reported cases by 37%. Other Law Enforcement agencies report similar increases due to COVID's associated stresses on families. To combat domestic violence, Marco Island Police Department has taken a 3-pronged approach. First, all officers are extensively trained to identify and navigate domestic violence incidences. Second, our police department signed an agreement with The Shelter where victims receive support and relief from threatening environments. Third, community outreach through social media is provided to educate our community about domestic violence, signs of abuse and victim services.

October is also Breast Cancer Awareness month. This campaign is near to our department since members and family members have fought this life-threatening condition; we recognize their strength. Our department publicized awareness through social media campaigns and celebrated support through pink ribbons on our vehicles. We also extended encouragement to others by giving away pink wrist bands embedded with inspiring messages of "survivor" "hope," "strength" and "faith."



Chief Frazzano celebrates Breast Cancer Awareness Month with Just Friends

After 21 years of service, Officer Jason Nachtrab retired from Marco Island Police with his walk-out on October 6th. Over the course of his career, Officer Nachtrab received various awards and commendations, including multiple Phoenix awards. Phoenix awards are presented to officers who saved lives. Officer Nachtrab also had the distinction of conducting the first arrest made by the Marco Island Police Department.



Officer Jason Nachtrab accepting his retirement plaque at last call

On October 19th, Marco Island Police celebrated the advancement of two law enforcements officers. Captain John Wallace was officially recognized for his new role as Captain and Sergeant Angel Casabona was promoted to his respective role. Officers, the City Manager and families of both officers joined the officiation



Chief Frazzano swears in Angel Casabona promoting him to Sergeant

Marco Island Community Service Officers participated in a 5- day training event with FACE (Florida Association of Code Enforcement) which focused on Code Enforcement procedures and best practices in the State of Florida. Our officers attended the conference with code enforcement officials from Naples and Collier County Sheriff's Office. Each officer was awarded a FACE certification upon successfully completing the course.

October Police Activity

Crime report:

65 incident reports occurred in October. This is the first month in 2021 that had fewer reports taken versus 2020 (15% less cases). Of the 65 events reported, 26 were criminal cases (crimes against persons, property, society, and miscellaneous crimes). During the month, 11 arrests were made, primarily behind property crimes (thefts) and miscellaneous crimes (criminal traffic violations). While the number of events for Crimes against Persons is comparatively low, the number of occurrences has increased since 2020.

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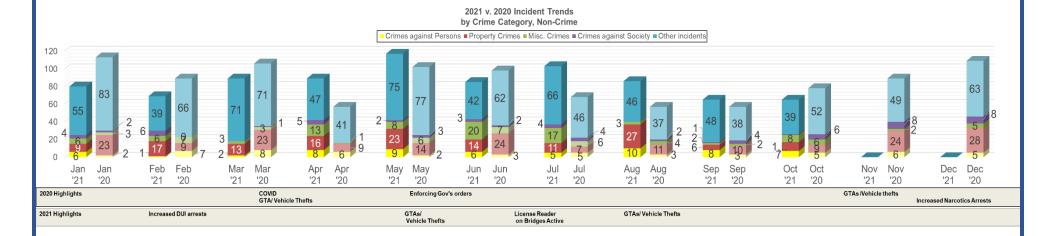
-25%

Oct-2021		Oct-2020				
Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Crimes against Persons	# of incidents			
Sex offenses	2	Sex offense	0			
Domestic Battery	3	Domestic Battery	3			
Assault	2	Assault	1			
Intimation/Stalking	0	Intimation/Stalking	1			
Total	7	Total	5			
Property Crimes		Property Crimes				
Hit and Run	1	Hit and Run	0			
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	Motor Vehicle Theft	0			
Theft	4	Theft	4			
Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	3	Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	3			
Fraud	1	Fraud	2			
Total	10	Total	9			
Misc. Crimes		Misc. Crimes				
Reckless Boating	1	Reckless Boating	0			
Criminal Traffic	6	Criminal Traffic	4			
Fleeing/Obstructing officers	1	Fleeing/Obstructing officers	2			
Total	8	Total	6			
Crimes against Society		Crimes against Society				
DUI	1	DUI	2			
Narcotics	0	Narcotics	4			
Total	1	Total	6			
Other Incidents		Other Incidents				
Marchman Act	0	Marchman Act	1			
Baker Act	4	Baker Act	6			
Operation Medicine Cabinet	2	Operation Medicine Cabinet	2			
Non-Criminal Incidents	33	Non-Criminal Incidents	43			
Total	39	Total	52			

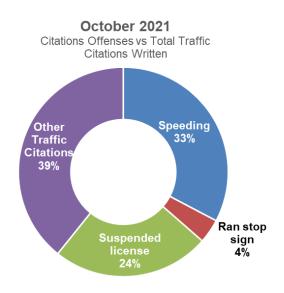
Note: Non-Criminal incidents are reports that do not have a criminal offense or are information reports. Examples include fraud cases (outside of Marco Island jurisdiction), other agency assists, lost, and found items and medical assists.

2021 vs 2020 Incident Trends

39 non-criminal incidents were reported in October. Lost and found items represented the largest amount of non-criminal reports at 20%; fraud reports which occurred outside Marco Island's jurisdiction were the second highest amount of non-criminal reports. People who report non-criminal fraud reports file them as part of their financial institution investigation process.



Traffic patrol



Approximately 300 traffic warnings and citations were issued in October. Citations for excessive speed accounted for the largest number of citations issued (33%).

The ALPR system (license plate reader) has been a key device to ensure residents and visitors to the island have valid registration and driving credentials. In October, 18 driver's licenses were confiscated from motorists unknowingly operating a vehicle with a suspended or canceled license (non-criminal offense). This offense was up 38% in comparison to the previous month. 6 drivers were arrested for knowingly operating a vehicle with knowledge; they were transported to the Naples Jail Center.

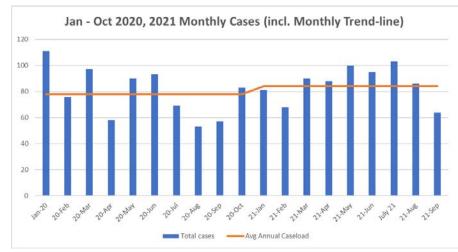
A large number of "other" traffic citations were issued to motorists who didn't have proof of insurance available at the time of operating a vehicle. Motorists are reminded it is a state requirement to be in possession of a valid proof of insurance at all times when operating a motor vehicle.

October Detective Bureau Monthly Report

Investigative Summary:

Investigaive work generated compelling evidence for the State Attorney's office which prompted a confession of guilt from a serial shoplifter. The arrested shoplifter will be sentenced to jail time. Our detectives also applied for two warrant requests from the State Attorney's Office: 1 case for a child sex crime and a separate case of battery (non-domestic violence related).

	Oct-21	Oct-20	21 vs. 20 Diff.
Arrests	11	7	57%
Closed	45	48	-6%
Cleared	0	13	-100%
Open	9	6	50%
Suspended	6	7	-14%
Warrant Requests	2	2	0%
Total	73	83	-12%





Officers gather at Coffee with a Cop at Wake-Up Marco

Investigative Summaries:

Cases Closed by Detective Bureau

Child Sex Crime – The investigation was concluded, and a warrant request was sent to the State Attorney's Office.

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Sexual Battery – Case involving boyfriend/girlfriend visiting the island was suspended when the victim declined to seek prosecution.

Aggravated Battery – A case involving a person injured by a BB gun pellet was suspended after all leads and evidence processed by a crime lab did not provide any further leads for investigation.

Battery – The reporting person stated he was struck by another person. A suspect was identified, and a warrant request was sent to the State Attorney's Office.

Burglary – Two juvenile offenders were identified and taken into custody for burglarizing a local CBD store.

Stolen Vehicle – A vehicle was reported stolen from the victim's garage. After pursuing all leads the case has been suspended and placed in inactive status.

Stolen Bicycle – A bicycle was reported stolen from a communal area. After pursuing all leads the case has been suspended and placed in inactive status.

Criminal Mischief – A vehicle drove through a security gate, causing damage. The driver of the vehicle was identified and agreed to pay for the damages. Subsequently, the victim declined prosecution.

Fleeing and Eluding – A driver did not stop when Officers tried to pull her over. The driver was identified, and a warrant request was sent to the State Attorney's Office.

Risk Protection Order – A case against a Respondent for his firearm rights to be revoked was approved and finalized by a Judge for one year.

Death Investigation – A death investigation was ruled to be natural by the Medical Examiner and the case is now closed.

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Filing False Report – An investigation was launched into a false report to an anonymous crime tip line. The non-profit service was cooperative with law enforcement but had no way of identifying the false tipster, the case is suspended.

Follow-Up Reports from Patrol:

Transmit Harmful Material to a Minor – Report of a minor receiving lewd messages and photographs from a 25-year-old male. Case open

Domestic Battery – The reporting person stated she was struck by her boyfriend. Case open.

Sex Crime – The reporting person stated she was sexually battered by a male co-worker. Case open.

Fraud – An unknown person cashed a fraudulent check, which resulted in a financial loss for a business. Case open.

Fleeing and Eluding on a Vessel – The driver of a vessel willfully fled from a MIPD Sergeant after being ordered to return to a dock. Case open.

Self-Initiated Reports:

DCF Reports – The Detective Bureau received three Department of Children and Family (DCF) reports, which did not require further investigation by the department.

Operation Medicine Cabinet – The prescription drug secure drop was emptied twice with reports initiated. 80 pounds of drugs were collected, placed into police evidence safekeeping, and marked for proper destruction.

Detectives: Investigation Activity for October

Case management	Arrests/Warrants/Prosecution/ He	arings	
Supplemental Reports	Supplemental Reports 38		2
Det Supervisor Review of Reports	26	Warrant Checks	214
Det Supervisor Evidence Log Processing	15	Warrant Arrests	2
Initial Reports Written	2	Search Warrants	4
		Contact with State Attorney's Office	1
Exploratory (Collection / documentation)		Follow up / Assists	
Evidence Submissions	16	Case Follow Ups	56
Neighborhood Canvass	1	State Attorney/ Clerk of Court	5
Videos Processed from WatchGuard	19	Bulletins Created/Distributed	20
Sex Crime Investigations		Other Agency Assists	1
Subpoena Requests 1		Policing	
Extensive Crime Scene Processing	2	Traffic Stops:	2
Death Investigation	2	Road Patrol	1
		Special Events Coverage	4



Second Grader Ali Traver shows off her new helmet with Sgt. Haueter, Officer Guyer, Chief Frazzano, business owner of Marco Fun Martin Winter, and Education Specialist Tristan Ashby at Bike Safety Open House hosted by MIPD.

Marine Report

Newly promoted, Sgt. Casabona was assigned to oversee Marine Patrol operations.

Officers assigned to the Marco Island Police Marine Unit conducted directed patrols of Marco Island waterways, city marinas, boat ramps and conducted boater safety education and enforcement activities. Total number of events more than doubled in comparison to the same time period last year.

On October 24th, Marine Officer Bob Marvin was on routine patrol off Hideaway Beach when he encountered a large piece of construction debris floating in the water, creating a navigation hazard. Officer Marvin towed the large structure to a safe location on the beach where arrangements were made to have it removed.

Marine Report	Oct-21	Oct-20
Total Events	233	95
Canal, Bay River and Gulf patrol	85	69
Vessel Stops	49	7
Warnings	51	5
Resource Checks/ Safety Inspections	8	5
Sanitation inspections	0	7
Disabled Vessels	0	0
Suspicious Vessels	0	2
MERT (Marine Emergency Response Team)	0	0
Assist Boater/Citizen Contacts	10	0
Marina Inspections	16	0
Citations	4	2

Marco Island Police Department command staff and Marine Patrol officers met with FWC Commander of the South Region Bravo, Major Alberto Maza and FWC Lt. Mark Mahoney. Topics discussed were collaboration and training between both agencies for marine emergency responses and resource enforcement training. Also discussed, was collaboration with FWC in the enforcement, citing and removal of at risk and derelict vessels.



Officer Bob Marvin removing debris from waterways

New Hires and Personnel Changes

- Ed Curry joined as a Code Enforcement Officer on October 4th.
- October 19th, Captain John Wallace and Sergeant Angel Casabona had their promotional ceremonies.
- Officer Josh Ferris shifted duties to full time Marine Officer on October 20th.
- Police Officer Leonard Jackson was sworn in on October 27th.



Community Service Office Ed Curry



Officer Leonard Jackson is sworn in.

Training:

- Sergeant Montgomery and Officer Carey attended EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operations Course) to be an instructor. This certification will be used for tactical maneuver training with our Marco Island Police Officers.
- Officer George Guyer received threat assessment training.
- Officer Rosario received speed measurement training.
- Joan Taylor received Florida Accreditation certificate for managing the accreditation process.



Captain John Wallace at swearing in ceremony

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.

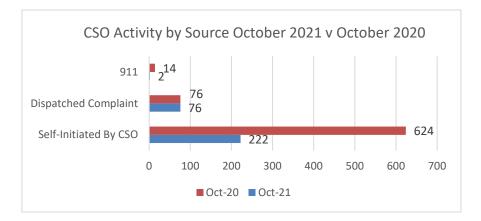
Activity Type	October	Last 3 Months	Current Year
Administrative	15	73	228
Background Investigations	15	60	180
Beach Patrol	3	10	25
Community Events	30	45	417
Investigations / Follow-up	0	0	0
Marine Patrol	0	0	0
Monthly Meeting	12	32	98
Park Patrol	3	6	26
Special Duty (Paid)	51	166	562
Special Duty (Unpaid)	0	0	80
Solo Patrol	10	50	82
2 nd OFC Patrol	0	0	6
Program Coordination	10	34	129
Training	38	65	246
Weather Event	0	0	11
Other	0	0	40
Total	187	541	2,130

<u>Special Duty Hours – Performance of Law Enforcement Duties Compensated by Outside Vendors</u>

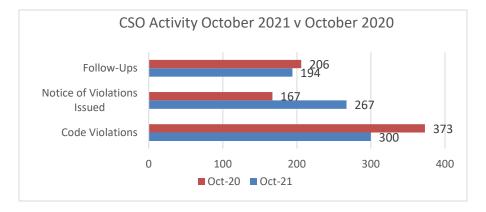
 United Church 	Security	18 Hours
• JCMI	Security	15 Hours
 Island Country Club 	Security	80 Hours
 Presbyterian Bible Study 	Security	20 Hours
 MIA Homecoming 	Security	8 Hours
 MIA Sports Activities 	Security	24 Hours
 Private Party 	Security	3 Hours
 Centennial Bank 	Security	3 Hours

Code Enforcement:

Community Service Officer events decreased 64% compared to the same time last year. 75% of events were self-initiated. A new focus on Community Oriented Patrol was initiated by CSOs on duty. Community Oriented Patrol focuses on providing education of City Ordinances through a written warning, prior to writing citations.



78% of all Code Enforcement investigations resulted in 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 October were identified as waste placement on the curb, overgrown weeds, and vehicle parking.



October Code Enforcement Cases

Cases closed in October 2021 was 5% less than the same time last year. Cases opened were approximately the same in 2020 versus 2021.



Code Enforcement Cases

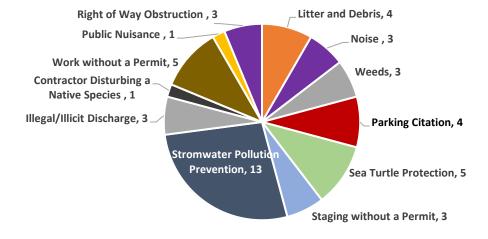
The three most significant City Code violations for the month of October 2021 remained consistent from September 2021: 18-38(8) "Placement of Waste on Curb", 50-37 "Prohibited Parking", and 18-36(10) "Overgrown Weeds". The number of noise complaints increased slightly in October vs. September (48 calls and 45 calls, respectively). Of the 48 noise complaints made in October, 12 were verified as valid complaints.

Type of Violation	Number of Violations
Placement of Trash on Swale	199
Overgrown Weeds	21
Parking Citations	17
Noise	12
Litter and Debris	8
Code Enforcement Citations	7
Erosion Control	7
Right of Way Obstruction	6
Public Nuisance	6
Boat and Boat Trailer Parking	6
Work without a permit	6
RV Permits	3
Staging without a permit	3
Failed Seawall	3
Illicit/Illegal Discharge	2
Meters	2
Signage	1
Damaged Sidewalk	1
Vehicle Parking	1
Irrigation	1
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^{**}This figure reflects the total number of violations and not the number of cases. This is to account for cases with multiple violations.

October 26, Special Magistrate Hearing Cases

37 cases were reviewed for October Magistrate, fewer in comparison to September (45 cases). 28% of cases were in relation to missing/ damaged erosion control devices, 10% were for sea turtle protection violations and 10% for work without a permit.



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

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

October Monthly Beach Report

Incidents on beaches increased 36% this October in comparison to the same time period last year. Litter/debris pick up and patrol activity collectively made up almost half (47%) of total events in October 2021. Glass on the beach continued to trend as the highest number of violations this month. Enforcement of Shorebird Flushing on beach had one of the largest increases versus other offenses due to the migratory bird season (12 incidents in October vs. 1 in September).



On October 4th, 2021, Community Service Officer Ira Warder assisted the Audubon Society of the Western Everglades (AWE) in rescuing a Royal Tern in distress near the Critical Wildlife Area. The Royal Tern was taken by AWE to the Conservancy for treatment.

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CSO Warder rescued a Royal Tern from the beach.

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Activity	Events
Pick Up Debris & Litter	140
Patrol Activity	140
Information / Directions	80
Warnings Issued	51
Community Oriented Policing Activity	50
Glass on Beach Enforcement	23
Check Beach Signs	21
911 Call	17
Dog on Beach Enforcement	16
Shorebird Flushing Enforcement	12
Youth Badge / Photo	10
Transport	7
Fill In Holes in Sand	7
Injured/Sick Animal	6
Traffic Problem	5
Code Violations	2
Medical Call	2
Drone Complaints	2
Animal Complaint	2
Assist	2
Missing Child/Adult	2
Fishing License Check	1
Property	1



Community Service Officers Dodd, Citerella, and Warder rescue a dog from the canal.

Sea Turtle Activity (Year to Date including October)

October 31st marked the official end of sea turtle protection season. 98 nests were established in 2021, 6 more than in 2020. Code enforcement wrote 46 Sea Turtle Protection NOV's in the 2021 season compared to 44 for the 2020 season.

Total	Nests	False Crawls		Hatched		Disoriented	
2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
98	92	162	162	14	7	10	11

Given the Sea Turtle ordinance will be up for review by the City Council on Decmeber 6th, the Marco Island Code Enforcement Department shifted their focus to developing a new protection ordinance recommendation. They, with the Marco Island Growth Management Environment Planner surveyed other municipalities with similar skylines to Marco Island's for lighting enforcement learnings and application. Code Officers have also scheduled meetings with the Marco Island beach committee and Longboat Key Code Enforcement, who recently rewrote their sea turtle protection ordinance and improved their enforcement program. Marco Island Code Enforcement Officers are also in the process of acquiring best practices with other cities that use spectrometers.

October Community Engagement Report

Several community events occurred during the month of October. At the beginning of the month, the Marco Island Police Department and local business, Marco Fun, held a bike safety event on October 9th to support Bike Safety Day. Children who attended the event received a bike helmet and bike safety equipment. The department also promoted safety reminders through social media to homeowners to keep bike lanes clear of waste receptacles and remove overgrown grass on streets and sidewalks.

During the week of October 18th, Marco Island Police officers joined in the celebrations of government week with community-oriented initiatives that included Coffee with a Cop on October 20th at Wake-Up Marco and Pickleball with Police at the Racquet Center on October 22nd.

Halloween festivities ended the month at the annual Spooktacular event at Mackle Park. Marco Island Police Department partnered with Marco Island Parks and Recreation Department to create a fun filled hayride event. On October 31st, officers ensured a safe trick or treating experience was had by everyone who participated at the annual Halloween neighborhood gathering.



Officer Prigge and friend at Mackle Park's Spooktacular



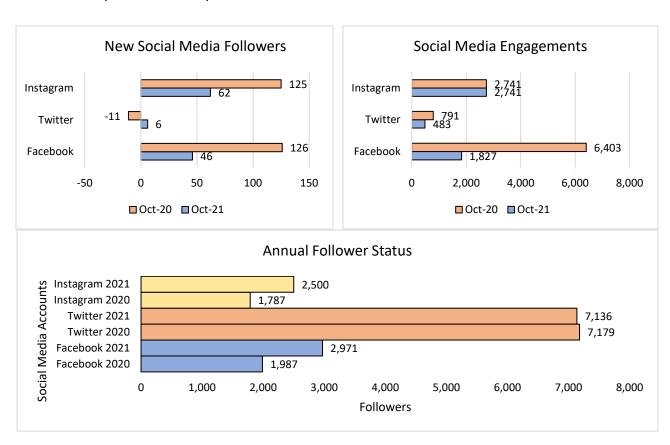
Sergeant Haueter patrolling for a safe Halloween

October Community Engagement Report



Marco Island Police Department promoted efforts behind the Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle Department Teen Driver Safety Week, through education-based posts of safe driving practices.

Educational code enforcement graphics were shared through social media on trash days to help increase residential compliance with City code.



October's Top Performing Posts



Officer Nachtrab's walk-out



Patrol at sunset



Sgt. Casabona and SRO Guyer attend Red Ribbon Week events at Tommie Barfield Elementary.

October Appendix: October 2021 vs. 2020 Activity Overview

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



Marco Island Police Department's 1st Annual Pickleball with Police event