



City of Marco Island

Meeting Date: November 1, 2021
To: City Council
From: Chief Tracy Frazzano
Through: Michael A. McNees, City Manager
Re: September 2021 Monthly City Council Report

In September, several sources announced that Marco Island was among the top 5 safest cities in Florida. This recognition was based on FBI crime statistics coupled with other qualifying factors determined by the reporting agencies. Marco Island Police & Code Departments are extremely honored to be a part of this acknowledgement. We believe the strong relationship and mutual respect between our officers and residents help set us up for success at reducing crime and achieving a higher quality of life.

Marco Island Police continued strengthening patrols across the island and surrounding waters for crime prevention and resident protection. In September, our officers initiated close to 13,000 patrols, a 90% increase vs the same time period last year. This increase is primarily due to extra patrols put in place through resident's requests and monitored community needs (such as traffic safety). More vehicles were stopped (776 vehicles) vs. August 2021 (649) with 28% more citations and warnings written vs. August 2021.

As a means to preserve Marco Island's beauty, our Code department has taken steps to preserve well-maintained landscaping by working with our contracted landscapers on properties with excessive grass and weed growth.

This month presented staff changes, most notably with our Command Staff. After serving 21 years in various roles at Marco Island Police Department, Captain David Baer received his Last Call as a Captain on September 9th. Captain John Wallace, a veteran police Inspector from NYPD, was sworn in as the new Captain for our agency. MIPD wishes both Captains much success in their new roles.



September Police Activity

Crime report:

65 incident reports occurred in September; a 14% increase compared to last year. The number of reported crimes (crimes against persons, property, society and miscellaneous crimes) decreased across September vs. August (17 vs. 40 criminal cases, respectively). 6 arrests were made: battery, DUI and criminal traffic. The category “crimes against persons” had the highest amount of reported criminal offenses. “Crimes against persons” was up significantly vs. same time last year due to an increase in sexual offenses and domestic battery incidents. In September, the Marco Island Police Department proudly re-committed our partnership with The Shelter, an organization established to provide services that protect victims of domestic violence and human trafficking.

Sep-2021		Sep-2020		21 v. '20
Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Diff.
Sex offenses	3	Sex offense	1	167%
Domestic Battery	3	Domestic Battery	1	
Assault	2	Assault	1	
Total	8	Total	3	
Property Crimes		Property Crimes		-40%
Theft	1	Theft	5	
Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	3	Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	0	
Total	6	Total	10	
Misc. Crimes		Misc. Crimes		NC
Criminal Traffic	2	Criminal Traffic	2	
Total	2	Total	2	
Crimes against Society		Crimes against Society		-75%
DUI	1	DUI	0	
Narcotics	0	Narcotics	4	
Total	1	Total	4	
Other Incidents		Other Incidents		26%
Marchman Act	3	Marchman Act		
Baker Act	6	Baker Act	1	
Operation Medicine Cabinet	1	Operation Medicine Cabinet	1	
Non-Criminal incidents	38	Non-Criminal incidents	36	
Total	48	Total	38	

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, medical assists.

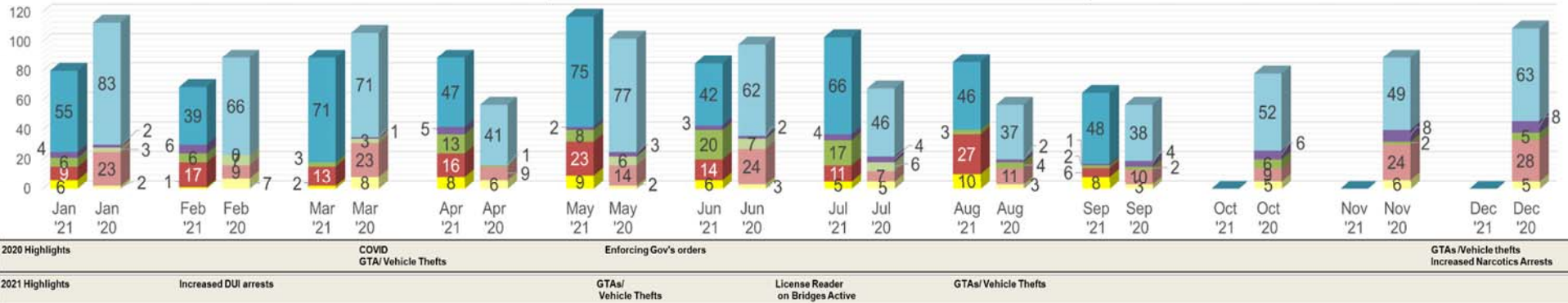
2021 vs 2020 Incident Trends

September had a 25% decrease in incident reports vs. August (65 reports vs. 86, respectively). The decline in cases corresponds to the trend Marco Island historically experiences during the “off-season”.

On a non-criminal basis, suspicious incidents were the most reported events (represented 15% of all non-criminal reports). Suspicious incidents included: trespassers or suspicious vehicles/persons in the neighborhood. Marco Island Police Department encourages Marco Island residents to report circumstances that may appear unusual. MIPD sets up extra patrols and establishes trespass agreements with property owners to help prevent potential crime from occurring.

2021 v. 2020 Incident Trends
by Crime Category, Non-Crime

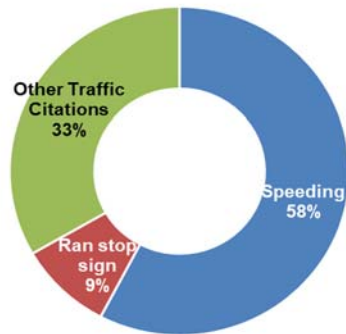
Crimes against Persons Property Crimes Misc. Crimes Crimes against Society Other incidents



Traffic patrol

September 2021

% Speeding, Running Stop Sign Citations vs Total Traffic Citations Written



Officers issued 113 traffic citations during the month of September. This represented a 28% increase in issued citations vs. last month (August). More than two-thirds of traffic infractions were written under the Florida statutes for speeding or failure to stop at a stop sign.

In support of Operation Care, a Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle awareness initiative, Marco Island Police Department developed a social media campaign with the objective of promoting safe driving. Across Labor Day weekend, over 43 driving enforcement stops occurred, of which 4 citations were issued for speeding.

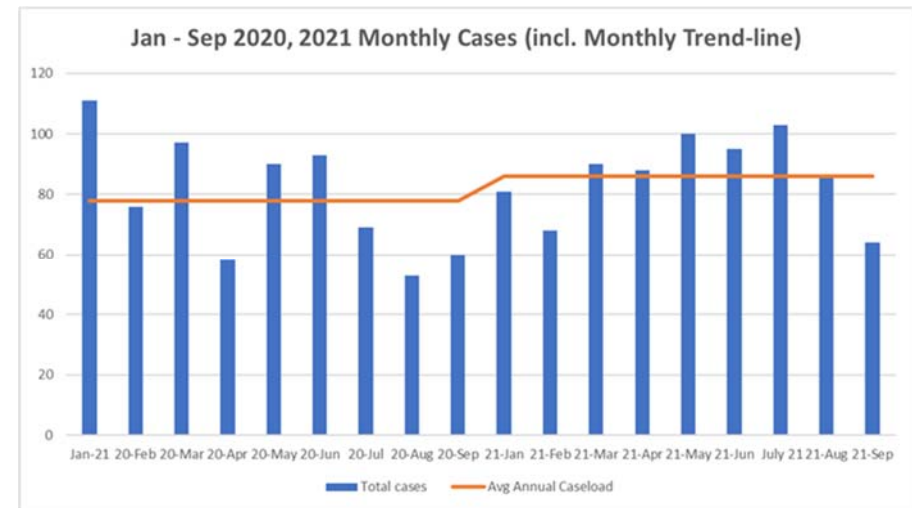
13 driver’s licenses were confiscated in September from motorists unknowingly operating a vehicle with a suspended or canceled license (non-criminal offense). 2 drivers were arrested for never having a license while operating a vehicle; they were transported to the Naples Jail Center.

September Detective Bureau Monthly Report

Investigative Summary:

Based on case follow up, our detectives wrote two warrant requests to the State Attorney's Office: 1 case for fraud and a separate case for Domestic Battery. Detectives also secured two Risk Protection Orders this month for individuals exhibiting mental health episodes. These Risk Protection Orders helped protect the individuals from self-harm or harming others in the community.

	Sep-21	Sep-20	21 vs. 20 Diff.
Arrests	6	5	20%
Closed	46	36	28%
Open	7	4	75%
Suspended	4	8	-50%
Warrant Requests	2	4	-50%
Total	65	57	14%



Officer Kelley greets beach-goers while on patrol.



18th Annual Police Foundation Tournament

Investigative Summaries:

Cases Closed by Detective Bureau

Stolen Checks – An investigation was conducted into stolen checks. After the suspect had been identified and probable cause was established, the victim decided they no longer wanted to prosecute. Case cleared exceptional.

Death Investigation – A death investigation was closed after the Medical Examiner ruled it to be an accidental overdose from Fentanyl.

Follow-Up Reports from Patrol:

Sex Crime – Two adult males are accused of sexual contact with a juvenile. The suspects have been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

Sex Crime – An adult male is accused of sexual contact with a juvenile. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

Domestic Battery – Patrol took a walk-in report from a female who reported an incident of domestic battery. The suspect has been identified and a warrant request has been sent to the State Attorney's office for their review.

Stolen Vessel Recovery – A 33' Grady White Center Console vessel was located, in the area of Tigertail Beach. Further investigation discovered that the vessel had been stolen from a residence in North Naples and driven to the area by the suspect(s), who likely intended to partake in additional criminal behavior. The investigation was turned over to CCSO, due to the theft occurring in their jurisdiction.

Fraudulent Check – A fraudulent check was produced to receive some services. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

Fraud – A suspect tricked a bookkeeper to change direct deposit information for an employee, thus giving the suspect the funds. Investigation is ongoing.

Risk Protection Order – A Risk Protective Order has been filed with the court regarding a male subject having a mental health episode with a gun risk. The investigation and court proceedings are ongoing.

Risk Protection Order – A Risk Protective Order has been filed with the court regarding a female subject having a mental health episode with a gun risk. The case is closed due to a court-imposed order.

Self-Initiated Reports:

Warrant Arrest – Detectives were investigating a suspect for passing a fraudulent check. While doing a background check, it was discovered the suspect had an active warrant for theft. The suspect was located and subsequently arrested.

Sex Offender Check – A sex offender checked in with the detective bureau that he would be staying on Marco Island for a few days. The sex offender was documented, and his time here was recorded. It was confirmed that he left at the end of his stay.

DCF Follow-up – Detectives followed up with a juvenile complaint of abuse. The child was interviewed, and the complaint was found to be baseless.

Drug / Narcotic Burn – Detective bureau supervised the destruction of illegal narcotics destroyed through a court order and drugs turned over through Operation Medicine Cabinet.

Operation Medicine Cabinet – MIPD received prescription medications turned over by the public for destruction.

Information – A civilian believed they saw Gabby Petito at the Walgreens on San Marco Rd. A follow-up was conducted, and it was determined it was not Gabby Petito.

Detectives: Investigation Activity for September

Case management		Arrests/Warrants/Prosecution/ Hearings	
Supplemental Reports	23	Arrest Warrant Requests	1
Det Supervisor Review of Reports	3	Warrant Checks	175
Det Supervisor Evidence Log Processing	12	Warrant Arrests	1
Initial Reports Written	5	Court Hearings	3
		Contact with State Attorney's Office	5
Exploratory (Collection / documentation)		Follow up / Assists	
Interviews	10	Detective Called In (from Off-duty)	1
Evidence Submissions	8	Case Follow Ups	35
Neighborhood Canvass	1	State Attorney/ Clerk of Court	4
Videos Processed from WatchGuard	14	Bulletins Created/Distributed	23
Sex Crime Investigations	3	Other Agency Assists	2
Subpoena Requests	5	Policing	
Child Protective Team Interviews	2	Traffic Stops:	1
		Sex Offender Checks	1
		Special Events Coverage	7



Captain John Wallace joins the MIPD Team.

Marine Report

Total number of marine events in September represented a 32% increase vs the same time period last year. Officers assigned to the Marco Island Police Marine Unit conducted directed patrols of Marco Island waterways, city marinas and boat ramps providing boater safety education and enforcement activities. Officers utilized all department assets: 32' Contender, 24' Ranger and both Wave-Runners (PWC's).

Two marine emergency rescues occurred in September. One assist occurred 2 miles off Marco Beach. A passenger was suffering from severe seasickness and the vessel ran out of fuel. Marine patrol assisted with medical support and transported the passenger for additional medical attention. Officers also stabilized the vessel until a towing company could move it to safety. The second event was a water rescue with a capsized kayaker who became exhausted due to strong currents. Lifesaving skills were applied to safely bring the kayaker to shore. Both rescued individuals were cleared with no serious health complications from the respective events.

Marine Report	Sep-21	Sep-20
Total Events	163	123
Canal, Bay River and Gulf patrol	68	48
Vessel Stops	29	22
Warnings	27	22
Resource Checks/ Safety Inspections	3	22
Sanitation inspections	0	5
Disabled Vessels	0	0
Suspicious Vessels	1	1
MERT (Marine Emergency Response Team)	2	0
Assist Boater/Citizen Contacts	23	1
Marina Inspections	9	0
Citations	2	2

In addition to the marine rescues, Marine patrol also discovered an abandoned boat on Tigertail beach, that had run aground. This vessel was stolen from Naples.

New Hires

- Administrative Office Assistant, Susan Scrugham.
- Police Officer, Richard Palys, sworn in on September 13th.



Susan Scrugham



Officer Richard Palys

Training:

- Officer Prigge and Officer Monsalve were trained for water rescue and operation of Wave-Runners (PWC's). Both also received certification for boater safety.
- Officer Richard McElroy received threat assessment training.

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	September	Last 3 Months	Current Year
Administrative	25	113	213
Background Investigations	25	55	165
Beach Patrol	3	22	22
Community Events	10	30	387
Investigations / Follow-up	0	0	0
Marine Patrol	0	0	0
Monthly Meeting	10	28	86
Park Patrol	3	3	23
Special Duty (Paid)	70	221	511
Special Duty (Unpaid)	0	9	80
Solo Patrol	25	45	72
2nd OFC Patrol	0	6	6
Program Coordination	14	51	119
Training	15	32	208
Weather Event	0	6	11
Other	0	0	40
Total	200	621	1,943

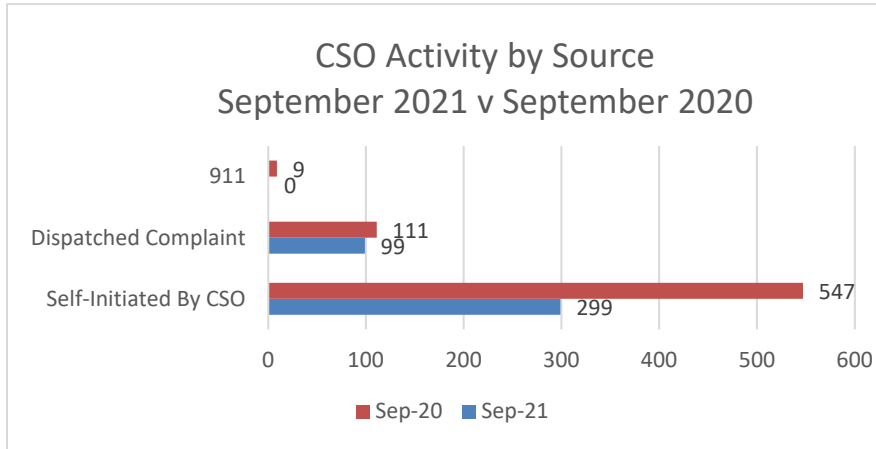
Special Duty Hours – Performance of Law Enforcement Duties Compensated by Outside Vendors

Special Details in September totaled 180.5 hours, 78.5 hours from August.

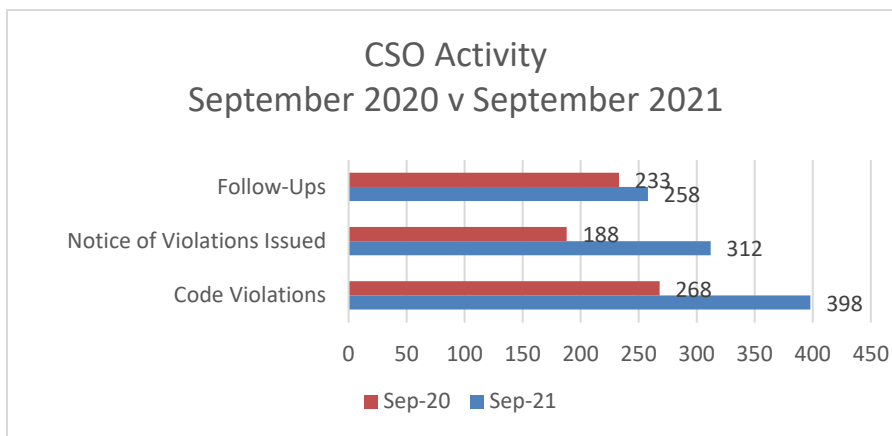
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| • United Church | Security | 12 Hours |
| • JCMI | Security | 28.5 Hours |
| • Island Country Club | Security | 64 Hours |
| • Hilton Marco Island | Security | 21 Hours |
| • JW Marriott | Security | 32 Hours |
| • MIA Sports Activities | Security | 16 Hours |
| • Publix | Security | 4 Hours |
| • Centennial Bank | Security | 3 Hours |

Code Enforcement:

Community Service Officer events decreased 40% compared to the same time last year. 75% of events were self-initiated. The new training initiative that focused on more efficient case management was successfully implemented this month.

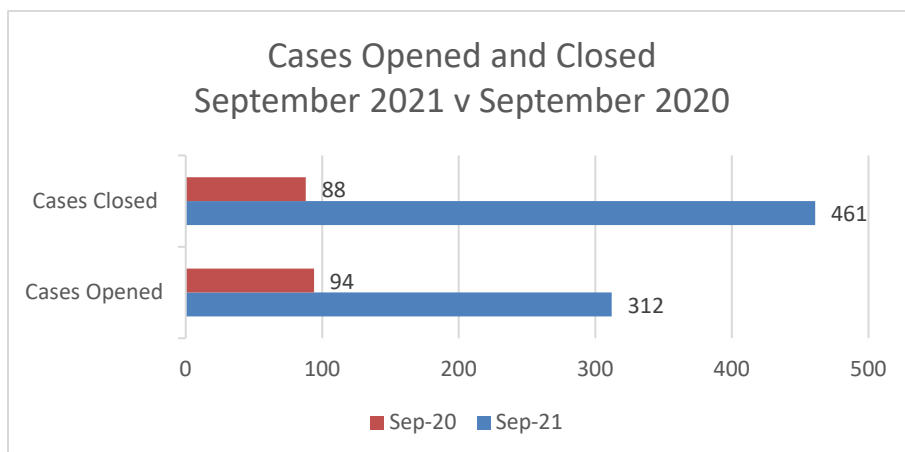


Over sixty percent (61 %) of the Community Service Officers' time was dedicated to investigating new code violations. Approximately 4 out of 5 investigations resulted in an issued Notice of Violation. The highest number of infractions were for placement of waste at the curb, vehicle parking and overgrown weeds.



September 2021 Code Enforcement Cases

The total number of cases closed in the month of September increased by 424% between 2020 and 2021. Increased follow-ups for Waste on Curb and sidewalk contributed to the high close rate.



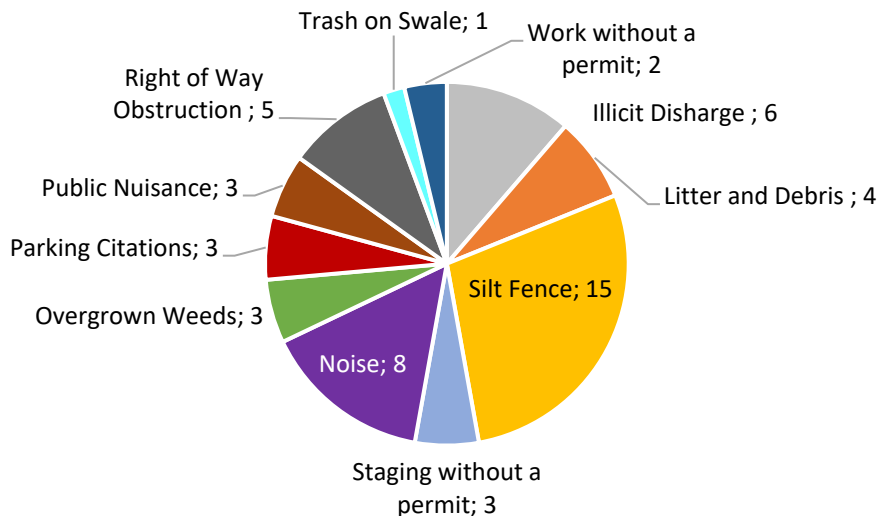
The three most significant violations for the month of September 2021 include City Code Ordinances 18-38(8) "Placement of Waste on Curb", 50-37 "Prohibited Parking", and 18-36(10) "Overgrown Weeds". Noise violations on Marco Island decreased in September vs August (-70%). 43 calls for service made in September with only 5 incidents validated.

Type of Violation	Number of Violations
Placement of Trash on Swale	185
Parking Citations	35
Overgrown Weeds	28
Code Enforcement Citations	16
Right of Way Obstruction	9
Public Nuisance	9
Erosion Control	9
Boat and Boat Trailer Parking	5
Noise	5
RV Permits	5
Litter and Debris	4
Construction Site Debris	3
Work without a permit	3
Damaged Sidewalk	2
MS4	2
Vehicle Parking	2
Disturbing a Native Species	1
Irrigation	1
Staging without a permit	1

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

September 28, Special Magistrate Hearing Cases

September Magistrate reviewed 45 cases: almost twice the caseload vs. those reviewed in August (26 cases). Construction and noise issues represented the largest number of violations addressed: 28% of cases were missing/damaged erosion control devices, 15% were for repeat noise violations and 11% for illicit/illegal discharge.



For more information about Magistrate cases/rulings, please visit us at:
<https://www.cityofmarcoisland.com/police/page/code-magistrate-orders-2021>

Code Enforcement

September 2021 Monthly Beach Report

Officers were on scene 55% more this year vs last year. Litter and debris pick up was the largest type of activity (27% of total beach events). The top offenses for the month of September were glass on the beach, dogs on the beach and bikes/scooters on the beach. Compared to last year, officers gave twice as much information and directions while on scene at the beach. This month there was increased public education information posted on social media referencing glass on the beach, dogs on the beach and general beach regulations.



Activity	Events
Pick Up Debris & Litter	181
Patrol Activity	145
Information / Directions	77
Community Oriented Policing Activity	42
Youth Badge / Photo	38
Glass on Beach Enforcement	25
Check Beach Signs	23
Warnings Issued	20
911 Call	20
Citations Issued	16
Dog on Beach Enforcement	16
Code Violations	9
Bike / Scooter Enforcement	8
Injured/Sick Animal	8
Traffic Problem	8
Fill In Holes in Sand	5
Fishing License Check	5
Transport	3
Drone Complaints	2
Medical Call	1
Detail	1
Shorebird Flushing Enforcement	1



Community Service Officer Andy Lindenmuth prepares for Beach Patrol duty.



Officer gets a high five from young man at the beach.

Sea Turtle Activity (Year to Date including September)

Marco Island Code Enforcement work in partnership with conservationists and our residents with wildlife protection. From May 1 – October 31, additional patrol is put in place to ensure compliance with Marco Island’s Sea turtle ordinance. Our officers patrol the beaches at night in locations where hatchlings may become disoriented due to condo lighting. When disoriented turtles are discovered, our Code Enforcement Officers document and notify surrounding condos about the event, reminding condo management of ordinances. Through the end of September, Marco Island monitored 1 less disoriented turtle vs. the same period year ago. MIPD is currently setting up learning sessions with other beach community municipalities to understand best practices and ordinances for sea turtles.

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



Officers Hans Schmid, Josh Ferris, and Community Service Officer Joe Dodd work to rescue an injured osprey.

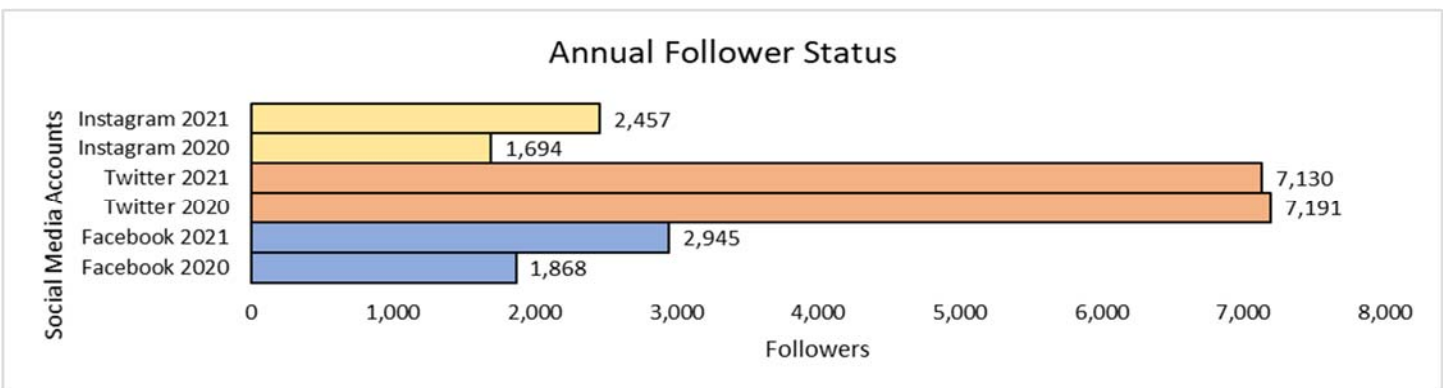
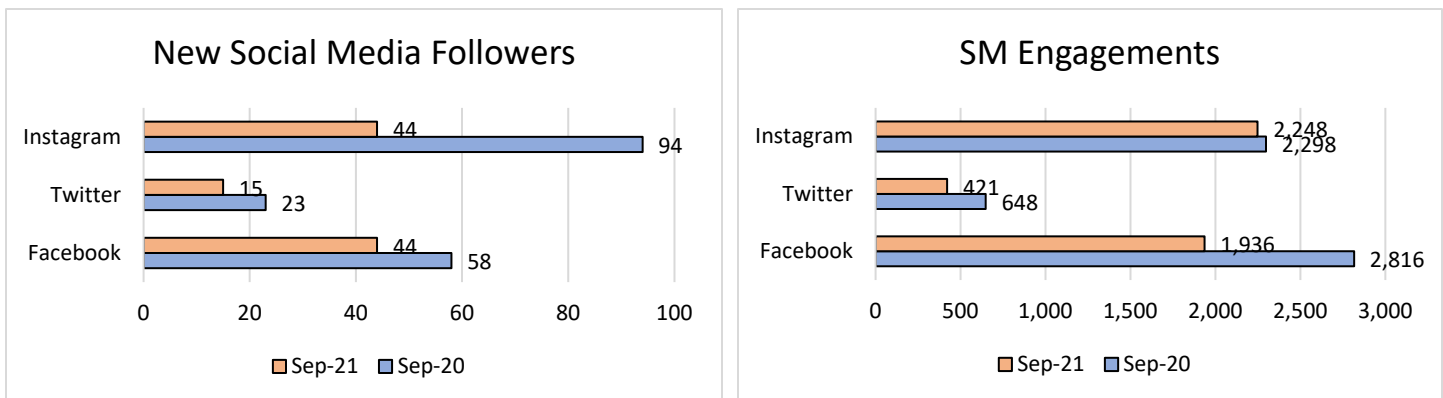
September Community Engagement Report



In September, the Marco Island Police Department provided additional support behind the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle's "Operation Care". This campaign focused on efforts to reduce crashes and promote safety. Leading up to and during Labor Day Weekend, MIPD promoted multiple DUI awareness and safe driving messages as a means to remind motorists about safe driving practices.

Community outreach this month included Pizza with a Cop held at the Marco Island Brewery. These events provide an excellent environment for residents to discuss any concerns and connect with our Officers, Detectives and Command members.

Lt. Gallup spoke at the 9/11 remembrance ceremony, honoring first responders and remembering the lives on 9/11/21. The community shared their appreciation for Captain Baer's 20 years of service on Marco Island on Facebook, Nextdoor, and Instagram.



Top 3 Performing Social Media Posts (engagement)



Capt. Baer's Departure/ Walk-out



9-11 Ceremony with Honor Guard



Swearing-in Ofc. Richard Palys

September Appendix: September 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				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				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				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				2021
Noise Complaints Verified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78	41	27	5	22	2020
	8	5	15	16	16	16	11	13	4				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				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				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				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				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				2021
Criminal Cases - Open	7	7	21	7	6	7	3	7	10	6	28	27	2020
	5	7	10	9	35	10	10	17	65				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				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				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				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				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				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				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				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				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	-	-	-	2021



Congratulations Capt. Baer on your retirement.