



# City of Marco Island

Meeting Date: April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
To: City Council  
From: Chief Tracy L. Frazzano  
Through: Michael A. McNees, City Manager  
Re: February 2025 Monthly City Council Report

## Employee News

In February 2025, Marco Island Police Department employees participated in a variety of training sessions tailored to their specific job assignments. Training topics included Autism Awareness, Mental Health, Less Than Lethal Weapons, and Firearms Proficiency. A significant focus this month was the transition to new firearms and Taser systems, made possible through the support and funding authorized by the City Council and City Manager. This transition was intensive training that required officers to complete classroom instruction, participate in safety briefings, and spend numerous hours at the range to ensure proficiency and safety with the new equipment. The department's commitment to ongoing training reflects its dedication to maintaining the highest standards of service and preparedness



## ***Community Oriented Policing***

On February 26th, Sgt. Joseph Belardo gave a presentation on crime prevention at the Community Association Managers of Marco Island (CAMMI) educational breakfast.

## February Police Activity

### Crime report:

In February 2025, the Marco Island Police Department reported 75 incidents. Total crimes against persons increased by 50% (3 vs. 2) compared to the same time last year, (down 22% using YTD). Property crimes rose by 75% (7 vs. 4). Miscellaneous crimes decreased by 40% (3 vs. 5) over the same period. DUIs, increased by 100% (2 vs. 1) compared to last year (YTD analysis shows these are down 43%) . The department made 2 arrests in February 2025 for DUI-related incidents.

2025 vs. 2024 Crimes by Category, Non-Criminal Offenses							
Feb-2025			Feb-2024			% of Change	
Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Year to Date	Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Year to Date	Feb '25 v.Feb '24	YTD
Sex offenses	2		Sex offense	0	0		
Domestic Battery	0		Domestic Battery	0	0		
Assault	1		Assault	2	9		
Total	3	7	Total	2	9	50%	-22%
<b>Property Crimes</b>			<b>Property Crimes</b>				
Robbery	0		Robbery	0	1		
Burglary Auto	0		Burglary Auto	0	1		
Motor Vehicle Theft	0		Motor Vehicle Theft	0	2		
Theft	7	17	Theft	4	8		
Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	0		Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	0	2		
Fraud	0		Fraud	0	0		
Total	7	23	Total	4	14	75%	64%
<b>Misc. Crimes</b>			<b>Misc. Crimes</b>				
Others (Trespass, Warrants, etc)	0		Others (Trespass, Warrants, etc)	2	6		
Hit and Run	3		Hit and Run	2	3		
Criminal Traffic	0		Criminal Traffic	1	1		
Resisting LEO	0		Resisting an Officer	0	0		
Total	3		Total	5	10	-40%	-10%
<b>Crimes against Society</b>			<b>Crimes against Society</b>				
DUI	2		DUI	1	4		
Narcotics	0		Narcotics	0	3		
Total	2		Total	1	7	100%	-43%
<b>Other Incidents</b>			<b>Other Incidents</b>				
Marchman Act	1		Marchman Act	1	2		
Baker Act	2		Baker Act	4	4		
Operation Medicine Cabinet	2		Operation Medicine Cabinet	2	4		
Non-Criminal incidents	54	107	Non-Criminal incidents	41	97		
Total	59	117	Total	48	107	23%	9%

Note: Multiple criminal offenses may have occurred within some incidents. This reporting aligns with new crime data collection requirements from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the FBI. This announcement for crime reporting was covered in the February 2022 monthly report. Non-criminal incidents are reports that do not have a criminal offense or are information reports. Examples include fraud cases (outside of Marco Island jurisdiction), other agency assists, lost and found items and medical assists.

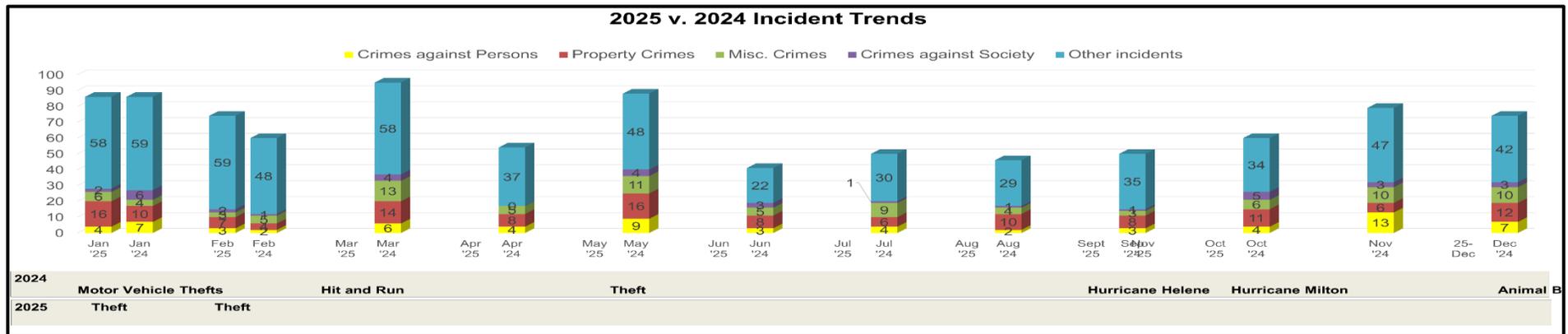
\*Marchman Act: Florida Substance Abuse Impairment Act F.S.S Chapter 397

\* Baker Act: Florida Mental Health Act F.S.S Chapter 394

## 2025. vs 2024 Incident Trend

Comparing February 2025 to February 2024, the number of non-criminal incidents increased from 48 to 54. A notable change was the rise in reports related to assistance provided to other agencies, increasing from 7% in 2024 to 9% in 2025. Reports of domestic disturbances saw a slight decline from 5% to 4%, while suspicious activity reports dropped more significantly from 12% to 7%. Despite these shifts, lost and found property reports remained steady at 37% in both years.

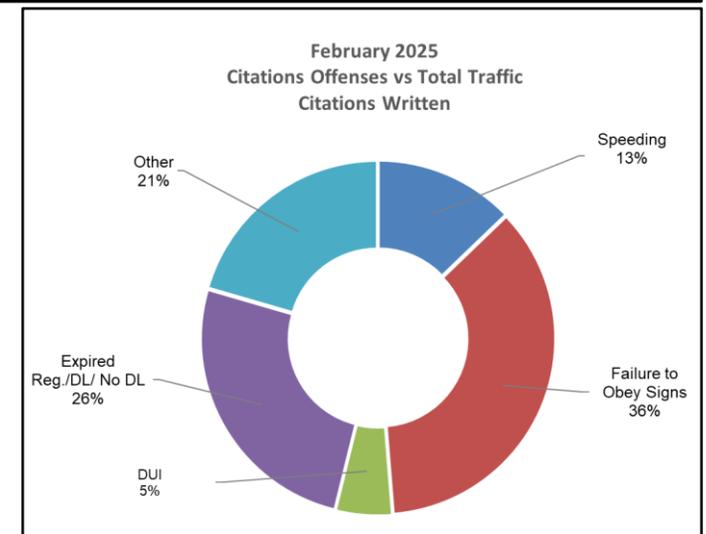
This upward trend in non-criminal incidents is primarily driven by a greater demand for interagency collaboration, particularly in assisting EMS and other law enforcement agencies. This highlights the Marco Island Police Department's evolving role in both public safety and cooperative efforts with external agencies.



## Traffic patrol

In February 2025, there were 95 traffic citations and warnings issued by the Marco Island Police Department (11% lower than January). Of the 39 citations issued, 36% were for failure to obey traffic signs or traffic lights, (this was also the largest portion of citation offenses in January). 13% were for exceeding the posted speed limit, and 26% were for operating a motor vehicle with an expired registration or driver's license. The remaining citations were issued for various violations, including safety belt infractions, improper passing, and failure to stop for an emergency vehicle. Additionally, the department seized 4 driver's licenses and 1 license plate during traffic stops due to license suspensions or revocations. There were also 2 criminal traffic arrests for driving under the influence.

The Marco Island Police Department uses citizen complaints, known problem areas, and crash data analysis to determine our traffic enforcement strategies.



## Quarterly Crash Report

The Marco Island Police Department collects crash data quarterly to identify the conditions and contributing factors most likely to result in a crash. The heat map illustrates the geographic areas with the highest reported crash concentration. Locations with a higher density of crashes will appear "hotter" on the map, indicated by red or orange colors. More severe crashes will also appear "hotter" to reflect the increased severity of the incidents.

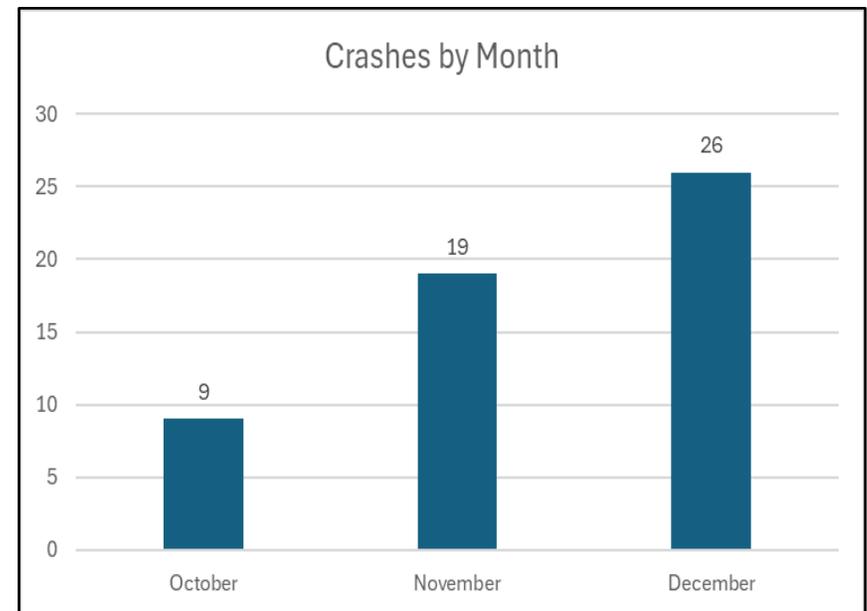
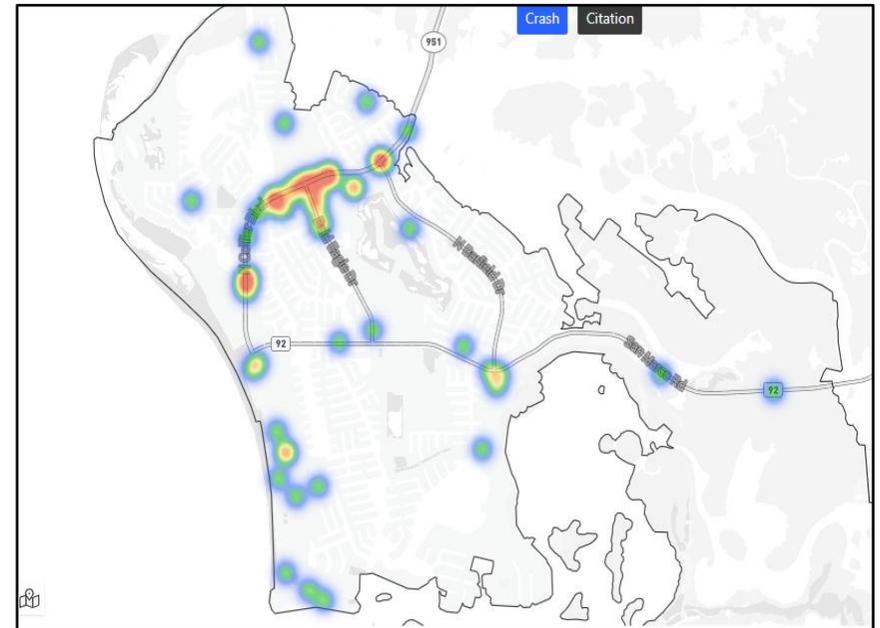
On March 1, 2023, the Governor approved Senate Bill 1614, which expanded public records exemptions related to Crash Reports and Uniform Traffic Citations. As a result of this change, crash report data is now exempt from public disclosure for 60 days following the date of the crash. Consequently, Q3 crash data became available for review starting on November 1, 2024.

Q4 2024 Crash Report – Between October and December 2024, a total of 54 crashes were reported within the municipal limits of Marco Island, marking a significant increase compared to the Q3 (July through September) which had 35 crashes reported. This rise in crashes may be linked to the seasonal increase in population during Q4, as more visitors and residents arrive on the island. Of the 54 reported crashes, 83% were non-injury related, indicating that most incidents resulted in property damage rather than physical harm. Additionally, 89% of the crashes occurred during daylight hours, with the majority happening between 12:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Thursdays emerged as the most accident-prone day, particularly within this midday window.

The data also highlighted that drivers over the age of 65 were involved in most crashes. Furthermore, male drivers were responsible for 67% of the reported crashes.

There were two alcohol- or impaired driver-related crashes reported during Q4, underscoring the continued need for increased public information, education, and enforcement regarding impaired driving.

Overall, the increase in crashes during Q4 reflects the challenges of managing traffic and driver behavior during the island's busier season.



## February Detective Bureau Monthly Investigative Report

Detective Bureau data reflects the number of cases assigned to the bureau each month. These totals do not account for active investigations carried over from previous months and, therefore, do not reflect the bureau's overall caseload.

Case Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	YEAR
Death Investigations	1	2											3	2024
	1	1											2	2025
Robbery	1	0											1	2024
	0	0											0	2025
Sexual Battery/Sex Crime/ICAC	1	0											1	2024
	0	2											2	2025
Child Abuse/Neglect	1	0											1	2024
	0	0											0	2025
Conveyance Burglary	3	0											3	2024
	1	2											3	2025
Burglary	0	0											0	2024
	0	0											0	2025
Trespassing	1	0											1	2024
	0	0											0	2025
GTA & Recovery	2	0											2	2024
	0	0											0	2025
Theft/Grand & Petit	1	4											5	2024
	8	4											12	2025
Fraud	0	0											0	2024
	2	1											3	2025
Vandalism	3	0											3	2024
	4	1											5	2025
Battery/Assault	5	1											6	2024
	1	1											2	2025
Domestic Violence	0	0											0	2024
	1	0											1	2025
Hit and Run/DUI Crash	1	2											3	2024
	1	4											5	2025
Other Arrests	8	2											10	2024
	0	0											0	2025
Other Custody/Marchman/Baker/RPO	1	5											6	2024
	1	4											5	2025
Missing Persons	0	0											0	2024
	1	0											1	2025
Suspicious Incidents/Non Criminal	4	6											10	2024
	4	3											7	2025
Sex Offender Check	0	0											0	2024
	0	0											0	2025
Search Warrants	0	2											2	2024
	0	0											0	2025
Reports Completed	81	70											151	2024
	55	77											132	2025
Dept Wide Evidence Intake	24	20											44	2024
	2	4											6	2025
Child Protection Team Interviews	0	1											1	2024
	0	0											0	2025
Employee Background Checks	0	1											1	2024
	2	3											5	2025
Other non-criminal related duties	26	32											58	2024
	11	22											33	2025
<b>TOTAL (Activities)</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>2024</b>									
<b>TOTAL (Activities)</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>2025</b>									

- Overall, the Detective Bureau has handled 28% fewer cases in 2025 compared to the same period in 2024. However, there has been a 140% increase (12 v. 5) in Theft cases and a 66% increase (5 v. 3) in Vandalism cases. Conversely, Battery/Assault cases have decreased by 66% (2 v. 6).

## February Marine Report

The Marine Report reflects activities conducted by MIPD Marine Officers while patrolling Marco Island’s waterways and canals. These activities include proactive patrols to enforce marine and environmental regulations and promote boater safety. MIPD Marine Officers also respond to marine emergencies as part of the Marine Emergency Response Taskforce (MERT). In Summary, February 2025 reflects a notable increase in marine patrol and enforcement efforts, especially in citations, vessel stops and waterway patrols. Total events saw a 21.3 % increase from this time last year. Significant changes were noted in the areas of citations/warnings, (increased by 64.5%) and patrols (up 55% from February 2024 to February 2025)

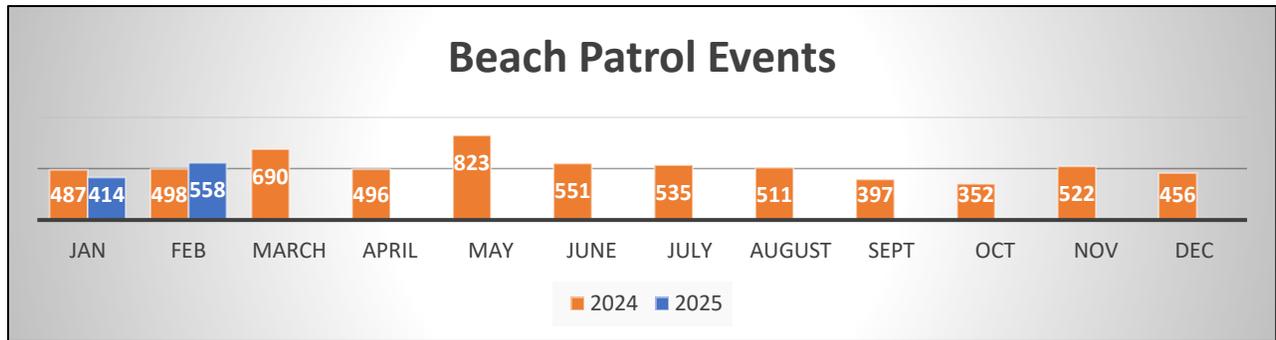
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	YEAR
Canal, Bay River and Gulf Patrol	20	129	371	370	400	353	400	203	290	219	108	20	2883	2024
	101	200											301	2025
Patrols / Business Checks	92	62	120	134	134	154	211	162	144	93	83	24	1413	2024
	84	65											149	2025
Vessel Stops	11	30	121	97	94	48	62	29	38	23	18	3	574	2024
	20	35											55	2025
Citations / Warning	13	31	122	99	69	51	64	36	42	26	18	3	574	2024
	23	51											74	2025
Sanitation Inspections - Factory Bay	6	6	6	6	6	6	0	3	3	0	4	4	50	2024
	5	4											9	2025
Sanitation Inspections - Smokehouse Bay	5	5	5	5	5	5	0	2	2	0	2	5	41	2024
	5	5											10	2025
Suspicious Vehicles	0	0	3	3	1	1	0	1	3	1	0	0	13	2024
	2	0											2	2025
Marine Emergency Response (MERT)	1	0	7	4	3	4	4	3	0	3	2	1	32	2024
	1	2											3	2025
Assist Boaters / Citizen Contacts	20	24	5	5	20	15	3	7	14	11	0	2	126	2024
	13	15											28	2025
Resource Checks	15	6	6	5	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	43	2024
	4	10											14	2025
Boater Safety Checks	9	16	33	44	39	39	40	17	16	3	8	2	266	2024
	9	18											27	2025
Marina Inspections	50	62	85	85	85	85	95	80	80	80	3	0	790	2024
	65	45											110	2025
<b>Total Events</b>	242	371	884	857	860	765	879	543	632	459	246	67	6805	2024
<b>Total Events</b>	332	450	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	782	2025

\*Sanitation Inspection: Enforcement of sanitation regulations to ensure environmental standards for waste are being met.

\*Resource Checks: Enforcement of Florida Administrative Code for Florida Saltwater Fishing Regulations.

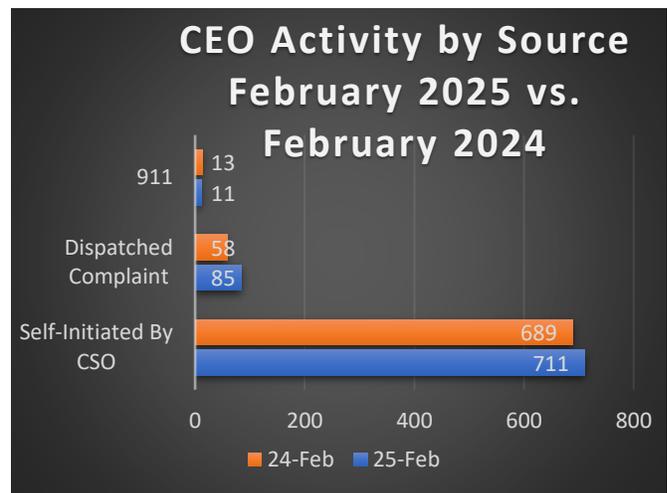
\*Marina Inspections: Patrol and enforcement of marine regulations for vessels leaving and entering Marinas.

**February 2025 Beach Patrol:**



- Debris and information/directions were primary events for this month and last month, in addition to construction safety monitoring of beach areas.

**February 2025 Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) Report:**

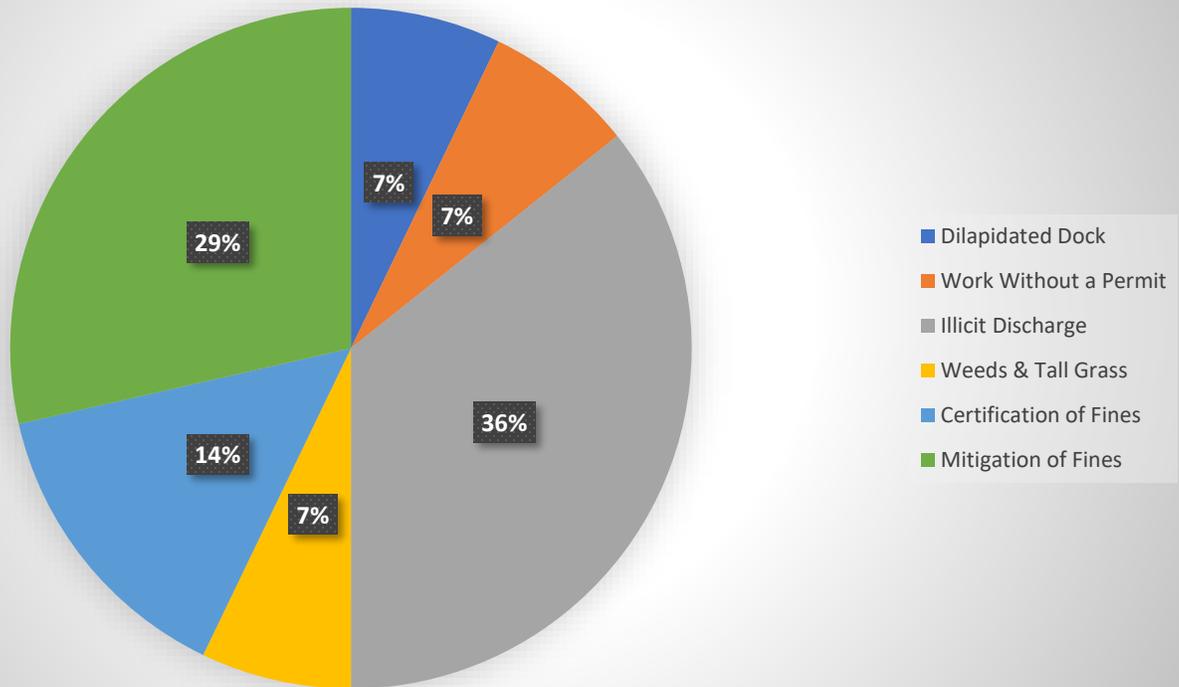


Violations	FEB 2025	FEB 2024
Trash on Swale	48	30
Parking Citations	32	56
ROW Obstruction	25	27
Litter & Debris	19	19
Silt Fence	14	32
Damaged Sidewalk	13	5
Encroachments	12	17
Boat, Boat Trailer & Trailer Parking	11	9
Solid Waste Disposal	10	2
Public Nuisance	7	6

Code Officers' activity remains largely self-initiated, with self-initiated investigations surpassing dispatched ones by a significant margin of 626 cases. A notable trend is the consistent presence of trash violations among the most common code enforcement issues. These violations saw a sharp increase of 100%, rising from 24 in January to 48 in February 2025. This upward trend suggests a growing disregard for waste management and compliance within the community. The significant amount of self-initiated investigations highlights the proactive approach of Code Officers in identifying and addressing violations before they are formally reported.

**February 2025 Special Magistrate Hearing:**

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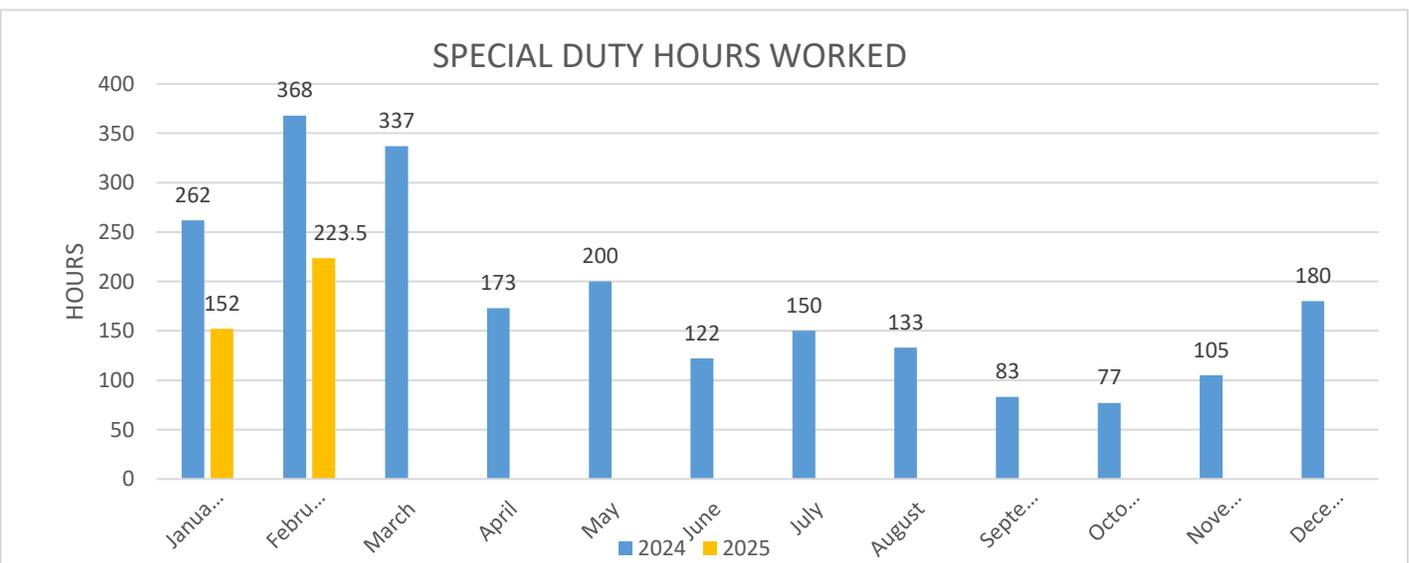
\*\* This figure reflects the total number of violations and not the number of cases. This is to account for cases with multiple violations. Illicit Discharge violations increased from 5% of the January Docket to 36% for February 2025.

For more information regarding the Special Magistrate Hearings please visit:

<https://marcoisland.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

**Special Duty Details:**

Special Duty Details refer to law enforcement duties performed for an outside vendor in addition to an officer's regularly scheduled work hours. These voluntary assignments include, but are not limited to, traffic and security at various locations. February 2025 had 39.2 % less Special Duty Hours worked when compared to February 2024.



## Community Engagement Report

- Overall reactions to social media posts are down 11.8% from last month. Reactions in January were elevated due to the MIPD Anniversary celebration posts.

### #Bettertogether Highlight



The Marco Island Farmers Market is an incredible place to meet our neighbors and make new friends. That's exactly what happened when Marco Island Police Officer William Pschigoda ran into two wonderful families and explained the importance of bike safety. Luke, Joni and their children Summer, Tate & Cal and another loving family Amanda and her two children Gatsby and Solo.

It was a "sweet lesson" indeed as all were provided free ice cream gift cards.



### February Top Performing Posts

Marco Island Police Department SRO Officer George Guyer was surprised several times at Tommy Barfield Elementary School today! The students and staff thanked him for doing such a great job keeping their students safe

Happy School Resource Officer Appreciation Day to our amazing and talented SROs. 🚔 🏫 Officer Paul Ashby, Officer Rich McElroy and Officer George Guyer spend every day dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of Marco Island's students. Thank you for your constant hard- work in supporting our students. 🙌 👍



Welcome the newest officers to the Marco Island Police Department!

We are thrilled to announce the swearing-in of Officer Georgios Katsaros and Officer Alex Cordero as our newest recruits on February 18, 2025. They proudly become the first-ever sponsored academy recruits for the MIPD.

We are incredibly fortunate to have them join our team, and we look forward to the dedication, service, and commitment they will bring to protecting our community and its residents.

### Total Incidents:

Incidents	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total YTD	
<b>Community Oriented Policing Activities</b>	1,780	1,733	1,751	1,758	1,763	2,058	1,978	1,798	1,698	1,597	1,559	1,791	21,264	2024
	1,868	1,716												2025
<b>Extra Patrols</b>	5,934	5,493	5,695	5,765	5,828	6,117	6,025	5,642	5,608	5,475	6,220	6,682	70,484	2024
	7,184	6,973												2025
<b>Parking Complaints</b>	50	84	101	45	28	14	44	26	17	9	30	15	463	2024
	14	49												2025
<b>Noise Complaints</b>	29	34	43	44	37	22	44	18	19	12	25	36	363	2024
	15	14												2025
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	479	331	333	322	486	437	441	327	301	304	386	382	4,529	2024
	361	437												2025
<b>Noise Complaints Verified</b>	3	0	2	1	0	0	5	6	3	1	1	3	25	2024
	0	1												2025
<b>Traffic Citations</b>	100	45	45	38	86	69	54	44	28	30	32	41	612	2024
	35	39												2025
<b>Traffic, Parking &amp; Vessel Written Warnings</b>	95	116	217	158	124	138	180	148	100	77	90	53	1,496	2024
	95	107												2025
<b>Vehicle Crash</b>	32	24	42	30	19	13	21	12	8	10	20	28	259	2024
	29	55												2025
<b>Crime or Incident Reports Taken</b>	85	60	91	54	85	41	61	45	51	58	74	67	772	2024
	82	75												2025
<b>Persons Arrested</b>	9	2	10	3	12	5	9	7	5	10	10	10	92	2024
	7	2												2025
<b>Total Incidents</b>	8,596	7,922	8,330	8,218	8,468	8,914	8,862	8,073	7,838	7,583	8,447	9,108	100,359	2024
	9,690	9,468	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2025

- Parking complaints saw a 250% increase from last month

### Calls for Service by Call Source:

Call Source	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	YEAR
Officer / Field Interview	8,821	8,204	8,573	8,498	8,898	9,227	9,162	8,320	8,160	7,919	9,084	9,546	104,412	2024
	10,241	10,100											20,341	2025
911 Initiated	413	461	563	418	394	330	335	362	341	327	375	437	4,756	2024
	523	554											1,077	2025
Non-Emergency Dispatch Initiated	515	424	607	536	478	396	441	436	412	483	473	649	5,850	2024
	433	541											974	2025
Total Calls for Service	9,749	9,089	122	99	69	51	64	36	42	26	18	3	19,368	2024
	11,197	11,195	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22,392	2025

\* Calls for Service data, captured in the agency's Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, reflects any call that prompts a police officer or code enforcement officer to act or expend resources, whether initiated by the agency or the public. Notably, 90.2% of calls for service were officer field-initiated, demonstrating a strong emphasis on proactive policing.

### Vehicle Count Daily Averages

Location	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Avg Daily YTD	
<b>Jolley Bridge North bound</b>	6,434	12,025	10,658	10,887	8,392	6,803	5,798	7,419	7,648	7,725	9,591	10,377	8,646	2024
	12,668	14,636	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,652	2025
<b>Jolley Bridge South bound</b>	8,427	12,120	10,413	9,945	8,520	6,461	2,071	5,526	9,954	8,527	12,704	12,767	8,953	2024
	15,121	16,875	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,998	2025

- From February 2024 to February 2025, there was a 39.3 % increase in vehicles coming onto Marco Island via the Jolley Bridge.