



City of Marco Island

Meeting Date: June 5, 2023

To: City Council

From: Chief Tracy L. Frazzano

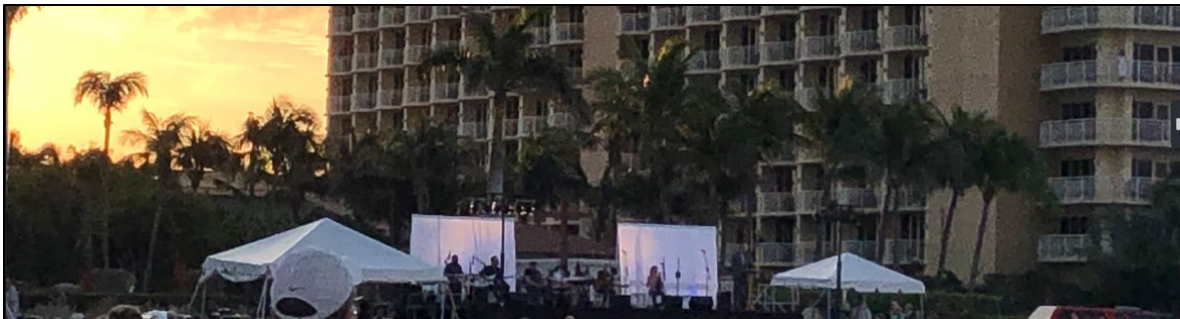
Through: Michael A. McNees, City Manager

Re: April 2023 Monthly City Council Report

Marco Island's Annual Easter Sunrise Service on April 9th, 2023 signified the sunset of the busy season on the Island. Both sworn officers and Code Enforcement officers performed traffic control to help ease congestion, allowing residents and visitors to successfully navigate the event without incident.

The Marco Island Police Department believes that Community Engagement and collaboration is the most effective way to maintain healthy relationships between law enforcement agencies and the public. In April, the department's goal was to engage with the public about important topics that directly effect our community and environment. One community concern addressed in April involved the regulations and requirements for low- speed vehicles on the Island. Chief Frazzano connected with community members through a video which was created to help explain the difference between low- speed vehicles and gold carts and what important regulations are required to ensure the safety of drivers and passengers. Having an open forum to ask questions and gain clarity strengthens our partnership and our shared responsibility of a safe and healthy community.

With the onset of spring and summer, the everchanging environment in Southwest Florida brings forward new wildlife and weather phenomenon. Incoming Sea Turtle Nesting Season in May, Burrowing Owl Mating Season from February to July, and the beginning of Hurricane Season in June are just a few of the priorities for the Marco Island Police Department. April serves as a time for preparation and outreach to ensure that Marco Island remains safe, prepared, and protected in all environmental aspects.



April Police Activity

Crime report:

Officers wrote 72 incident reports in April 2023. This month reflected similar crimes data as the previous year with small changes in crimes against property and crimes against society. In April 2023, there was a 40% increase in property crimes due to the occurrences of fraud incidents (credit card fraud, impersonation fraud and forgery). The Marco Island Police Department had 5 arrests for incidents including criminal traffic, resisting a law enforcement officer, fleeing and eluding, simple assault, forgery, larceny and criminal mischief.

2023 vs. 2022 Crimes by Category, Non-Criminal Offenses				
Apr-2023		Apr-2022		'23 v. '22
Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Diff.
Sex offenses	0	Sex offenses	1	
Domestic Battery	2	Domestic Battery	2	
Assault	1	Assault	2	
Intimidation/Stalking	1	Intimidation/Stalking	0	
Total	4	Total	5	-20%
Property Crimes		Property Crimes		
Burglary	1	Burglary	0	
Theft	6	Theft	7	
Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	3	Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	2	
Fraud	4	Fraud	1	
Total	14	Total	10	40%
Misc. Crimes		Misc. Crimes		
Others (Trespass, Warrants, etc)	0	Others (Trespass, Warrants, etc)	1	
Hit and Run	1	Hit and Run	3	
Resisting Officers	1	Resisting Officers	0	
Criminal Traffic	1	Criminal Traffic	0	
Fleeing and Eluding	1	Fleeing and Eluding	0	
Total	4	Total	4	0%
Crimes against Society		Crimes against Society		
DUI	0	DUI	1	
Narcotics	0	Narcotics	1	
Total	0	Total	2	-100%
Other Incidents		Other Incidents		
Marchman Act	0	Marchman Act	2	
Baker Act	2	Baker Act	0	
Operation Medicine Cabinet	3	Operation Medicine Cabinet	3	
Non-Criminal incidents	45	Non-Criminal incidents	63	
Total	50	Total	68	-26%

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.

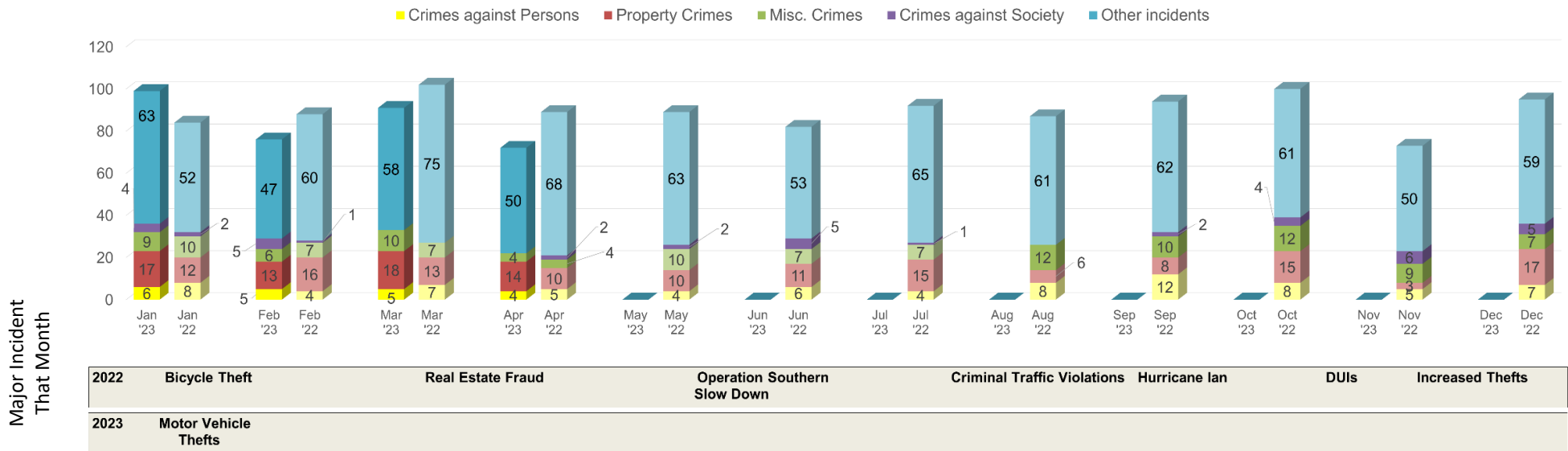


Girl Scout Troop 422 visited the Marco Island Police Department to drop off some delicious cookies this month.

April Incident Trends

45 non-criminal incident reports were taken during April 2023, representing 62% of the total incident reports. Most non-criminal reports were referencing suspicious incidents (fraud outside of MIPD jurisdiction, missing persons, non-criminal school related incidents). In April 2023, MIPD investigated a missing person who was thought to be at risk. The missing person was located and made it home safely.

2023 v. 2022 Incident Trends by Crime Category, Non-Crime

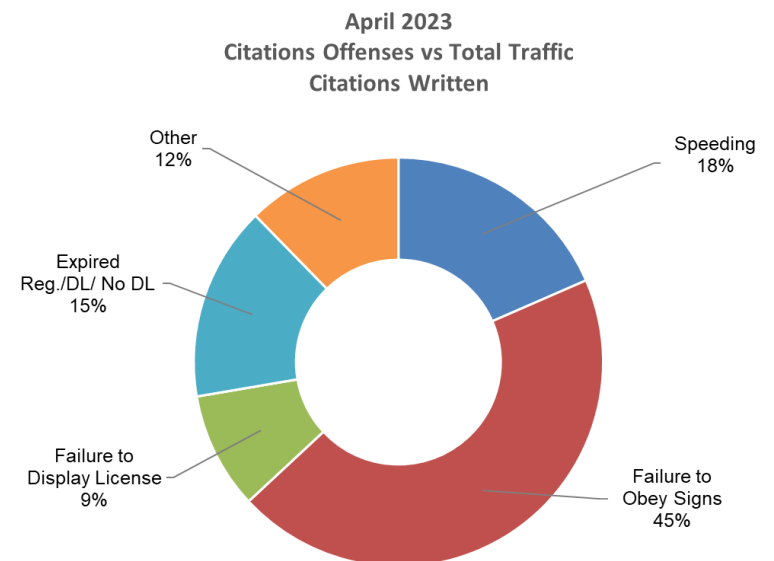


April Traffic Patrol

201 traffic citations and warnings were issued by the Marco Island Police Department during April 2023. Most infractions (45%) were for the failure to obey signs and traffic control devices. 15% of infractions were for expired licenses and registrations. Other citations included improper passing and failure to maintain a single lane.

This month, the Marco Island Police Department arrested 1 person for driving with a suspended license.

Officers seized 8 licenses and 1 license plate during traffic stops due to suspensions or revocations.



April Reserve / Auxiliary Program Activity Hours

Reserve and Auxiliary Police Officers are unpaid volunteers who are certified by the State of Florida to perform in the law enforcement role. These officers must meet the Department's and State of Florida's annual retraining / certification requirements. Reserve and Auxiliary personnel are required to volunteer a minimum of 16 hours per month. They perform a variety of functions for our department and community which are outlined in the chart below. Particularly they assist full-time personnel at community events or special duty functions (requests for an officer to be assigned and compensated by the outside vendor) and during significant weather events such as hurricanes or flooding. Reserve and Auxiliary Officers provide an additional uniformed police presence in neighborhoods, commercial areas, schools, parks, and beaches. Once a month Reserve and Auxiliary Officers have a staff meeting to review policy changes, attend training and address planning and logistical requirements.

Activity Type	April	March	Current Year 2023
Administrative	15	15	110
Beach Patrol	0	0	75
Community Events	30	15	130
Marine Patrol	0	20	20
Monthly Meeting	8	8	42
Park Patrol	0	0	5
Special Duty (Paid)	149	152	765
Special Duty (Unpaid)	0	0	0
Solo Patrol	0	0	18
2 nd OFC Patrol	0	22	22
Program Coordination	20	20	100
Training	45	16	379
Weather Event	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Total	267	283	1666

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

Special Details in April totaled 265 hours, ↓ 153 hours from March.

- United Church Security 17 Hours
- JCMi Security 33 Hours
- Island Country Club Security 60 Hours
- Presbyterian Church Security 29 Hours
- Farmer's Market Security & Traffic 80 Hours
- San Marco Catholic Church Security 22.5 Hours
- Resident's Beach Concert Security 14 Hours
- Cars as Art Traffic 4 Hours
- MI Yacht Club Security 5.5 hours

Training

- Detective Berndt was trained in Child Sex Crime Investigations.



MIPD Officer Alejandra Moreno and Code Enforcement Officer Doug Andrews during annual CPR and First Aid Training.

Employees News

- Code Enforcement Officer Ira Warder and City Environmentalist Kathryn Grisby were recognized as Employees of the Quarter. CSO Warder and Ms. Grisby were responsible for spearheading the revised Fertilizer Ordinance guidelines for Landscapers. Their efforts instituted education requirements for Landscapers and strengthened enforcement practices for fertilizer application. Their hard work will contribute to Marco Island's quality of life.
- On April 10th, Chief Frazzano welcomed our newest Code Enforcement Officer, John Negra, to the Marco Island Police Department.
- On April 26th, 2023, The Marco Island Police Department celebrated National Administrative Professionals Day for all Admin Staff.



Code Enforcement Officer Ira Warder and City environmentalist Kathryn Grisby



John Negra swearing in his Oath of Office with Chief Tracy Frazzano



Administrative Assistant Sharon Kovacs and MIPD Command Staff

April Detective Bureau Monthly Report

Investigative Summaries

Cases Closed by Detective Bureau:

Fraud – Documenting attempt to fraudulently list vacant lot for sale by unknown suspect(s).

Vehicle Burglary – Theft from parked vehicle at the beach.

Assist other Agency – MIPD documented a possible fraud with federal jurisdiction and referred to appropriate agency.

Petit Theft - Beach bag stolen from beach near hotels.

Grand Theft/Vessel Burglary – Fishing poles stolen from a boat.

Grand Theft – Report of stolen I-Pad from condominium, no further investigative leads.

Missing Person – Detectives were able to locate a missing endangered person who left for out of state.

Hit and Run Crash – Vehicle struck in parking lot with no significant surveillance that identified a suspect.

Follow-Up Reports from Patrol:

Domestic Disturbance – Detectives conducted follow-up on a domestic disturbance and submitted a capias warrant request to the SAO.

Residential Burglary – Multiple items taken from a seasonal rental. Case ongoing.

Domestic Battery – Detectives submitted a capias warrant request to the SAO over allegation of battery.

Criminal Mischief – Car vandalized after victim had verbal argument with ex-boyfriend. Case ongoing.

Credit Card Fraud – Account opened in reporter's name and closed by bank.

Grand Theft – Unknown suspect took cash from purse in a home. Case Ongoing.

Self-Initiated Reports:

Operation Medicine Cabinet – Assorted prescription medications turned over from the public. Drop locker emptied three times during April for a total of 155 pounds of medication.

Child Molestation – Detectives initiated an inquiry after an allegation of abuse.

	Apr-23	Apr-22	23 vs. 22 Diff.
Closed	52	63	-17%
Cleared	7	4	75%
Open	8	10	-20%
Suspended	6	12	-50%
Total	73	89	-18%

Detectives: Investigation Summary for April

Case Management		Arrests/Warrants/Prosecution/ Hearings	
Supplemental Reports	48	Warrant Checks	271
Det. Supervisor Review of Reports	31	Arrest Warrant Request	4
Det. Supervisor Evidence Log Processing	14	Contact with the State Attorney's Office	3
Initial Reports Written	5		
Exploratory (Collection / Documentation)		Follow up / Assists	
Evidence Submissions	6	Case Follow-Ups	47
Interviews	13	Bulletins Created/ Distributed	12
Videos Processed from WatchGuard	24	Other Agency Assists	1
Extensive Crime Scene Process	1	Employee Background Checks	2
Sex Crime Investigations	1		
Subpeona Requests	4	Policing	
DCF Referrals/ Follow Ups	2	Road Patrol Coverages	1

Marine Report

Marco Island waterways continued to see an increase in transient vessel anchorages and vessel traffic during the month of April as spring breakers continued to visit the island. Due to the increase in vessel traffic, MIPD marine unit supplemented its patrols with additional manpower and assets to meet the higher demands for service.

On April 11th officers were called to respond to Sanctuary Bay on a report of a wind surfer in distress. On arrival, officers assisted the wind surfer back to shore safely.

On April 15th, officers responded to East Marco Bay on a report of a vessel that had run aground whose passengers were in distress. On arrival Marine unit officers assisted the passengers and their two dogs and returned them safely to shore.

On April 30th marine officers responded to Kice Island on a report of a group of 20 people who had been camping on the island and were unable to return to shore due to the high winds and waves. Officers arrived on scene and returned all subjects safely back to shore.

Marine officers continued efforts to secure, remove, and relocate debris from Marco Island waterways throughout their patrols.

April 2023 Marine Incidents	Apr-23	Apr-22
Total Events	955	459
Canal, Bay River and Gulf patrol	431	168
Patrols/ Business Checks	115	54
Vessel Stops	99	71
Warnings	85	71
Sanitation inspections Factory Bay	2	4
Sanitation Inspections Smoke House Bay	2	1
Suspicious Vessels	2	4
MERT (Marine Emergency Response)	3	5
Assist Boater/Citizen Contacts	0	19
Citations	13	5
Resource Checks	8	6
Boater Safety Checks	66	19
Patrols/ Inspections of Marinas	129	32

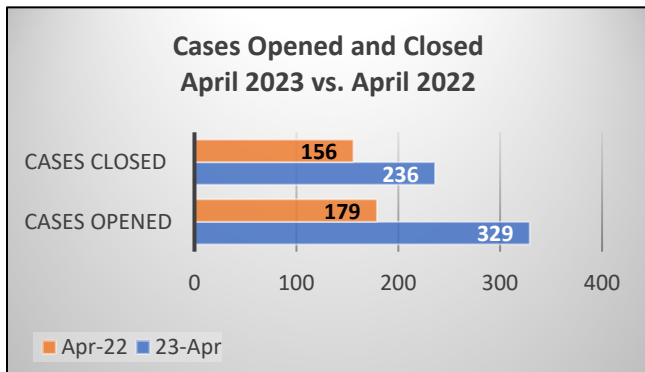
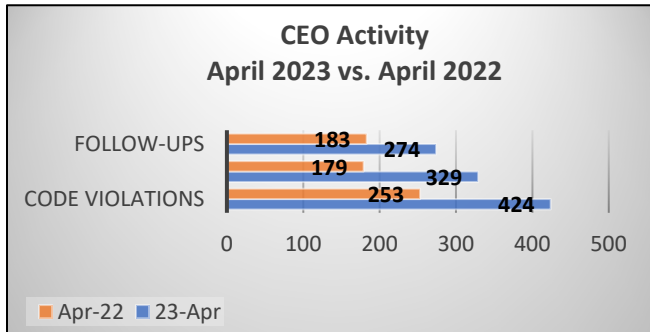


Marine Officers Marvin and Prigge executing a MERT rescue on Kice Island.

April Code Enforcement:

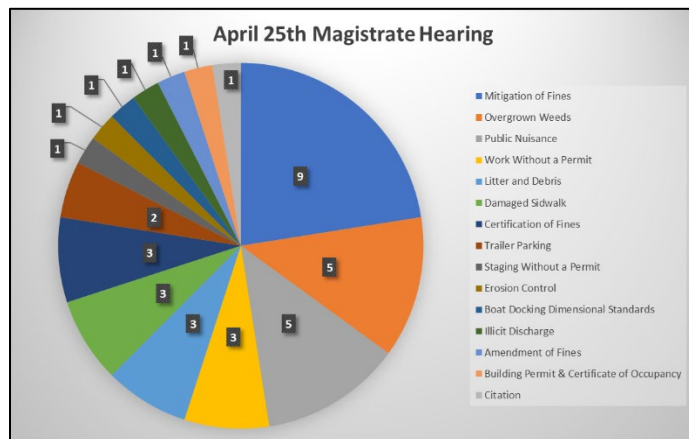
In April, the Code Enforcement Department primarily addressed citizen concerns regarding environmental issues. On April 20th a Sea Turtle Open House was held for the community to address city plans and processes in place to protect Sea Turtles. Sea Turtle nesting season begins on May 1 through October 31. The City's Landscaping registration initiative has continued to produce positive results with over 115 landscaping companies registered and following fertilizing procedures.

Code Enforcement Cases



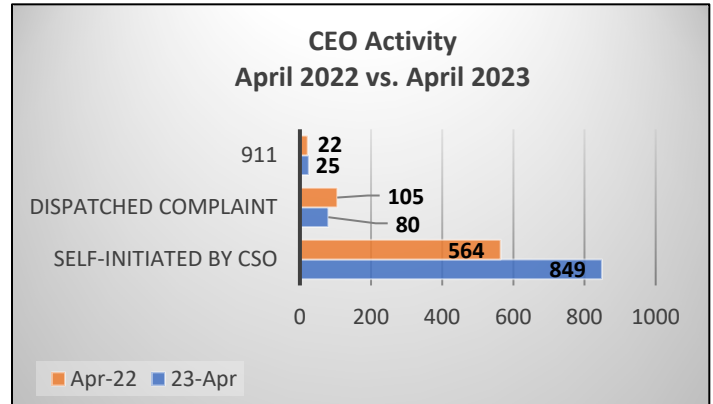
April Special Magistrate Hearing

37 cases were presented on April 25, 2023, at the Magistrate Hearing. 22% of the cases were due to requests for mitigation of fines. 12% of cases were due to overgrown weed violations that were not corrected by the allotted compliance deadline. There were 2 verified noise complaints in April 2023.



For more information regarding the Special Magistrate Hearings please visit:

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



Type of Violation	Number of Violation
Placement of Waste at Curb	124
Litter and Debris	34
Erosion Control	29
Overgrown Weeds	25
Landscape Certification	16
Parking Citations	14
Public Nuisance	14
RV Permit	12
Encroachment over Sidewalk	10
Right of Way Obstruction	9
Boat and Boat Trailer Parking	8
Staging without a Permit	7
Irrigation	5
Protection & Permitting Procedures	5
Work Without a Permit	5
Abandoned or Derelict Vehicle	4
Damaged Sidewalk	3
Parking Warning	3
Activities within Protection Zone	2
Construction on a Sunday	2
Illicit Discharge	2
Noise	2
Failed Seawall	1
Free Standing Utility Structure	1
Parking on Unapproved Surface	1
Signage	1
Beach Regulations	1

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

Code Enforcement Protected Species

On April 15th MIPD Code Enforcement Officer Warder and Environmental Planner Kathryn Grigsby participated in the “Burrow Buddies” event at Mackle Park, hosted by Audubon of Western Everglades, (AWE).

This was an amazing event, open to the public. In addition to AWE, several other environmental groups set up booths to share information about our burrowing owls and Gopher Tortoises, and how they can cohabitate.

Burrowing Owls- This month we had 20 code calls involving violations of the 33 feet protection barrier for burrowing owls. These types of violations occur when vehicles or construction equipment come within the barrier which causes unnecessary stress to the owls. 12 violations resulted in verbal warnings which requires immediate compliance. Two cases received Notices of Violation, issued to the contractors. One case resulted in a written warning. One case resulted in two code citations issued for vehicles parked too close to a burrow. The other cases were unfounded by code officers because the vehicle was moved prior to arrival, or it was not violating the protection barrier ordinance.

Other Birds- This month we had 6 cases involving shorebirds. One injured bird (Cormorant) was retrieved safely and turned over to AWE for treatment. We responded to one deceased bird on the beach, which was removed, and AWE was notified. Two calls for injured birds were unfounded due to the bird not being able to be located upon arrival. Once case involved gun shots coming from Dickman’s Island. This turned out to be FWC conducting a predatory bird removal operation.

Gopher Torties- Sadly, according to the Audubon of Wester Everglades, (AWE), this month we had three gopher tortoises killed by suspected vehicle strikes. We had two other cases which involved violations of the Gopher Tortoise Protection zone, which is 25 feet, year-round. Both cases resulted in Notice of Violations being issued.

Manatees- Unfortunately two Manatees were found deceased this month in our canals. Our marine unit assisted FWC, who will be the lead agency on any type of follow-up.

Sea Turtles - May 1st starts our Sea Turtle Nesting Season! It runs through October 31st. On April 20th we held our 2023 Sea Turtle Open House which was a joint endeavor between Marco Island PD and Growth Management. During the open house we had presentations from Experts from the Rookery Bay Research Center, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and the Collier County Environmental Division. The event was a great success with very positive feedback from those who attended. Our nightly sea turtle lighting enforcement patrols will be starting the first week of May and will be continuing through October 31st.



CEO Warder and Kathryn Grigsby at the Burrow Buddies Event.



Chief Frazzano, Code Enforcement Officer Warder and Environmental Planner Kathryn Grigsby presenting at the Sea Turtle Open House.



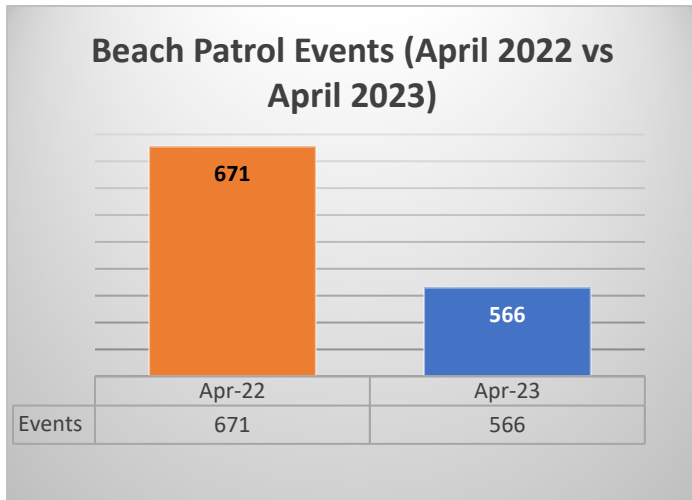
Code Enforcement Administrator's Monica Lora and Susan Scrugham at the April Special Magistrate Hearing

Beach Report

April events for 2023 showed a 15% decrease in total events vs. April 2022.

Our beaches were much quieter this April due to spring break families and seasonal residents returning home, which reflects in the number of events this month vs. March.

What rarely changes is the care our Code Officers give to our beaches and beachgoers. Patrol Activity, Litter and Debris and Information/Directions remains our highest activity type as it is an important aspect of maintaining our beautiful community and its environment.



EVENTS:	
Patrol Activity	120
Pick-up Litter and Debris	69
Information/Directions	67
911 Call Response	67
Community Oriented Policing	64
Youth Badge/Photo Op/Giveaways	51
Glass on Beach	35
Inspect/Check Beach Signs	21
Drone/Kites	16
Dog on Beach	14
Code Enforcement	11
Fill Holes in Sand	7
Traffic Stop	5
Suspicious Activity	3
Detail	3
Courtesy Transport	3
Bikes on Beach	3
Medical Calls	2
Injured/Sick Bird	2
Vessel Assist	1
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Assist	1

Code Enforcement: Water quality

During the month of April 2023, Code Enforcement issued a total of 29 Notices of Violation for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4).

MS4 violations for silt fences, especially on construction sites, can result in the generation of significant amounts of pollutants, which may reach surface or ground waters.

27 Notice of Violations were issued for damaged or missing silt fences. 66% of violators repaired or placed a silt fence within the allotted compliance deadline. 33% are non-compliant and are still in violation of the ordinance. 2 violations are scheduled to appear at the May 30th Special Magistrate Hearing.

Two Notice of Violations were issued for Illicit Discharge violations. One complied with the scheduled date while one remains open and will be scheduled for the next available Special Magistrate Hearing.



Code Enforcement Officer Youngkin directing traffic and pedestrians for the Easter Sunrise Service

Community Engagement Report



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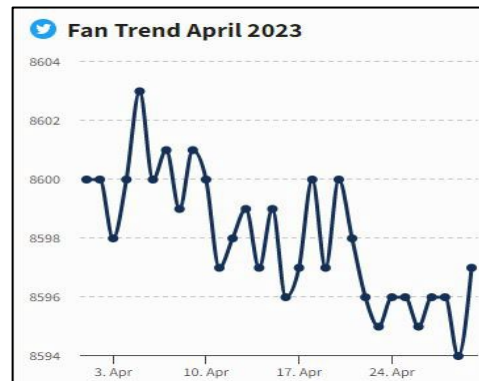
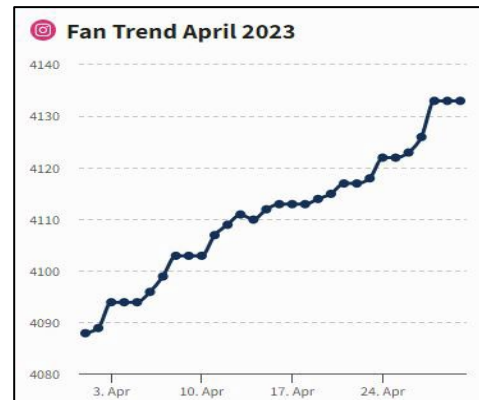
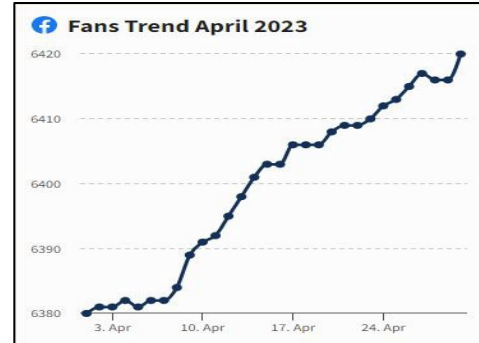
The Marco Island Police Department focused April's social media outreach on community education about important and relevant topics on the Island.

On April 13th, Chief Frazzano issued a community message to address citizen concerns about low-speed vehicles and golf carts on Marco Island. The goal is to clarify the rules and regulations of low-speed vehicles to ensure the safety and welfare of our residents and guests.

On April 28th, The Marco Island Police Department released a community message about our agency's involvement in a multi-jurisdictional task force, "NetForce" that deployed operation "All in the Family" targeting drug traffickers and their associates. This operation resulted in 24 arrests.

The Marco Island Police Department also released a public notice in reference to Operation Medicine Cabinet. The goal was to educate the community about Drug Free Collier's mission to provide a resource for safe disposal of prescription drugs. Marco Island Police Department offers a drop off location year-round during business hours.

Number of followers for MIPD Facebook, Twitter, Instagram



#Bettertogether Highlight



In collaboration with CC EMS and MIFD, Sgt Kreis and Officers Schmid and Smith received a thank you and an award from Mr. Richard May and his family. Officers assisted in performing lifesaving measures on Mr. May when called for a medical emergency.

April Top Performing Posts



Community Message
NetForce undercover operation release.



Happy Easter from Marco Island PD



Chief Frazzano Low Speed Vehicle Video

Appendix: April 2023 vs. April 2022

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Community Oriented Policing Activities	2,249	1,855	1,989	2,018	2,066	2,032	2,181	1,950	1,862	2,104	2,201	2,155	2022
	2,024	1,621	1,889	1,932	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Extra Patrols	9,392	7,250	7,353	8,115	7,972	7,675	7,379	7,722	7,441	7,991	8,854	7,896	2022
	7,500	6,591	7,044	7,217	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Parking Complaints	30	89	80	57	32	19	33	41	34	3	12	28	2022
	25	78	94	56	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Noise Complaints	37	43	61	50	48	44	92	56	33	28	22	38	2022
	35	26	51	39	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Traffic Stops	844	690	711	799	625	709	864	786	638	446	611	609	2022
	657	592	550	604	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Noise Complaints Verified	2	1	1	2	4	4 *	1 *	7 *	1	3	2	1	2022
	1	0	2	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Traffic Citations	135	106	143	119	91	96	114	139	112	27	83	80	2022
	111	89	64	65	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Traffic, Parking & Vessel Written Warnings	201	212	203	197	187	194	215	210	171	55	122	134	2022
	146	152	152	139	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Vehicle Crash	49	38	46	42	21	11	39	15	51	24	20	23	2022
	48	44	44	32	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Criminal Cases - Open	11	16	7	10	7	4	5	5	6	11	5	8	2022
	11	15	12	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Criminal Cases - Closed	46	61	72	63	64	52	65	61	61	63	42	58	2022
	60	52	62	52	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Criminal Cases - Cleared	2	6	12	4	12	13	10	15	15	16	17	14	2022
	15	12	15	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Criminal Case - Follow-Ups	45	37	52	47	46	31	32	33	31	38	6	31	2022
	55	62	86	47	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Crime or Incident Reports Taken	84	90	100	89	89	79	91	88	88	100	73	89	2022
	99	79	97	72	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Persons Arrested	13	6	10	4	11	11	12	15	14	13	15	15	2022
	17	10	13	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Beach Patrol Events	557	563	717	671	982	569	872	753	644	531	553	622	2022
	534	626	718	566	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Marine Patrol Events	337	459	712	459	636	435	635	895	487	450	734	354	2022
	647	499	1,024	955	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Calls for Service	13,124	11,744	12,337	13,119	12,548	12,071	12,518	12,522	12,057	12,424	13,323	12,710	2022
	12,646	11,065	12,204	10,881	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023

Calls for Service data reflects activity captured in an agency's Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) System for any call (not per incident) that causes a police officer or code enforcement officer to take an action or expend agency resources, whether agency-initiated or citizen initiated.

* Note, may be under-reported due to CAD coding issue.

Vehicle Count (Jolley Bridge North bound).	NA	NA	NA	NA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023
Vehicle Count (Jolley Bridge South bound).	NA	NA	NA	NA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2023

Note: 2023 Jolley Bridge vehicle count data has been effected by Hurricane Ian damage. Reporting is expected to continue in June 2023.



The Code Enforcement Department received two new patrol vehicles this month.