



City of Marco Island

Date: June 15, 2026
To: City Council
From: Fire Rescue Chief Chris Byrne
Through: Dr. Casey Lucius, Interim City Manager
Re: Fire Rescue Monthly Report

1. Executive Summary

- Firefighters responded to a large brush fire over a three-day period in May in southern Collier County requiring a Countywide multi-agency response.
- An Alternative funding method, Fire Service Special Assessment, was presented to City Council during the Revenue Workshop.
- Apparatus downtime, particularly Tower 50, continued to affect operations.
- Fire Prevention remained highly active, with stable core revenues and strong inspection / review volume.
- Public education efforts included CPR/AED instruction, NARCAN distribution, school outreach, and community events.
- Nine (9) Firefighter Paramedics received the Phoenix Award for their life-saving efforts in resuscitating three cardiac arrest patients.

2. Significant Incidents and Operational Updates

- On May 1, Fire Rescue responded to a report of a lost individual in the area of Tigertail Beach. Marco Island Police Department personnel were able to contact the individual via phone and successfully pinpoint his location sharing it with Firefighters. The patient had become exhausted and was experiencing a medical emergency deep within the mangroves between Spinnaker Avenue and Tigertail Beach.

Firefighters traversed approximately 350 feet through dense mangrove terrain to reach the patient and immediately initiated advanced life support care to stabilize his condition. Additional Firefighters and two Police Officers were deployed to assist with the extraction. The patient was secured on a soft stretcher, and crews carried him out while using chainsaws to clear a path through the mangroves.

Following the extraction, the patient was transferred to Collier County EMS and transported to the emergency room in stable condition. Firefighters worked in these harsh conditions for over three (3) hours to the point of exhaustion. On May 4th an email from the patient commending the City on its invaluable emergency response personnel, preparedness and resources.

- Firefighter Paramedics responded to two construction-related accidents during May that resulted in Trauma Alert activations. In both incidents, workers sustained serious injuries after falling from scaffolding and were airlifted to Gulf Coast Trauma Center in Fort Myers for definitive care.
- On May 6th, The Deputy Chief and EMS Division Chief conducted a work session with the Department Battalion Chiefs and Captains introducing a new Countywide Playbook outlining tactical assignments during multi-agency response incidents.
- On May 13th, staff visited Ten-8 Fire & Safety to determine equipment mounting and organization for the new High-Water Fire Engine. The Fire Engine is expected to be delivered during the first week of June.
- On May 22nd, the following personnel received the Phoenix Award for their outstanding efforts in resuscitating three (3) cardiac arrest patients.
 - Captain Paramedic Chris Bowden
 - Captain Paramedic Pat O’Gorman
 - Engineer Paramedic Juan Cabezas
 - Engineer Paramedic Dan Ring
 - Firefighter Paramedic Kean Burlison
 - Firefighter Paramedic Rebecca Eagels
 - Firefighter Paramedic Steven Gaskill
 - Firefighter Paramedic Tony Santovenia
 - Firefighter Paramedic Hunter Kyzar
- Health & Safety: All firefighter bunker gear ensembles successfully completed the required annual NFPA inspection and deep cleaning process. Necessary repairs were identified and completed to ensure continued compliance, safety, and operational readiness.

3. Staffing and Apparatus Readiness

- Tower 50 has been out of service since May 12th after failing the UL Test of the aerial ladder. The Truck is at the Service Center in Ft. Myers for repairs.

4. EMS, Training, and Community Outreach

- Personnel completed 680 hours of training in May
- Significant Training Events
 - Annual Rescue Diver swim testing is underway.
 - Three Firefighters are actively working to complete their Driver Engineer Task Books.

- Two Firefighters are actively working to complete their Fire Officer II Task Books.
- On May 1st, Firefighter Paramedics participated in the City's Teen Bike Event at Veterans Community Park providing bike safety information.
- On May 8th, Firefighter Paramedics provided CPR/AED instruction to the staff and teachers of the Marco Island Charter Middle School.
- On May 14th, the Fire Marshal provided a presentation and station tour for participants in the Marco Island Area Association of Realtors, Marco Island Specialist Program.
- On May 19th, NCH visited the Fire Station to express their gratitude to our Firefighter Paramedics and the EMT and Paramedics of Collier County EMS is recognition of EMS Week.
- On May 27th, Staff attended the retirement ceremony for Police Chief Tracy Frazzano and swearing in ceremony for Interim Police Chief Joe Belardo.
- On May 31st, Firefighter Paramedics attended the Little Pink Breast Cancer Retreat opening ceremony.

5. Performance Metrics

- Fire Rescue responded to 311 incidents in May, compared to 314 incidents in May 2025.
- For the month of May, Fire Rescue averaged a response time from 911 call to first unit on-scene arrival of 8:45 minutes.
- Total incidents January 2026 through May, 1,792 incidents. Same period in 2025, 1,844 incidents.
- May Aid Given / Received: The Fire Rescue Department received aid from Greater Naples Fire Department on 3 incidents, Marco Island provided aid to Greater Naples on 7 incidents.
- Thirty-four (34) Department Survey Cards were received for the month of May resulting in an 86.75% excellent rating of our personnel, an 81.25% excellent rating of NCH and Physician Regional Hospitals, and a 91% excellent rating of the 911 call intake operators.

6. Budget and Overtime

- The Fire Rescue budget remains on track at 57.80% expended through eight (8) months of the fiscal year. Two areas of concern exist in the FY26 budget, 77% of the overtime budget has been spent due to firefighter injuries and vacancies and 85% has been expended for fire apparatus repairs.
- Staff has completed the FY27 Capital Budget proposal in preparation for the June 15th City Council Capital Budget Workshop.

7. Fire Prevention Division

- The Fire Prevention Division generated \$122,490 in revenue during May and \$496,584 FYTD. While total revenue is slightly below last year, the difference is primarily attributable to fluctuations in Fire Impact Fee revenue and the transition of False Alarm Fee collections from a quarterly to a monthly billing cycle. Excluding those categories, core Fire Prevention revenue increased 14.8% over last fiscal year to \$439,439 FYTD. The division has completed 1,391 plan reviews, 2,276 construction inspections, and 431 annual inspections this fiscal year, while issuing 584 violations and 25 Notices of Violation. False alarm incidents have declined 27.4% from 416 to 302 FYTD, reducing unnecessary emergency responses and improving resource availability.

- **Notable Highlights & Activities**

- **Builder's Roundtable**

- Fire Chief Byrne and Fire Marshal Zunzunegui attended the May 14 Builder's Roundtable to address permitting, inspection, and code compliance questions from contractors, design professionals, and members of the public.

- **Code Conformance Support**

- Fire Prevention staff participated in seven coordination meetings with contractors and design professionals, providing early guidance on fire and life safety requirements to support code-compliant project design and streamline approvals.

- **Public Education & Outreach**

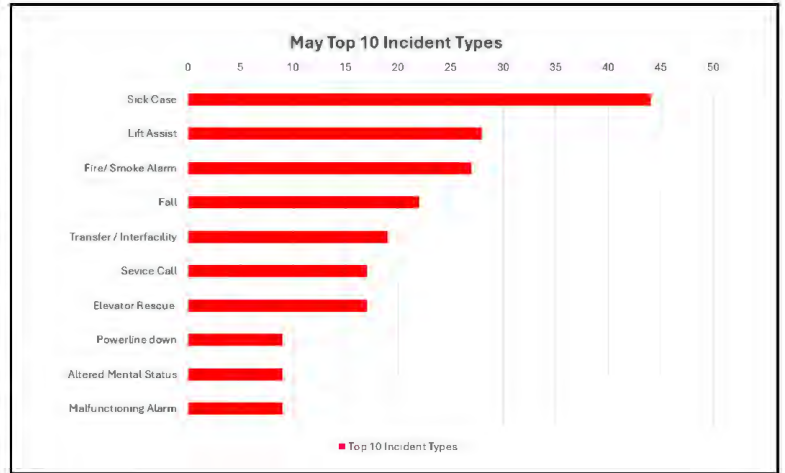
- On May 8, Fire Prevention staff conducted hands-on fire extinguisher training for employees of Condee Cooling & Electric using live-fire props and ABC extinguishers. On May 14, the Fire Marshal and staff hosted a station tour for the Marco Island Area Association of Realtors, providing an overview of department operations, the Emergency Operations Center, apparatus, and equipment.

8. Upcoming Department Priorities

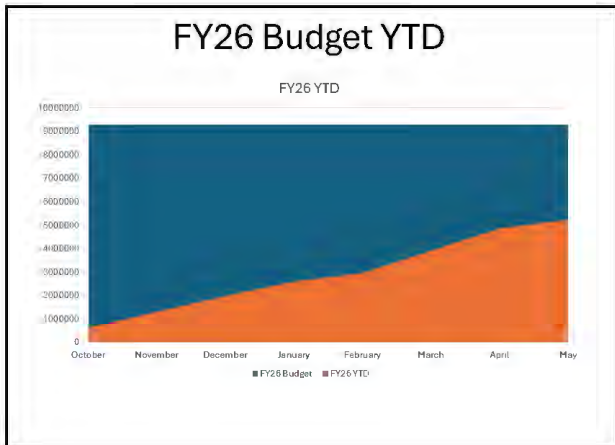
- Take delivery of the new High Water Fire Engine on June 5th
- Schedule and complete manufacture provided training on the new High Water Fire Engine
- Prepare for City Council FY27 Capital Workshop scheduled for June 15th
- Hurricane Preparedness Town Hall June 22nd

Fire Rescue Data

Incident Responses	May	YTD
Fire	4	23
Fire / Smoke Alarm	45	207
Smoke Investigation	1	17
Electrical Hazard	10	46
Gas Leak	1	10
Service call	17	73
Fuel spill	0	5
Medical Emergency	143	937
Motor vehicle Accident	5	29
Elevator Rescue	17	57
Aviation Emergency	0	3
Backcountry Rescue	1	1
Structural Collapse	2	2
Carbon Monoxide Release	1	1
Aeromedical transport	2	3
Marine Rescue	4	33
Lift Assist	28	115
Transfer / Interfacility	19	156
Standby	1	14
Lost Person Search	0	2
Incident Cancelled	10	58
Total	311	1792



May Overtime: 187 Hours



Overtime - FYTD	
FY26 Budget	\$175,000
Expensed	135,377
Balance	\$39,623

FY26 BUDGET				
FY26 BUDGET	FYTD EXPENSED	ENCUMBERED	AVAILABLE	%USED
\$9,292,281	\$5,224,193	\$146,866	\$3,921,221	59%

Apparatus Out of Service Days		
Apparatus	May	FYTD
Tower 50	19	94
Engine 50	0	33
Engine 51	50	71
Engine 52	0	0

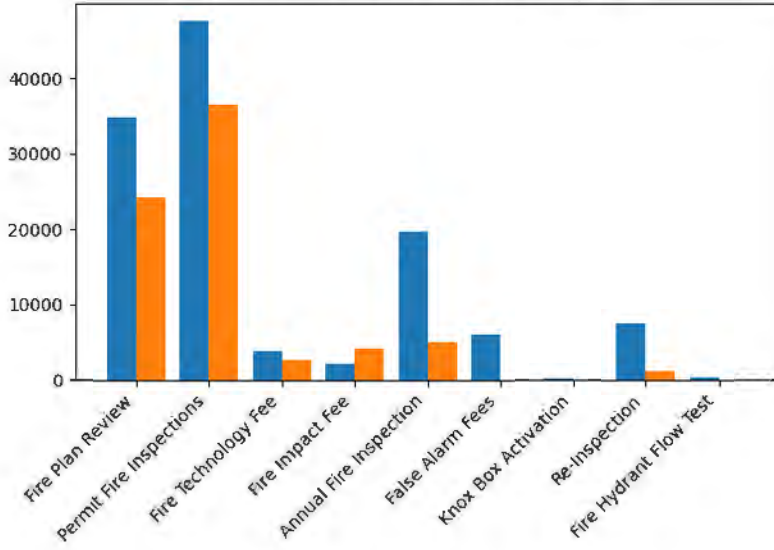
Fire Prevention Division Revenue Summary

Revenue Source	MAY-26	FY25-26 YTD	MAY-25	FY24-25 YTD
Fire Plan Review	\$34,859.80	\$143,765.17	\$24,324.29	\$131,307.87
Permit Fire Inspections	\$47,515.08	\$199,135.49	\$36,431.73	\$180,932.44
Fire Technology Fee	\$4,003.37	\$17,048.92	\$2,799.41	\$14,571.28
Fire Impact Fee	\$2,161.62	\$34,794.68	\$4,220.22	\$43,290.19
Annual Fire Inspection	\$19,771.75	\$53,375.75	\$5,087.00	\$33,380.00
False Alarm Fees	\$6,100.00	\$22,350.00	\$0.00	\$77,448.00
Knox Box Activation	\$182.00	\$1,092.00	\$78.00	\$1,248.00
Re-Inspection	\$7,450.00	\$22,525.00	\$1,252.00	\$20,778.00
Fire Hydrant Flow Test	\$447.00	\$2,497.00	\$0.00	\$411.00
Total	\$122,490.62	\$496,584.01	\$74,192.65	\$503,366.78
Total Minus Impact Fees	\$120,329.00	\$461,789.33	\$69,972.43	\$460,076.59
Total Minus Impact & False Alarm Fees	\$114,229.00	\$439,439.33	\$69,972.43	\$382,628.59

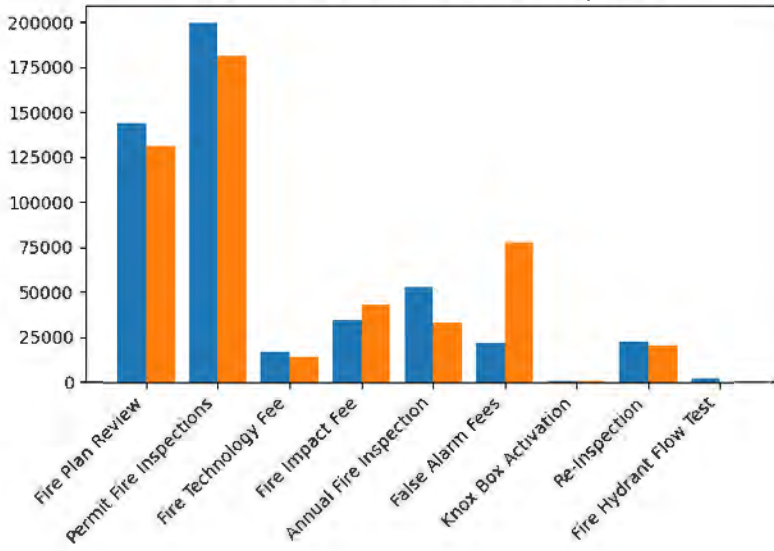
Fire Prevention Division Activity Summary

Activity	MAY-26	FY25-26 YTD	MAY-25	FY24-25 YTD
Fire Plans Reviewed	282	1,391	259	1225
New Construction / Permit Inspections	369	2,276	351	2597
Annual Inspections (New)	93	431	86	362
FD Access / Knox Key Exchanges	6	36	7	60
Notices of Violation	3	25	0	7
Re-Inspections	59	411	67	459
Hydrant Flow Test	10	24	1	9
Violations Cited	75	584	104	559
Fire Investigations	0	9	1	9
False Alarm Activity	45	302	58	416

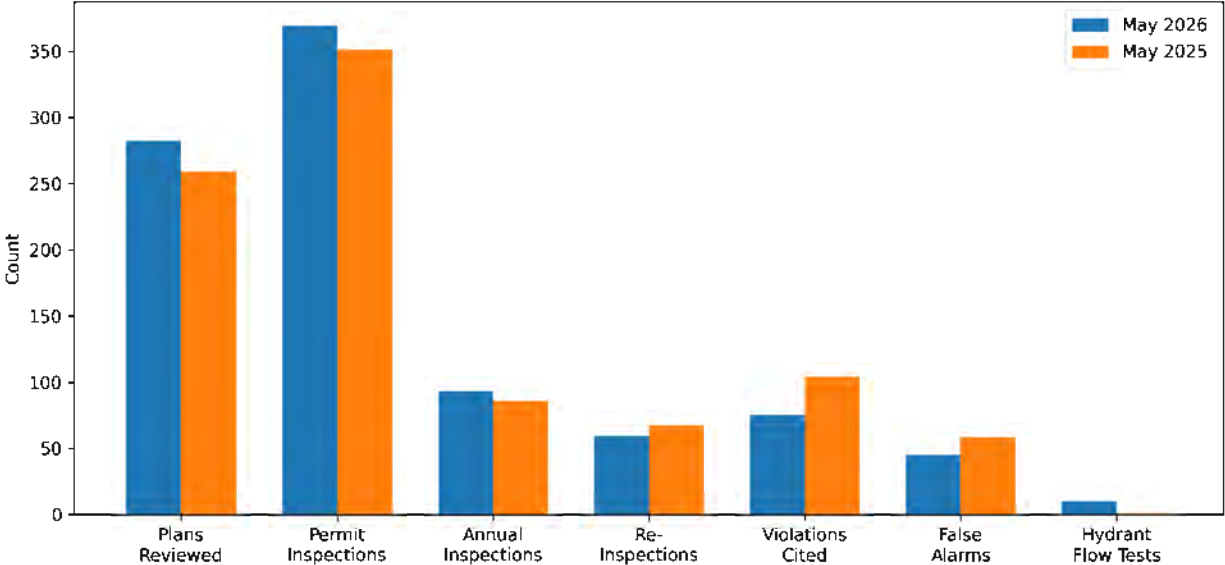
Fire Prevention Revenue - May Comparison



Fire Prevention Revenue - FYTD Comparison



Fire Prevention Division Activity - May Comparison



May in Pictures



Brush 50 working the Rifle Range Fire near Rattlesnake Hammock Rd & Collier Blvd.



Extinguisher Training for Condee Cooling and Electric Employees



EMS Week recognition with staff from NCH



Phoenix Award Ceremony



Firefighters recognizing a job well done