



City of Marco Island

Date: April 20, 2026
To: City Council
From: Fire Rescue Chief Chris Byrne
Through: Dr. Casey Lucius, Interim City Manager
Re: Fire Rescue Monthly Report

Marine Incident

On March 6th, Fireboat 50 was dispatched to a reported boat fire in the vicinity of Kice Island. Upon arrival, crews found a vessel fully involved in fire and aground on a sandbar.

Firefighters located and rescued an uninjured individual in the water, later identified as a SeaTow Captain who had responded to assist the incident. The SeaTow captain had initially rescued the occupant of the burning vessel; however, once aboard, the individual pushed the captain overboard and stole the SeaTow vessel.

Marco Island Police Department Marine Unit, Collier County Sheriff's Office Marine Units, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission initiated a coordinated search. The stolen vessel was located, and with assistance from a Collier County Sheriff's Office helicopter, the suspect was apprehended.

Fireboat 50 completed extinguishment of the vessel fire and safely transported the SeaTow captain back to shore.

Electrical Safety Initiative

The Electrical Safety Initiative was launched following the electrocution of a construction worker on March 9th. Lee County Electric Cooperative (LCEC) is implementing a targeted safety campaign focused on construction sites and landscapers.

The City of Marco Island is supporting this effort by providing LCEC with a list of active construction permits to assist in outreach. LCEC's Safety Team will be conducting site visits to promote electrical safety practices and overhead powerline awareness.

This initiative follows three electrocution incidents involving construction workers within the City over the past six months.

Firefighter Vacancy

The Fire Rescue Department advertised a Firefighter position to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Battalion Chief Scott Cory. Thirty-six (36) applications were received, with eight (8) candidates advancing to interviews following qualification review.

An Interview Panel, consisting of Fire Rescue staff and the Human Resources Director, conducted interviews on March 18 and recommended the top candidate. A conditional offer of employment was extended to Caleb Beatty, pending completion of a background check and pre-employment physical.

Florida Chief Financial Officer

On March 5th, Chief Officers attended a presentation by Florida Chief Financial Officer Blaise Ingoglia, where \$1.6 million in funding was awarded to support several Southwest Florida Fire Departments. The Chiefs expressed their appreciation for the CFO's continued support of Florida's fire service and the importance of grant funding in supporting our mission.

In 2023, the City of Marco Island received \$212,000 in legislative appropriation funding for the purchase of a High-Water Fire Engine.

Touch-A-Truck

On Saturday March 28th, Firefighters participated in the Touch-A-Truck event at Veterans Park. The event experienced a tremendous turnout from our community. Attendees had the opportunity to tour our Fire Apparatus and interact with our Firefighters.

Fire Apparatus

- **Tower 50:** was removed from service on March 9th due to a turbo issue. Repairs were completed and the unit returned to service on March 18th. The unit was out of service for 37 days.
- **Engine 51:** was removed from service due to an engine sensor failure on March 10th.

High Water Fire Engine

Construction began on January 16th on the High-Water Fire Engine at Pierce Mfg. in Bradenton, Fl. Completion is scheduled for April 14th followed by a Final Inspection by staff on April 15th. Following Final Inspection, the Fire Engine will be transported to Ten-8 Fire & Safety in Bradenton for the installation of equipment.

Activities

- The Fire Chief and Administrative Assistant attended an interview with CLA in regard to the City Audit.
- Staff attended the Marco Island Police Foundation "Lunch with the Police Chief".
- The Fire Chief served on the Interview Panel for interviews of Public Information Officer applicants.
- Staff participated in meetings with Water & Sewer, Public Works and Police to plan for the impacts of the water tie-in work planned along N. Collier Blvd resulting in water service outages in three neighborhoods over a three-day period. The outage affected Fire Hydrants in the area.
- The Fire Chief attended the Collier 100 meeting on March 18th

EMS & Training Division

Department personnel completed 165 hours of training during the month of March. The Division activities for the month are as follows:

- Three (3) Boat Operators attended the USCG Boat Operator Search & Rescue (BOSAR) course instructed by the USCG.
- Chief Clemmons attended the City Employee Engagement Committee meeting
- Chief Clemmons attended the Community Health Assessment Committee Meeting on March 30th.
- Chief Clemmons served on the Interview Panel for Firefighter applicants

Public Education/Community Outreach

- During March, the Department conducted two (2) CPR / AED Classes, instructing twenty (20) students.
- Eighteen (18) NARCAN kits were distributed in March.
- Staff provided a Fire Station Tour on March 18th to the Collier County Museum volunteers.
- Staff conducted a fire safety presentation to the Kindergarten students at Tommie Barfield Elementary School on March 19th.
- Firefighter Paramedics provided a safety standby during the CurePSP event at Mackle Park on March 28th.
- Firefighters conducted a safety standby during the Farmers Market throughout the month of March.

Response Survey Cards

The Fire Department sends a survey card to individuals who call 911 for an emergency. For March forty (40) responses were received, representing a 9% return rate.

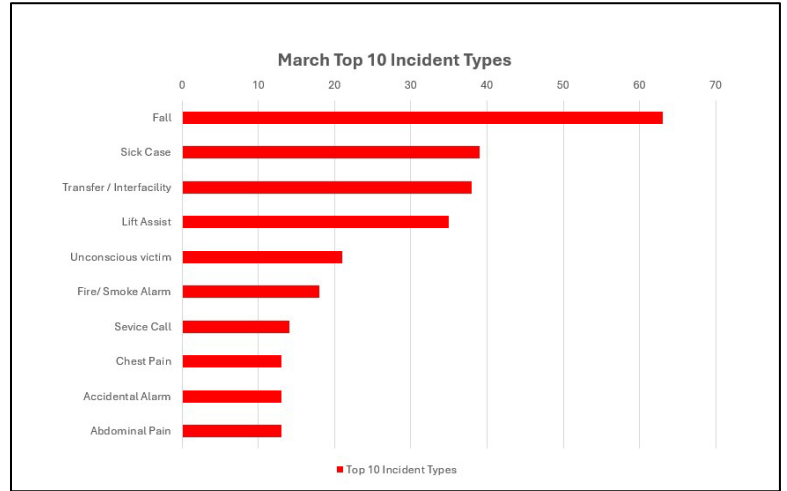
March 2026				
MIFD Personnel	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Helpfulness of Employees	100%	0%	0%	0%
Speed of service	100%	0%	0%	0%
Appearance of Personnel	100%	0%	0%	0%
Sensitivity of Personnel	95%	5%	0%	0%
Communication skills of Personnel	95%	3%	0%	3%
Medical care given by Personnel	100%	0%	0%	0%
Handling your emergency	100%	0%	0%	0%
911 call taker	97%	0%	3%	0%
Hospitals				
NCH-Downtown	75%	25%	0%	0%
PRH- Collier Blvd	100%	0%	0%	0%

Fire Rescue Data

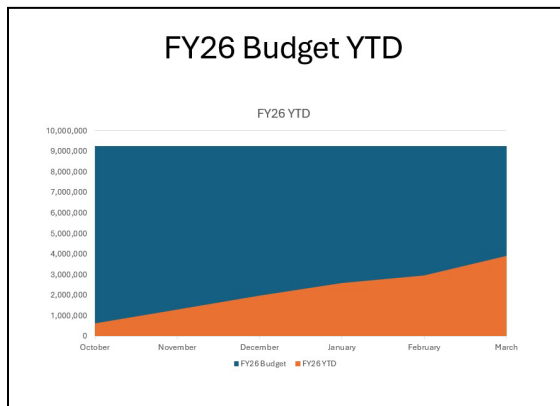
Incident Responses	March	YTD
Fire	1	14
Fire / Smoke Alarm	41	124
Smoke Investigation	2	13
Electrical Hazard	9	25
Gas Leak	4	4
Service call	16	38
Fuel spill	0	5
Medical Emergency	248	620
Motor Vehicle Accident	7	16
Elevator Rescue	10	33
Aviation Standby	0	2
Marine Rescue	13	23
Lift Assist	35	71
Transfer / Interfacility	38	102
Standby	5	10
Lost Person Search	1	1
Incident Cancelled	12	37
Total	442	1138

Fire Incidents

- Residential Fire / Auto-aid

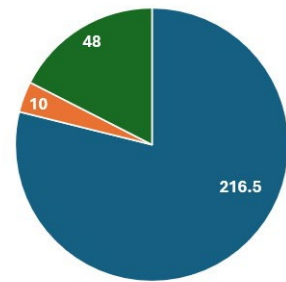


FY26 BUDGET			
FY26 BUDGET	FYTD EXPENSED	AVAILABLE	%USED
\$9,292,281	\$3,910,038	\$5,191,446	51%



Overtime - FYTD	
FY26 Budget	\$175,000
Expensed	\$88,176
Balance	\$86,824

March Overtime: 274.5 Hours



■ Staffing ■ Public Education ■ Special Event

Overtime need:

- Staffing
- Injuries / vacancy
- Public Education
- Special Event standby

Apparatus Out of Service Days		
Apparatus	March	FYTD
Tower 50	37	75
Engine 50	8	33
Engine 51	21	21
Engine 52	0	0



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Fire Prevention Division – Monthly Report | Reporting Periods: MARCH 2026

Executive Summary – Fire Prevention Division

The Fire Prevention Division maintained a strong level of operational activity through March, with continued demand for inspections, plan reviews, and code enforcement.

Total gross revenue for the fiscal year to date is \$280,184.35, compared to \$356,884.12 last year. This decrease is largely driven by the transition from quarterly to monthly False Alarm Fee billing, which affects the timing of revenue recognition.

To provide a more accurate picture of revenue streams, core operating revenue (excluding Impact Fees and False Alarm Fees) totals \$238,231.71, compared to \$246,906.70 in the prior year, representing a modest 3.5% decrease. Overall, core revenue remains relatively stable.

Operationally, the Division continues to perform at a high level:

- Plan reviews and annual inspections are up year-over-year, reflecting a sustained workload in existing structures and ongoing projects
- Violations cited have increased, indicating proactive enforcement and improved compliance oversight
- Re-inspections have slightly decreased, suggesting improved first-pass compliance

While new construction and permit inspections are lower than the prior year, this appears to reflect normal market variability and seasonal fluctuations rather than a confirmed trend. A more accurate trend analysis will require evaluation over the next several months.

Looking ahead, we anticipate an increase in permitting and inspection activity as condominium projects advance and HOA-driven work typically accelerates during the summer months.

Overall, the Division remains highly active and adaptable, with a continued focus on life safety and fire code compliance in both new development and existing buildings.

Division Revenue Summary

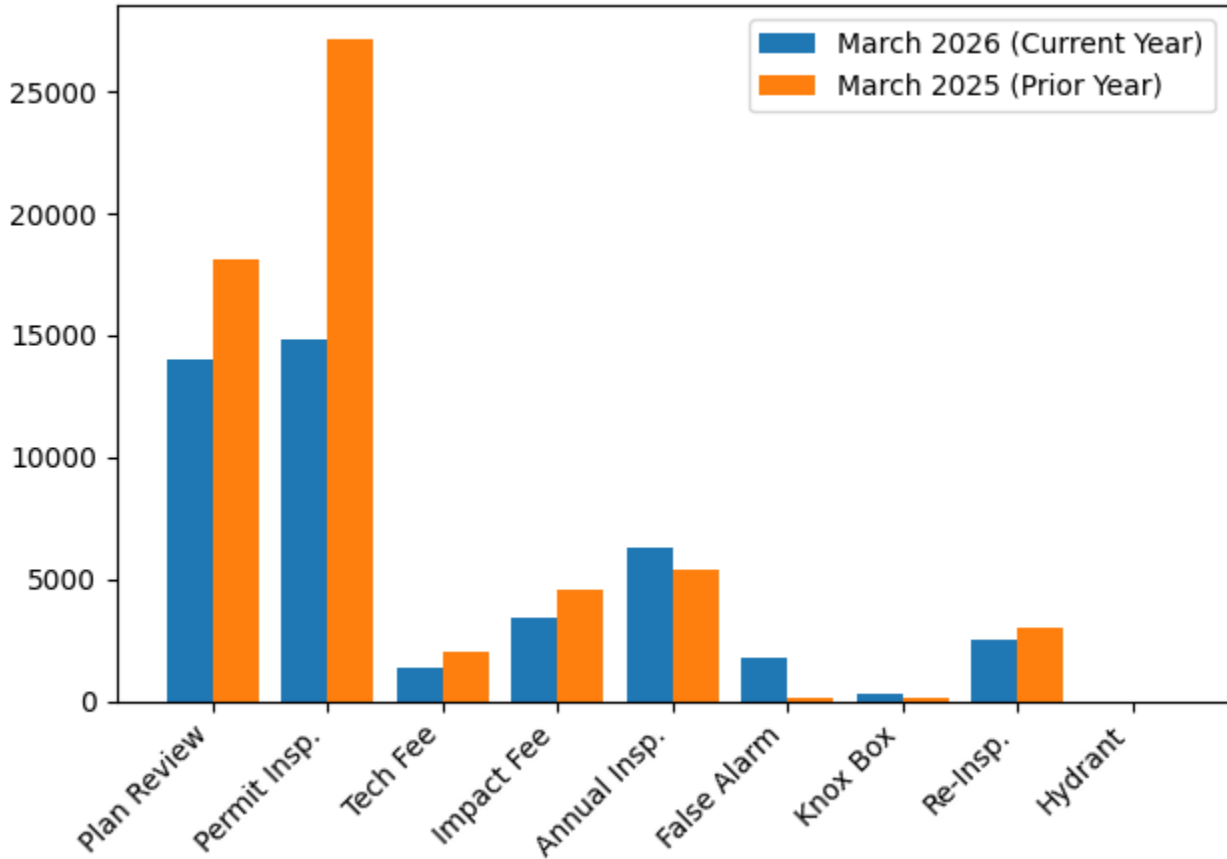
Revenue Source	MARCH-26	FY25-26 YTD	MARCH-25	FY24-25 YTD
Fire Plan Review	\$13,989.97	\$78,487.45	\$18,101.48	\$83,966.03
Permit Fire Inspections	\$14,792.91	\$110,570.01	\$27,152.98	\$114,393.74
Fire Technology Fee	\$1,333.39	\$9,262.25	\$2,022.01	\$8,970.93
Fire Impact Fee	\$3,436.73	\$29,202.64	\$4,607.99	\$32,529.42
Annual Fire Inspection	\$6,330.00	\$25,646.00	\$5,363.00	\$20,500.00
False Alarm Fees	\$1,825.00	\$12,750.00	\$149.00	\$77,448.00
Knox Box Activation	\$338.00	\$884.00	\$156.00	\$988.00
Re-Inspection	\$2,550.00	\$12,375.00	\$3,025.00	\$17,826.00
Fire Hydrant Flow Test	\$0.00	\$1,007.00	\$0.00	\$262.00
Total	\$44,596.00	\$280,184.35	\$60,577.46	\$356,884.12
Total Minus Impact Fees	\$41,159.27	\$250,981.71	\$55,969.47	\$324,354.70
Total Minus Impact & False Alarm Fees	\$39,334.27	\$238,231.71	\$55,820.47	\$246,906.70



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March Revenue Comparison by Source



Division Activity Summary

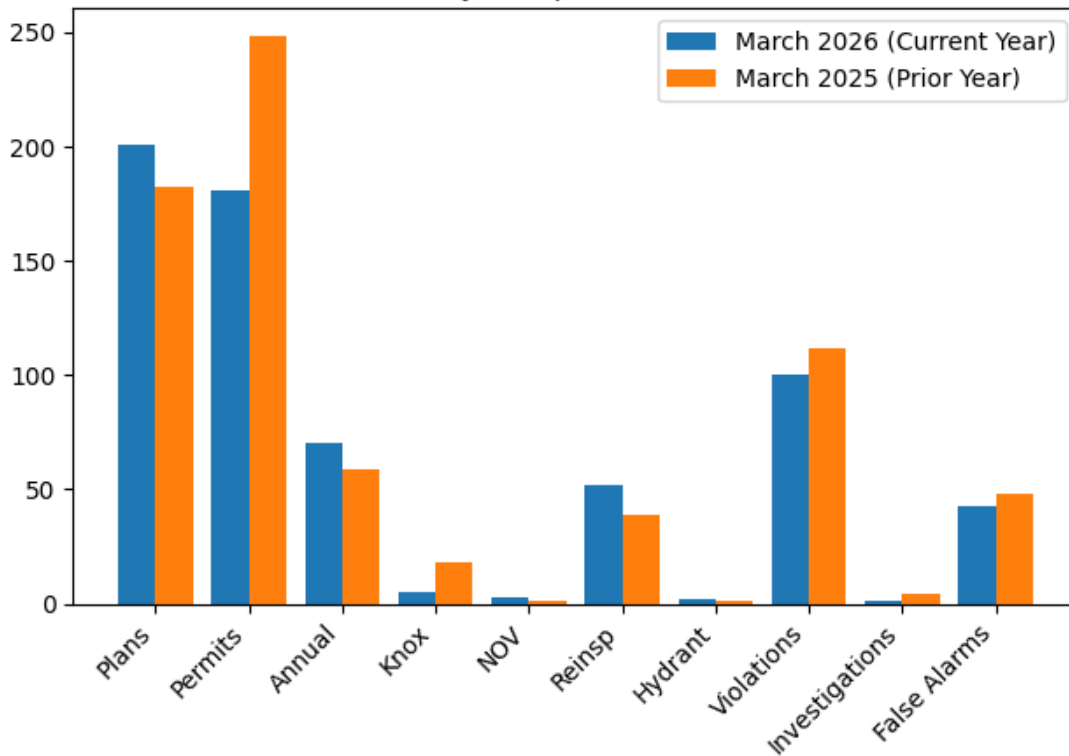
Activity	MARCH-26	FY25-26 YTD	MARCH-25	FY24-25 YTD
Fire Plans Reviewed	201	866	182	766
New Construction / Permit Inspections	181	1,842	248	2,109
Annual Inspections (New)	70	244	59	144
FD Access / Knox Key Exchanges	5	29	18	39
Notices of Violation	3	17	1	4
Re-Inspections	52	252	39	259
Hydrant Flow Test	2	8	1	6
Violations Cited	100	352	112	235
Fire Investigations	1	7	4	12
Fire Inspector Training	0 hrs.	153 hrs.	45 hrs.	585 hrs.
False Alarm Activity	43	257	48	322



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Activity Comparison (March)



Notable Highlights & Activities

Fire Investigations

March 6 – Marine Vessel Fire

The Fire Rescue Department coordinated with MIPD, FWC and the State Fire Marshal’s Office in response to a vessel fire linked to a reported theft. The vessel ran aground and remained actively burning until Fireboat 50 successfully extinguished the fire at approximately 22:30 hours.

Due to jurisdictional boundaries, the investigation was led by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), in coordination with the State Fire Marshal’s Office – Criminal Investigations Division.

Code Conformance Support

Fire Prevention staff participated in five (5) coordination meetings with contractors and design professionals, providing early-stage guidance to support fire and life safety compliance. These efforts help streamline project approvals, reduce revisions, and ensure systems are designed correctly from the outset.



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Public Education

On March 19, Fire Prevention and Operations visited Tommie Barfield Elementary School for a hands-on fire safety outreach event. Students explored fire apparatus, participated in a fire safety house demonstration, and learned practical safety tips for their homes.

A special appearance by Sparky the Fire Dog added to the excitement, helping reinforce key safety messages in a fun and memorable way.

We appreciate the warm welcome from the students and staff and look forward to continuing these important community outreach efforts.



March in Pictures



Tommie Barfield Elementary Kindergarten Fire Safety Day



Collier County Museum Volunteers Fire Station 50 Tour



March 6th Marine Incident



High Water Fire Engine under construction



Chief Financial Officer Presentation