



City of Marco Island

Date: July 20, 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

- Hurricane preparedness remained a top priority throughout June, highlighted by the City's Hurricane Preparedness Town Hall and City staff Response and Recovery training.
- Firefighter Paramedics responded to an increase in heat-related medical emergencies as high temperatures and humidity impacted the community.
- Brush fire activity remained elevated due to ongoing drought conditions and frequent lightning strikes.
- The Department received its new High Water Fire Engine, replacing a 25-year-old apparatus and enhancing emergency response capabilities during flooding events.
- Apparatus downtime, particularly involving Engine 51, continued to impact operational readiness and fleet availability.
- Fire Prevention remained highly active, maintaining stable core revenues while completing a significant volume of inspections and plan reviews.
- Public education efforts continued through CPR/AED instruction, NARCAN distribution, school outreach, and participation in community events.

2. Significant Incidents and Operational Updates

- On June 23rd Firefighters responded to a brush fire at the City's Raw Water Production Facility. The fire was contained and Firefighters returned the following day to complete mop up operations. The facility and its infrastructure did not sustain any damage as a result of the fire.
- Firefighter Paramedics responded to several life-threatening heat-related medical emergencies during the month of June. In one incident, the crew aboard Fireboat 50 responded to a remote island south of Marco Island, where they located a critically ill patient, initiated advanced life

support, and stabilized the patient before transporting them to Caxambas Park Marina for transfer to a waiting ambulance and subsequent transport to the hospital. In a separate incident, Firefighter Paramedics responded to a heat stroke victim on the beach using the Department's beach rescue vehicle, enabling rapid access, treatment, and transport to a waiting ambulance. Both incidents demonstrate the Department's ability to quickly deploy specialized resources and deliver critical emergency care in challenging environments.

- On June 1st, The Fire Chief and Fire Marshal met with representatives from Hideaway Beach to finalize plans for a pilot condominium unit for mid-rise lanai enclosures improving life safety protection measures.
- On June 10th, the Fire Chief along with the City Manager, Police Chief and community Affairs Director met with the JW Marriott new ownership group.
- On June 12th, the Department took delivery of its new High Water Fire Engine. On June 24th, personnel participated in a manufacturer-led train-the-trainer program to prepare department instructors. Firefighters will complete apparatus-specific training throughout July, with the new High Water Fire Engine expected to be placed into service on August 1st.
- On June 25th, Chief Officers met with The Watermark's Corporate Directors of Operations and Facilities to discuss hurricane preparedness, emergency response coordination, and medical emergency planning. The meeting strengthened collaboration and reinforced coordinated response strategies to enhance resident safety during emergencies.
- On June 26th, the Fire Chief conducted Hurricane Response and Recovery training for City staff. The session covered the City's hurricane response operations, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) organization and staff assignments, and post-storm recovery procedures to ensure personnel are prepared to effectively respond during and after a hurricane.
- During the month of June, preventive maintenance was completed on the Department's cardiac monitors and mechanical chest compression devices, ensuring life-saving equipment remains in optimal operating condition and ready for emergency response.

3. Staffing and Apparatus Readiness

- Tower 50 returned to service following repairs on June 11th after 30 days out of service.
- Engine 51 went out of service on June 11th due to an oil leak and non-functioning AC.

4. Emergency Medical Service and Training

- Personnel completed 520 hours of training in June
 - Significant Training Events
 - Ongoing training of new high-water engine for shift personnel.
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5. Public Education & Community Outreach

- One CPR/AED class was held in June with 9 students in attendance.
- On June 1, Firefighter Paramedics participated in the Little Pink Beach Retreat Beach Day, assisting families with mobility challenges to ensure they could safely access and enjoy the beach. On June 3rd, Firefighters attended and participated in the Family Fun Night event. These events provided an opportunity to support families facing breast cancer through community engagement.
- On June 9, Fire Prevention staff conducted commercial kitchen fire safety and portable fire extinguisher training for approximately 50 employees at Watermark Assisted Living. Division Chief Clemmons and Fire Marshal Zunzunegui also met with residents to discuss emergency procedures, fire alarm response, and occupant actions during a fire emergency.
- During the month of June, Firefighters conducted the annual safety walk through of the Marco Island Academy with their staff members.

6. Performance Metrics

- Fire Rescue responded to 278 incidents in June, compared to 306 incidents in June 2025.
- For the month of June, Fire Rescue averaged a response time from 911 call to first unit on-scene arrival of 9:06 minutes.
- Total incidents January 2026 through June, 2,070 incidents. Same period in 2025, 2,150 incidents.
- June Aid Given / Received: The Fire Rescue Department received aid from Greater Naples Fire Department on 5 incidents, Marco Island provided aid to Greater Naples on 7 incidents.
- Nineteen (19) Department Survey Cards were received for the month of June resulting in an excellent 95% rating of our personnel, a 76% excellent rating of NCH and Physician Regional Hospitals, and a 100% excellent rating of the 911 call intake operators.

7. Budget and Overtime

- The Fire Rescue budget remains on track at 65% expended through nine (9) months of the fiscal year. Two areas of concern exist in the FY26 budget, 89% of the overtime budget has been spent due to firefighter injuries and vacancies and 85% has been expended for fire apparatus repairs.
- On June 15th, the Fire Chief presented the Fire Rescue Department's Capital Improvement Program budget during the City Council Capital Budget Workshop. The presentation highlighted FY26 capital accomplishments and outlined the proposed replacement of a Fire Engine and Ladder Truck to maintain reliable emergency response capabilities and ensure the long-term sustainability of the Department's apparatus fleet.

8. Fire Prevention Division

- The Fire Prevention Division generated \$105,575.41 in revenue during June, bringing total fiscal year revenue to \$602,159.42, a 1.7% increase over the same period last fiscal year. Excluding Fire Impact Fees and False Alarm Fees, core operational revenue totaled \$524,074.74, representing a 12.3% increase over the previous fiscal year.
- Division staff completed 263 fire plan reviews, 538 construction inspections, and 115 annual fire inspections during the reporting period. Staff also continued supporting development activities through contractor coordination meetings and proactive communication with stakeholders. These efforts advance fire and life safety objectives, strengthen code compliance, and ensure responsive service to the community and development partners.
- **Notable Highlights & Activities**

Fire Investigation

On June 15th, Fire Prevention personnel investigated an exterior barbecue grill fire adjacent to an accessory restroom building. The investigation determined that the fire originated within combustible wood framing that had deteriorated over time due to prolonged radiant heat exposure from the grill. The fire was classified as accidental, with an estimated property loss of approximately \$5,500. Property management was advised that reconstruction of the grill enclosure requires the appropriate building and fire permits.

Code Conformance Support

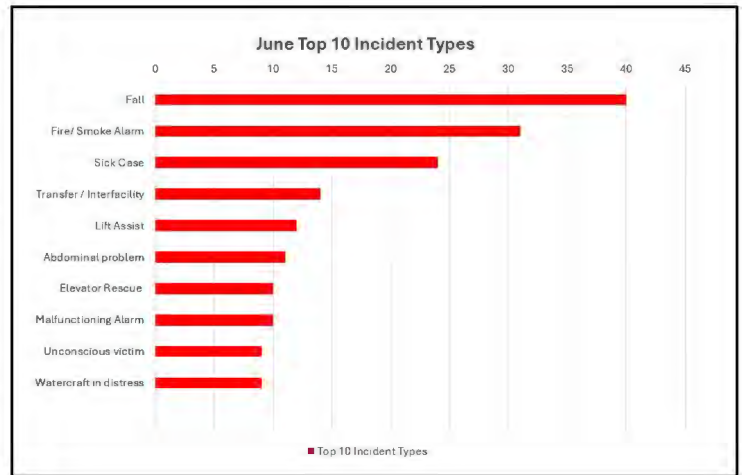
Fire Prevention staff participated in six coordination meetings with contractors, architects, engineers, and property owners throughout the month. These meetings provided early guidance on fire and life safety requirements, helping identify code issues during design, reducing revisions, streamlining permit approvals, and supporting compliant construction.

9. Upcoming Department Priorities

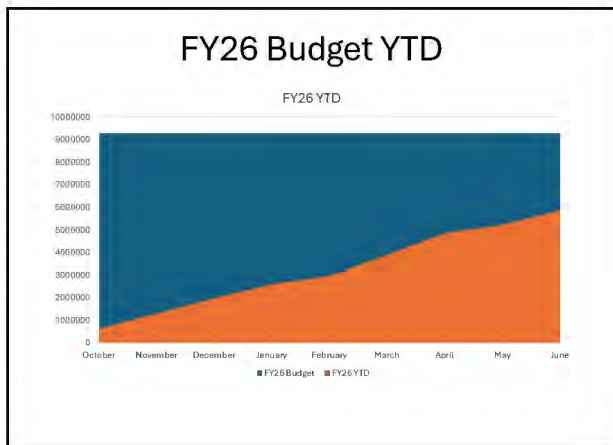
- Complete the Departments FY27 Operating Budget
 - Prepare for City Council FY27 Operating Budget Workshop scheduled for July 20th
 - Place the High-Water Fire Engine (Engine 52) in operational service.
 - Prepare City Council Agenda Items
 - Fire Engine replacement, August 3rd agenda
 - Ladder Truck replacement, August 3rd agenda
 - Update of Fire Prevention Fees, TBD
 - Update to Firefighters Pension Ordinance, TBD
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Fire Rescue Data

Incident Responses	June	YTD
Fire	4	27
Fire / Smoke Alarm	49	256
Smoke Investigation	4	21
Electrical Hazard	9	55
Gas Leak	2	12
Service call	11	84
Fuel spill	2	7
Medical Emergency	134	1071
Motor vehicle Accident	8	37
Elevator Rescue	10	67
Aviation Emergency	0	3
Backcountry Rescue	0	1
Structural Collapse	0	2
Carbon Monoxide Release	0	1
Aeromedical transport	1	4
Marine Rescue	11	44
Lift Assist	12	127
Transfer / Interfacility	14	170
Standby	1	15
Lost Person Search	0	2
Incident Cancelled	6	64
Total	278	2070



June Overtime: 218 Hours



Overtime - FYTD

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FY26 Budget	\$175,000
Expensed	155,020
Balance	\$19,979

FY26 BUDGET

FY26 BUDGET	FYTD EXPENSED	ENCUMBERED	AVAILABLE	%USED
\$9,292,281	\$5,872,904	\$125,781	\$3,293,595	65%

Apparatus Out of Service Days

Apparatus	June	FYTD
Tower 50	11	105
Engine 50	0	33
Engine 51	20	91
Engine 52	0	0

Fire Prevention Division Revenue Summary

Revenue Source	JUNE-26	FY25-26 YTD	JUNE-25	FY24-25 YTD
Fire Plan Review	\$31,299.61	\$175,064.78	\$33,190.14	\$164,498.01
Permit Fire Inspections	\$34,498.21	\$233,633.70	\$34,514.44	\$215,446.88
Fire Technology Fee	\$3,169.59	\$20,218.51	\$3,594.77	\$18,166.05
Fire Impact Fee	\$14,090.00	\$48,884.68	\$4,793.19	\$48,083.38
Annual Fire Inspection	\$11,059.00	\$64,434.75	\$11,038.75	\$44,418.75
False Alarm Fees	\$6,850.00	\$29,200.00	\$0.00	\$77,448.00
Knox Box Activation	\$52.00	\$1,144.00	\$260.00	\$1,508.00
Re-Inspection	\$3,800.00	\$26,325.00	\$1,351.00	\$22,129.00
Fire Hydrant Flow Test	\$448.00	\$2,945.00	\$113.00	\$524.00
Total	\$105,575.41	\$602,159.42	\$88,855.29	\$592,222.07
Total Minus Impact Fees	\$91,485.41	\$553,274.74	\$84,062.10	\$544,138.69
Total Minus Impact & False Alarm Fees	\$84,635.41	\$524,074.74	\$84,062.10	\$466,690.69

Fire Prevention Division Activity Summary

Activity	JUNE-26	FY25-26 YTD	JUNE-25	FY24-25 YTD
Fire Plans Reviewed	263	1,654	226	1451
New Construction / Permit Inspections	538	2,774	428	3004
Annual Inspections (New)	115	546	112	474
FD Access / Knox Key Exchanges	2	38	6	66
Notices of Violation	9	34	2	9
Re-Inspections	95	506	42	501
Hydrant Flow Test	2	26	1	10
Violations Cited	167	751	82	641
Fire Investigations	1	10	1	10
False Alarm Activity	49	351	53	469

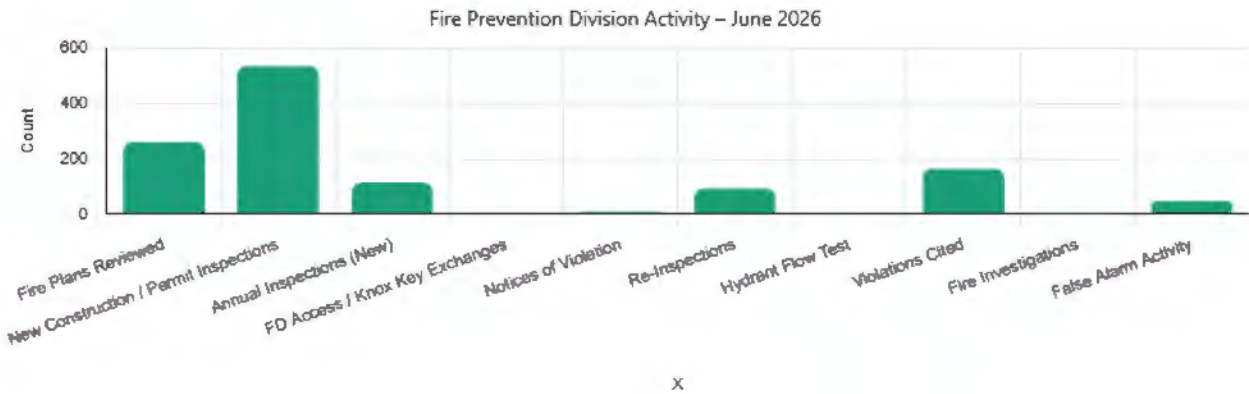
Clustered bar chart comparing June 2026 to June 2025 revenue for nine Fire Prevention sources. Largest June 2026 categories: Permit Fire Inspections \$34,498, Fire Plan Review \$31,300, Fire Impact Fee \$14,090. June 2026 vs June 2025: Impact Fee up sharply (+\$9,297), Plan Review down slightly (-\$1,891).



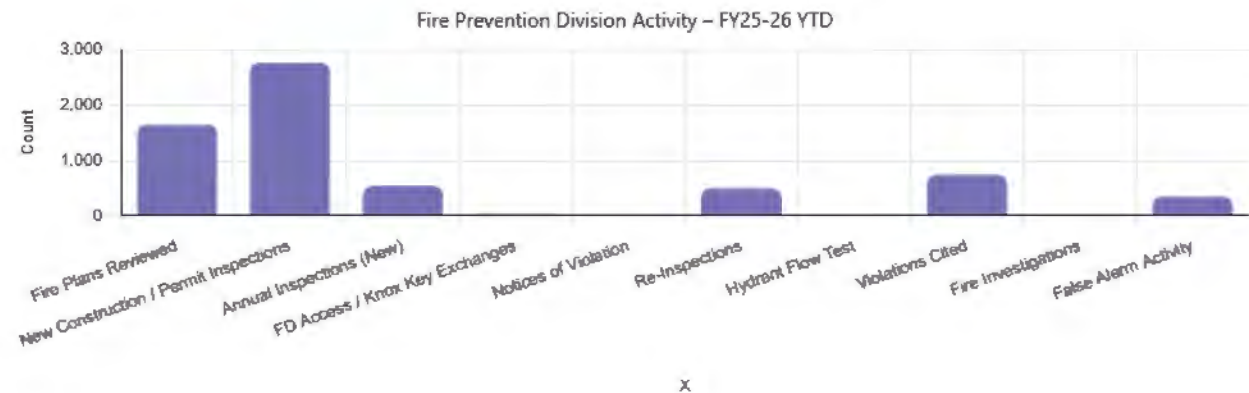
Clustered bar chart comparing FY25-26 YTD to FY24-25 YTD revenue. Highest FY25-26 YTD categories: Permit Fire Inspections \$233,634, Fire Plan Review \$175,065, Annual Fire Inspection \$64,435. Notable deltas: False Alarm Fees decreased from \$77,448 to \$29,200; Impact Fees roughly flat (\$48,885 vs \$48,083).



June 2026 Fire Prevention Activity



Fire Prevention Activities FY26 YTD



June in Pictures



Brush 50, Greater Naples Brush 21 and CCSO Helicopter working a brush fire at the City's Raw Water Production Facility.



Hurricane Preparedness Town Hall, Rob Duns Gulf Coast News



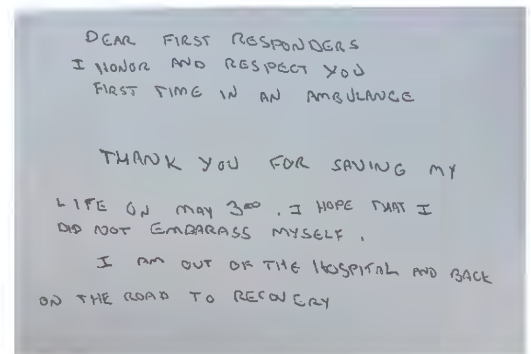
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Firefighters assembling a wheelchair for a patient



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Heartfelt message from a patient



New High Water Fire Engine delivered



Fireboat 50 operating a medical emergency on a remote island