



City of Marco Island

Date: March 16, 2026
To: City Council
From: Fire Rescue Chief Chris Byrne
Through: Dr. Casey Lucius, Interim City Manager
Re: Fire Rescue Monthly Report

2025 Marco Island Fire Rescue Foundation Firefighter of the Year

On Wednesday, February 25, 2026, Division Chief Jake Clemmons was named the 2025 Marco Island Fire Rescue Foundation Firefighter of the Year. Jake's leadership was instrumental in earning the Department's State of Florida Advanced Life Support license — a historic accomplishment for the department. He led the extensive work required to ensure full ALS implementation, compliance, training, and quality assurance, all while continuing to oversee firefighter training and our CPR/AED Program. His professionalism, dedication, and commitment to excellence reflect the very best of our organization.

2025 Brush Fire Season

Southwest Florida is currently experiencing serious drought conditions which have resulted in an increase in brush fire activity. Firefighters and Chief Officers have been working to assist in the suppression of the National Fire in Big Cypress which has grown to 35,000 acres resulting in periodic closures of I-75.

Waste Management Truck Fire

On Friday, February 27th, a Waste Management Cardboard Recycle Truck caught fire at 440 Seaview Ct requiring the driver to dump the load. Firefighters were dispatched finding a large pile of compacted cardboard on fire threatening to spread into the Tigertail wooded area. The incident committed all Marco Island Fire units for four (4) hours.

Concurrent / Overlapping Incidents

During the above fire incident, five (5) other emergencies occurred resulting in the response of off-island Fire and EMS units. Three of the incidents were critical medical emergencies, two of which required Firefighter Paramedics to assist with medical treatment during EMS transport to the hospital. When this occurs the Fire Engine they staff is out of service. One medical emergency resulted in a 20-minute response time.

Lely High School Career Fair

Captain Paramedic Chris Bowden and Human Resource Director Diana Snover participated in the Lely High School Career Fair on February 12th. Captain Bowden introduced students to the career of a Firefighter, including a hands-on opportunity for the students to wear bunker gear.

Longevity Milestones

Captain Paramedic Jeffrey Kutzke	15 years
Engineer Paramedic Juan Cabezas	10 years

Fire Apparatus

- **Tower 50:** was removed from service on February 9th due to a turbo issue. Parts are on order.
- **Engine 50:** returned to service on February 9th following 33 days out of service due to an injector problem and regen failure.

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 March 31st followed by a Final Inspection on April 3rd.

Activities

- Staff participated in the Department of Health measles response planning group.
- Staff attended a presentation regarding financial reporting procedures.
- Chief Officers attended the Regional Incident Management Team annual meeting on February 11th in Lee County.
- Grants Coordinator Kelly Aroney attended the State of Florida Sub-Recipient Responsibilities training on February 18th.
- Chief Officers met with the new Physicians Regional EMS Liaison on February 19th.
- Admin staff attended the Records Management Training.

EMS & Training Division

Department personnel completed 370 hours of training during the month of February. The Division activities for the month are as follows:

- Advanced Cardiac Life Support provider renewal course for Paramedics
- Driver Engineer task books issued and under way for 3 Firefighters
- Fireboat Operator training and Task Book for new Fireboat Operators
- Autism Awareness training for Firefighters presented by the Collier County Sherrif's Office
- Medical Director provided Advanced Airway training to the Paramedics

Public Education/Community Outreach

- During February, the Department conducted three (3) CPR / AED Classes, instructing thirty-four (34) students.
- Nine (9) NARCAN kits distributed in February
- Firefighter Paramedics provided a safety standby during the Goodland Mullet Festival on February 1st.
- Staff participated in the Flags for Heroes Ceremony on February 16th
- Fireboat 50 and Crew participated in the Marco Island Yacht Club, Blessing of the Fleet on February 7th.
- Staff provided a fire safety presentation at the Marco Island Charter Middle School on February 11th.
- Staff provided CPR/AED instruction to members of the Marco Family Church on February 11th
- Firefighters participated in the Hideaway Beach Buddy Day event on February 16th
- Firefighters conducted a safety standby during the Farmers Market throughout the month of February.

Response Survey Cards

The Fire Department sends a survey card to individuals who call 911 for an emergency. For February fifty-six (56) responses were received representing a 16% return rate.

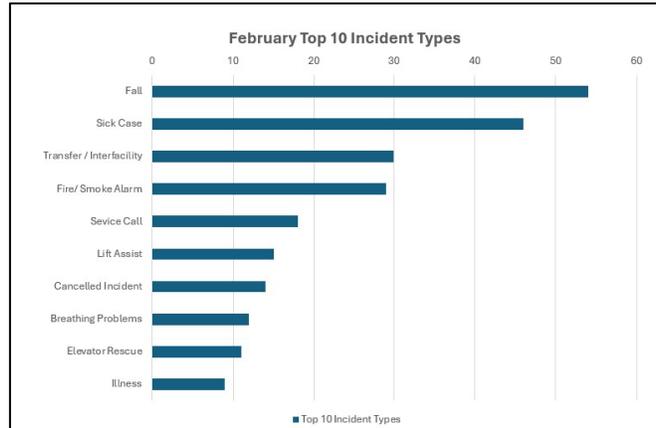
February 2026				
MIFD Personnel	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Helpfulness of Employees	98%	0%	0%	2%
Speed of service	96%	4%	0%	0%
Appearance of Personnel	98%	2%	0%	0%
Sensitivity of Personnel	100%	0%	0%	0%
Communication skills of Personnel	100%	0%	0%	0%
Medical care given by Personnel	98%	2%	0%	0%
Handling your emergency	95%	2%	4%	0%
911 call taker	96%	2%	0%	2%
Hospitals				
NCH-Downtown	92%	8%	0%	0%
PRH- Collier Blvd	89%	5%	5%	2%

Fire Rescue Data

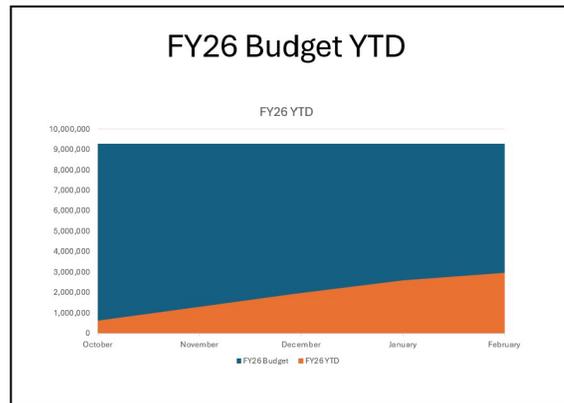
Incident Responses	February	YTD
Fire	6	13
Fire / Smoke Alarm	41	83
Smoke Investigation	9	11
Electrical Hazard	10	16
Service call	16	22
Fuel spill	1	5
Medical Emergency	197	372
Motor Vehicle Accident	2	9
Elevator Rescue	12	23
Aviation Standby	1	2
Marine Rescue	2	10
Lift Assist	15	36
Transfer / Interfacility	30	64
Standby	2	5
Incident Cancelled	15	25
Total	359	696

Fire Incidents

- Cooking / Appliance Fire
- Trash / rubbish Fire
- Brush Fire
- Utility Infrastructure Fire
- Vehicle Fire

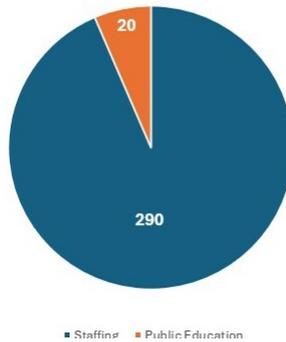


FY26 BUDGET	YTD EXPENSED	AVAILABLE	%USED
\$9,292,281	\$ 2,970,311	\$6,321,970	32%



Overtime - FYTD	
FY26 Budget	\$175,000
Expensed	\$62,347
Balance	\$112,653

February Overtime: 310 Hours



Overtime reasons:

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



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Executive Summary – Fire Prevention Division

Financial Performance

- Gross Revenue (FYTD): \$235,588.35 compared to \$296,306.66 in the prior year. The year-over-year decline is primarily attributable to reduced Impact Fee collections and the transition in False Alarm Fee billing methodology.
- Core Operating Revenue (excluding Impact Fees and False Alarm Fees): \$198,897.44 compared to \$191,086.23 in the prior year, reflecting a +4.1% year-over-year increase in recurring, service-based revenue streams.

False Alarm Fee Billing Change (Timing / Comparability Note)

The Division transitioned False Alarm Fee billing from quarterly to monthly. Under the previous quarterly billing model, collections often appeared as lump-sum spikes during a single month representing several months of activity. With monthly billing, revenue is now recognized in smaller, more consistent increments throughout the year. As a result, some month-to-month and year-over-year comparisons may reflect billing and collection timing differences rather than changes in actual false alarm activity.

Revenue Reporting Structure (for Clarity and Comparability)

To better isolate recurring operating revenue and improve year-over-year comparability, the accompanying tables present three financial totals:

- Gross Total – all revenue sources combined
- Total Net of Impact Fees – removes development-related revenue volatility
- Total Net of Impact & False Alarm Fees – best indicator of recurring operational revenue during the false alarm billing transition

Operational Metrics

Operational activity remained strong through February, with several indicators reflecting continued workload and enforcement activity:

- Plan Reviews: 665 FYTD (up from 584 prior year)
- New Annual Inspections: 174 FYTD (up from 144 prior year)
- Violations Cited: 252 FYTD (up from 235 prior year)
- Re-Inspections: 200 FYTD (down from 259 prior year), indicating improved first-pass compliance

Supporting detail provided in the revenue and activity tables below.

Division Revenue Summary

Revenue Source	FEB-26	FY25-26 YTD	FEB-25	FY24-25 YTD
Fire Plan Review	\$11,712.46	\$64,497.48	\$14,416.67	\$65,864.55
Permit Fire Inspections	\$22,900.49	\$95,777.10	\$19,482.61	\$87,240.76
Fire Technology Fee	\$1,457.10	\$7,928.86	\$1,560.00	\$6,948.92
Fire Impact Fee	\$5,101.47	\$25,765.91	\$5,296.92	\$27,921.43
Annual Fire Inspection	\$4,811.00	\$19,316.00	\$6,319.00	\$15,062.00
False Alarm Fees	\$600.00	\$10,925.00	\$0.00	\$77,299.00
Knox Box Activation	\$78.00	\$546.00	\$468.00	\$832.00
Re-Inspection	\$2,200.00	\$9,825.00	\$2,000.00	\$14,876.00
Fire Hydrant Flow Test	\$411.00	\$1,007.00	\$149.00	\$262.00
Total	\$49,271.52	\$235,588.35	\$49,692.20	\$296,306.66
Total Minus Impact Fees	\$44,170.05	\$209,822.44	\$44,395.28	\$268,385.23
Total Minus Impact & False Alarm Fees	\$43,570.05	\$198,897.44	\$44,395.28	\$191,086.23



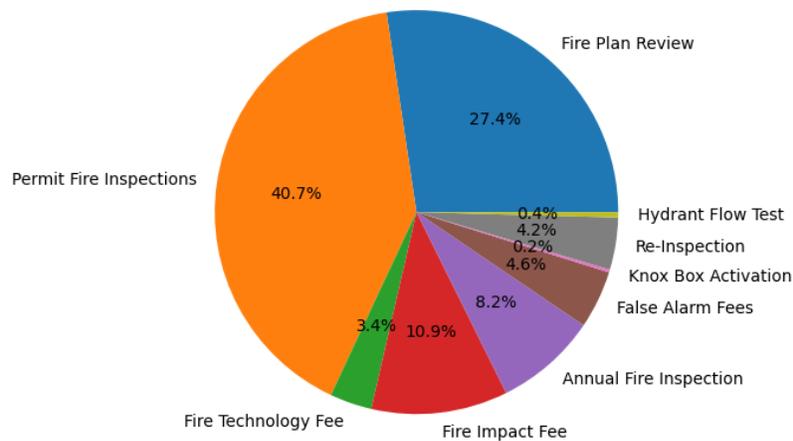
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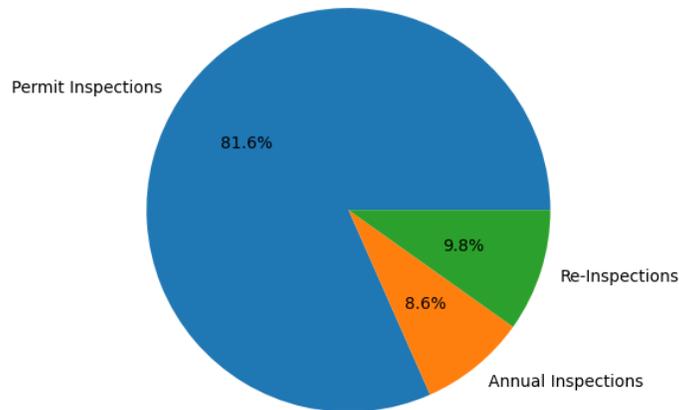
Division Activity Summary

Activity	FEB-26	FY25-26 YTD	FEB-25	FY24-25 YTD
Fire Plans Reviewed	120	665	135	584
New Construction / Permit Inspections	271	1,661	267	1,861
Annual Inspections (New)	55	174	59	144
FD Access / Knox Key Exchanges	4	24	18	39
Notices of Violation	3	14	1	4
Re-Inspections	50	200	39	259
Hydrant Flow Test	2	6	1	6
Violations Cited	70	252	112	235
Fire Investigations	1	6	4	12
Fire Inspector Training	0 hrs.	153 hrs.	45 hrs.	585 hrs.
False Alarm Activity	42	214	41	632

Revenue Composition by Source (FY25-26 FYTD)



Inspection Workload Distribution (FY25-26 FYTD)





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Notable Highlights & Activities — February 2026

Fire Investigations

- **February 27 | Recycling Truck Load Fire – 440 Seaview Ct.**
Responded to a recycling truck fire near 440 Seaview Ct after a Waste Management driver reported flames following a compaction event inside the truck. The driver dumped the recycling load to prevent fire extension to the vehicle. Fire crews extinguished the debris fire and an origin-and-cause investigation was conducted. Due to the volume and condition of the debris, the ignition source could not be identified and the cause was classified as undetermined. No damage occurred to the truck. Heat damage was noted to the roadway and adjacent landscaping, with an estimated \$9,500 in repairs.

Code Conformance Support

- Fire Prevention staff participated in six (6) coordination meetings with contractors and design professionals, providing early-stage guidance to support fire and life safety code compliance during design and construction.

Professional Development & Training

- Fire Inspector Mike Beirne achieved Fire Inspector II certification

February in Pictures



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Waste Management Fire



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15 Year Service Award



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