



City of Marco Island

Date: February 17, 2026
To: City Council
From: Fire Rescue Chief Chris Byrne
Through: Dr. Casey Lucius, Interim City Manager
Re: Fire Rescue Monthly Report

Retirement

On January 14, 2026, Battalion Chief Scott Cory retired from the Marco Island Fire Rescue Department after 30 years of combined service with Golden Gate Fire Control & Rescue District, Walton County Fire Rescue, Collier County EMS, and the City of Marco Island Fire Rescue. Scott began his career as a volunteer with the Marco Island Fire Control District. This retirement results in a vacancy.

Award

On January 15th, Deputy Chief Matt Marshall received the State Emergency Response Commission for Hazardous Materials Thomas Yatabe Award. This award recognizes Chief Marshall's outstanding achievement in the implementation and support of Emergency Planning and the Community Right to Know Act. Through his dedication and leadership, Chief Marshall's efforts have directly resulted in the acquisition of state and federal funding to support the training and equipping of Hazardous Materials Technicians.

Press Conference

On January 15, 2026, Fire Chief Byrne participated in a joint press conference including the County Fire Chiefs, Sherriff Rambosk and the Florida Forest Service to inform the community of the risk of severe wildland fires due severe drought conditions. The Fire Chiefs presented prevention information and emergency preparedness.

Lely High School Career Day

Fire Prevention staff conducted outreach and hands-on training, including fire extinguisher familiarization using the department's LP-fueled burn pan prop and basic home exit drill concepts. Training was led by the Fire Marshal and Fire Inspectors. Approximately 240 students participated.

Marco Miranda Training Experience

Fire Chief Byrne served as a presenter at the Marco Miranda Training Experience. This training is provided to Forestry Rangers and Firefighters. The session follows the tragic events that claimed the life of Marco Miranda, a Forestry Ranger, killed during a 1985 brush fire in Golden Gate Estates.

Longevity Milestones

Captain Paramedic Pat O’Gorman	15 years
Engineer EMT Kenneth Stenback	25 years

Records Management System

The United State Fire Administration launched the new interoperable fire information and analytics platform known as the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS). This monthly report provides data from this new system. Staff continue to learn the new system, specifically extraction of data.

Fire Apparatus

Engine 50: Was removed from service on January 7, 2026, due to an injector problem and regen failure. The Fire Engine is currently at Kenworth and has been out of service for 29 days to date.

High Water Fire Engine

Construction began on January 16th on the High-Water Fire Engine at Pierce Mfg. in Bradenton, FL. Delivery is scheduled for March 2026.

Activities

- Staff met with the State HMGP Grant Manager to review the City’s current grant project and introduce the Finance Director and Grants Coordinator.
- The Fire Rescue Department completed its goal setting session for 2026.
- Firefighters participated in an After-Action Review following the multi-agency missing boater search.
- Staff participated in the City Leadership Workshop on January 29th .

EMS & Training Division

Department personnel completed 520 hours of training during the month of January. The Division activities for the month are as follows:

- Finalized NERIS incident report implementation
- Firefighter Paramedics completed annual CPR re-certification
- Firefighter Paramedics completed the pre-test requirements for Advanced Cardiac Life Support re-certification
- Firefighters participated in hose advancement and ventilation training at a residence prior to demolition
- Fireboat 50 and crew participated in a multi-agency marine response training exercise
- SCBA mask and N95 fit testing completed for all personnel

Public Education/Community Outreach

- During January, the Department conducted three (3) CPR / AED Classes, instructing thirty-three (33) students.
- On January 8th, Chief Byrne provided a presentation at the Flags for Heroes Luncheon at the Yacht Club.
- Firefighters conducted a safety standby during the Farmers Market throughout the month of January.
- Captain Chris Bowden participated in reading day at Tommie Barfield Elementary School January 26th.

Response Survey Cards

The Fire Department sends a survey card to individuals who call 911 for an emergency. For January, twenty-five (25) responses were received representing a 7.5% return rate.

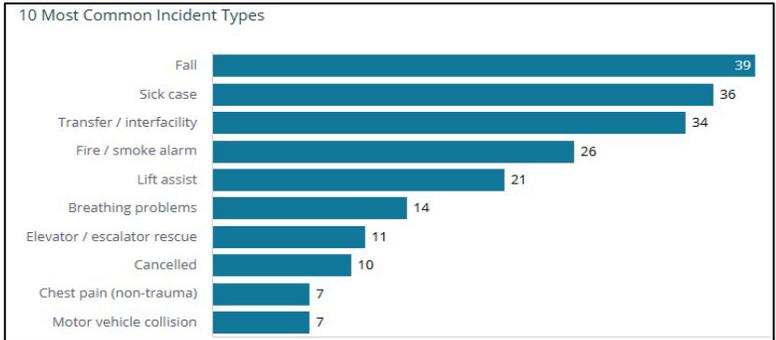
January 2026				
MIFD Personnel	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Helpfulness of Employees	100%	0%	0%	0%
Speed of service	100%	0%	0%	0%
Appearance of Personnel	100%	0%	0%	0%
Sensitivity of Personnel	100%	0%	0%	0%
Communication skills of Personnel	100%	0%	0%	0%
Medical care given by Personnel	100%	0%	0%	0%
Handling your emergency	100%	0%	0%	0%
911 call taker	100%	0%	0%	0%
Hospitals				
NCH-Downtown	83%	0%	17%	0%
PRH- Collier Blvd	69%	31%	0%	0%

Fire Rescue Data

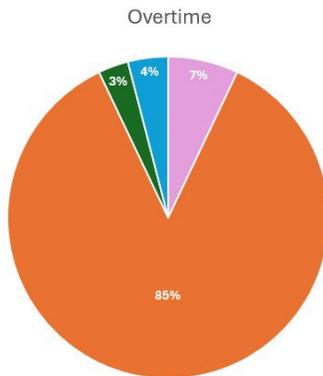
Incident Responses	January	YTD
Fire	7	7
Fire / Smoke Alarm	42	42
Smoke Investigation	2	2
Electrical Hazard	6	6
Service call	6	6
Fuel spill	4	4
Medical Emergency	175	175
Motor Vehicle Accident	7	7
Elevator Rescue	11	11
Aviation Standby	1	1
Marine Rescue	8	8
Lift Assist	21	21
Transfer / Interfacility	34	34
Standby	3	3
Incident Cancelled	10	10
Total	337	337

Fire Incidents

- Chimney fire
- Cooking / Appliance fire
- Construction waste fire
- Trash / rubbish fire
- Brush fire (3)



Overtime - January	
FY26 Budget	\$175,000
Expensed	\$27,684.92
Balance	\$112,652.91



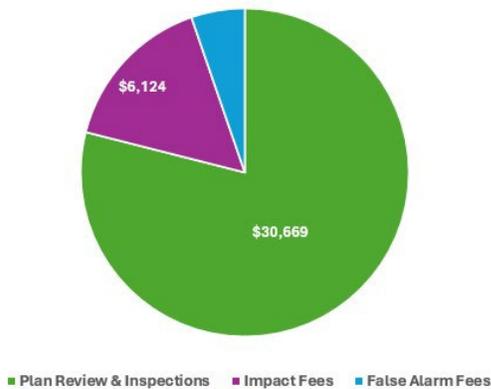
Overtime reasons:

- Injuries / vacancy
- Public Education
- Special event standby
- Contractual / leave

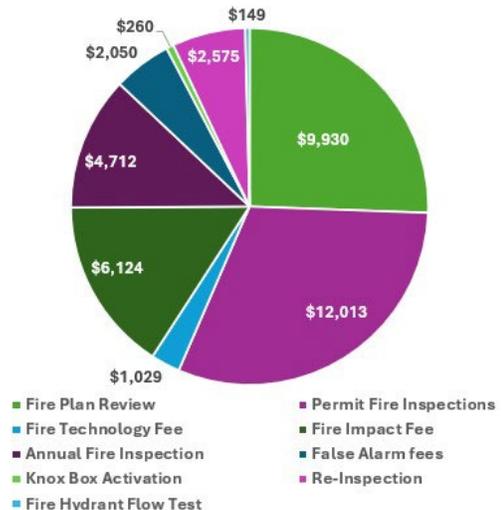
Special Events Contractual Obligation Public Education Training

Fire Prevention Division Revenue

January Revenue:
\$38,843



January Revenue





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Executive Summary – Fire Prevention Division (Jan 2026 | FY25–26 YTD)

Financial Performance

- Gross revenue (FYTD): \$186,316.83 vs \$246,614.46 prior year; YoY decline primarily driven by timing in Impact Fees and False Alarm Fees collection.
- Core operating revenue (excluding Impact Fees and False Alarm Fees): \$155,327.39 vs \$146,690.95 prior year; yielding +5.9% YoY, indicating improved performance in recurring, service-based revenues.

False Alarm Fee Billing Change (Timing/Comparability Note)

The Division transitioned False Alarm Fee billing from quarterly to monthly. Under quarterly billing, collections typically posted as lump-sum spikes in a single month (covering multiple months of activity). With monthly billing, revenue is recognized in smaller, more consistent increments across the year. As a result, month-to-month and some year-over-year comparisons can show discrepancies that reflect billing/collection timing rather than a change in underlying false alarm activity.

Revenue Reporting Structure (for clarity and comparability)

To better isolate recurring revenue and improve “apples-to-apples” analysis, the tables present three totals:

1. Gross Total (all sources)
2. Total Net of Impact Fees (removes development-driven volatility)
3. Total Net of Impact & False Alarm Fees (best indicator of recurring operating revenue during the billing transition)

Operational Metrics

- Plan Reviews: 545 FYTD (up from 449)
- New Annual Inspections: 119 FYTD (up from 85)
- Violations Cited: 182 FYTD (up from 123)
- Re-Inspections: 150 FYTD (down from 220), indicating improved first-pass compliance

Supporting detail – reference tables Below:

Revenue and Activity Tables:

Division Revenue Summary	Jan-26	25-26 FYTD	Jan-25	24-25 FYTD
Revenue Source				
Fire Plan Review	\$9,930.45	\$52,785.02	\$11,011.98	\$51,447.88
Permit Fire Inspections	\$12,013.44	\$72,876.61	\$12,956.37	\$67,758.15
Fire Technology Fee	\$1,028.78	\$6,471.76	\$1,119.74	\$5,388.92
Fire Impact Fee	\$6,123.99	\$20,664.44	\$5,104.10	\$22,624.51
Annual Fire Inspection	\$4,712.00	\$14,505.00	\$1,570.00	\$8,743.00
False Alarm Fees	\$2,050.00	\$10,325.00	\$76,775.00	\$77,299.00
Knox Box Activation	\$260.00	\$468.00	\$78.00	\$364.00
Re-Inspection	\$2,575.00	\$7,625.00	\$3,300.00	\$12,876.00
Fire Hydrant Flow Test	\$149.00	\$596.00	\$113.00	\$113.00
Total	\$38,842.66	\$186,316.83	\$112,028.19	\$246,614.46
Total Minus Impact Fees	\$32,718.67	\$165,652.39	\$106,924.09	\$223,989.95
Total Minus Impact and False Alarm Fees	\$30,668.67	\$155,327.39	\$30,149.09	\$146,690.95



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Division Activity Summary	JAN - 26	FY25-26 YTD	JAN - 25	FY24-25 YTD
Fire Plans Reviewed	85	545	71	449
New Construction / Permit Inspections	243	1390	386	1594
Annual Inspections (New)	29	119	21	85
FD Access / Knox Key Exchanges	10	20	2	21
Notices of Violation	2	11	1	3
Re-Inspections	54	150	50	220
Hydrant Flow Test	1	4	0	5
Violations Cited	32	182	28	123
Fire Investigations	2	5	2	8
Fire Inspector Training	18 hrs.	153 hrs.	90 hrs.	540 hrs.

Notable Highlights & Activities — January 2026

Fire Investigations

- **January 28 | Residential Appliance Fire (Single-Family Home)**
MIFR responded to a reported kitchen fire involving an electric range/cooktop. Light smoke conditions were present with no fire extension beyond the appliance. Actions included smoke evacuation, confirmation of power isolation, and completion of the origin-and-cause investigation. The incident was classified as accidental, attributed to an electrical equipment malfunction. Occupants were advised to have the unit inspected/replaced prior to re-energizing. Estimated property damage: \$3,000.
- **January 30 | Pool Equipment Fire (Single-Family Home)**
Units responded to a fire involving an exterior pool heater and filtration equipment. Battalion 50 confirmed the fire was extinguished prior to arrival. The first-arriving police officer reported the equipment was fully involved and an explosion was heard; ruptured pool water lines discharged and assisted in extinguishment. A 360° exterior assessment and interior check confirmed damage was limited to the pool heater assembly, adjacent exterior wall area, and a portion of the owner's fence, with no extension to the interior of the residence or exposures. Based on burn patterns and the absence of other viable ignition sources, the incident was classified as accidental, caused by a mechanical failure of the pool heater compressor. Estimated property damage: \$25,000. The occupants/representatives were advised to contact insurance and coordinate contractor mitigation.

Code Conformance Support

- Fire Prevention staff participated in eight (8) coordination meetings with contractors and design professionals, providing early-stage guidance to support fire and life safety code compliance during design and construction.

38,842.66 Professional Development & Training

- All Fire Prevention staff completed CPR recertification.

January in Pictures



Sporting Clay Tournament for MIA with sponsor, Jim Vandenberg



Deputy Chief Marshall receives the State Emergency Response Commission for Hazardous Materials Thomas Yatabe Award



Sailboat runs aground during poor weather conditions off Hideaway Beach



Engine EMT Kenneth Stenback 25-year service award



Battalion Chief Scott Cory retires following 30 years of service



Simultaneous medical emergencies at the Urgent Care Center and Watermark



Lely High School Career Day



Brush Fire Season Press Conference