



# City of Marco Island

Meeting Date: March 2, 2026  
To: City Council  
From: Chief Tracy L. Frazzano  
Through: Casey Lucius, Ph.D., Interim City Manager  
Re: January 2026 Monthly City Council Report



## Employee News

On January 8, 2026, Sgt. Mark Haueter was presented with the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal by the Naples Sons of the American Revolution at Tiburón Golf Club. This award recognizes his more than 20 years of dedicated service in law enforcement, including 13 years with the Marco Island Police Department. Sgt. Haueter's extensive knowledge and strong leadership have made him a cornerstone of the department, and his contributions are deeply valued.

## Community Oriented Policing

On January 24, 2026, the Marco Island Police Department's Sporting Clay Team finished first overall at the 10th Anniversary Bill Rose Memorial Sporting Clays Tournament. Team members included Sgt. Andrew Smith, retired Code Officer John Kovacs, Senior Administrative Assistant Sharon Kovacs, and Code Enforcement Officer John Negra. This annual event serves as a fundraiser for Marco Island Academy, the island's public charter high school.



## January Police Activity Crime Report:

In January 2026, 75 incidents were reported to the Marco Island Police Department. Total crimes against persons decreased by 50% (2 vs 4) compared to the same time last year. Property crimes decreased by 44% (9 vs 16) compared to last year due to a decrease in thefts. Miscellaneous crimes increased by 33% (8 vs 6). In January 2026, there was a decrease in 50% (1 vs 2) of crimes against society. The Marco Island Police Department had 2 arrests in January 2026 for driving under the influence and driving with no license issued.

2026 vs. 2025 Crimes by Category, Non-Criminal Offenses					
Jan-2026		Jan-2025		% of Change	
Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Jan '26 v. Jan '25	YTD
	Year to Date		Year to Date		
Domestic Battery	0	Domestic Battery	2		
Assault	2	Assault	2		
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-50%</b>	<b>-50%</b>
<b>Property Crimes</b>					
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	Motor Vehicle Theft	1		
Theft	6	Theft	10		
Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	2	Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	3		
Fraud	1	Fraud	2		
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-44%</b>	<b>-44%</b>
<b>Misc. Crimes</b>					
Others (Trespass, Warrants, etc.)	5	Others (Trespass, Warrants, etc.)	3		
Hit and Run	2	Hit and Run	0		
Criminal Traffic	1	Criminal Traffic	2		
Resisting LEO	0	Resisting LEO	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Crimes against Society</b>					
DUI	1	DUI	2		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-50%</b>	<b>-50%</b>
<b>Other Incidents</b>					
Marchman Act	1	Marchman Act	1		
Baker Act	4	Baker Act	1		
Operation Medicine Cabinet	2	Operation Medicine Cabinet	3		
Non-Criminal Incidents	48	Non-Criminal Incidents	53		
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>-5%</b>

### Note:

Non-Criminal incidents are reports that do not have a criminal offense or are information reports. Examples include fraud cases (outside of Marco Island jurisdiction), other agency assists, lost, and found items and medical assists.

Note: Multiple criminal offenses may have occurred within some incidents. This reporting aligns with new crime data collection requirements from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the FBI. This announcement for crime reporting was covered in the February 2022 monthly report. Non-criminal incidents are reports that do not have a criminal offense or are information reports. Examples include fraud cases (outside of Marco Island jurisdiction), other agency assists, lost and found items and medical assists.

\*Marchman Act: Florida Substance Abuse Impairment Act F.S.S Chapter 397

\* Baker Act: Florida Mental Health Act F.S.S Chapter 394

## 2026. vs 2025 Incident Trend

In January 2026, there were 48 non-criminal incidents reported. 15% of non-criminal incident reports were comprised of suspicious incidents. 14% of reports referred to assistance to other agencies including Collier EMS, Marco Island Fire Department, and other law enforcement agencies. 13% of non-criminal incident reports are for lost and found property. The Marco Island Police Department will accept found property into our property and evidence department for safekeeping until an owner can be located.

**2026 v. 2025 Incident Trends**

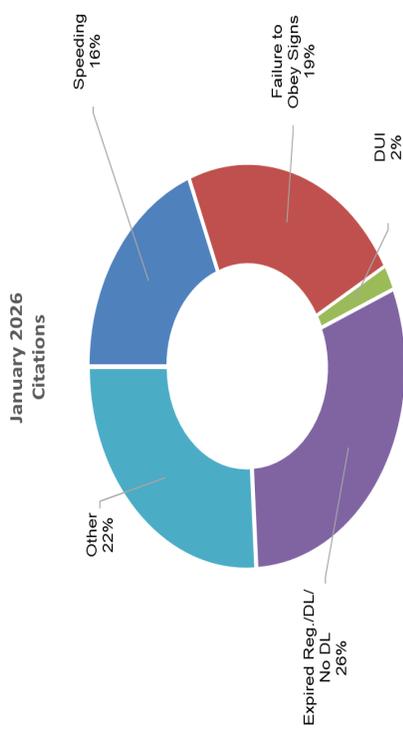


**This data highlights the diverse range of incidents that the department responds to, emphasizing both public safety and community support.**

## Traffic Patrol

In January 2026, there were 183 traffic citations and warnings issued by the Marco Island Police Department. Of the 62 written citations issued, 19% were for failure to obey traffic signs or traffic lights. 26% of citations were for operating a motor vehicle with an expired registration or driver's license. 22% of citations were issued for other citations such as sunshade tint, improper turns, or seatbelt violations. In January 2026, there were 2 criminal traffic citations for driving under the influence and driving with no license. In January 2026 there were 4 seized drivers licenses during traffic stops.

In January 2026, MIPD officers conducted 184 bicycle and e-bike stops and issued five written warnings. Riders under 16 were provided verbal warnings as an opportunity to correct unsafe behavior, promote responsible riding habits, and reduces future violations and injuries.



### Detective Bureau Monthly Investigative Report

Detective Bureau data reflects the number of cases assigned to the bureau each month. These totals do not account for active investigations carried over from previous months and, therefore, do not reflect the bureau's overall caseload.

Case Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	YEAR
Death Investigations	4												4	2025
	4												4	2026
Robbery	0												0	2025
	0												0	2026
Sexual Battery/Sex Crime/ICAC	0												0	2025
	0												0	2026
Child Abuse/Neglect	1												1	2025
	1												1	2026
Conveyance Burglary	0												0	2025
	1												1	2026
Burglary	0												0	2025
	0												0	2026
Trespassing	5												5	2025
	2												2	2026
GTA & Recovery	0												0	2025
	7												7	2026
Theft/Grand & Petit	5												5	2025
	2												2	2026
Fraud	1												1	2025
	3												3	2026
Vandalism	2												2	2025
	3												3	2026
Battery/Assault	2												2	2025
	2												2	2026
Domestic Violence	0												0	2025
	2												2	2026
Hit and Run/DUI Crash	3												3	2025
	3												3	2026
Other Arrests	1												1	2025
	1												1	2026
Other Custody/Marchman/Baker/RPC	6												6	2025
	1												1	2026
Missing Persons	0												0	2025
	44												44	2026
Suspicious Incidents/Non Criminal	33												33	2025
	0												0	2026
Sex Offender Check	0												0	2025
	0												0	2026
Arrest/Search Warrants	0												0	2025
	0												0	2026
Reports Completed	72												72	2025
	118												118	2026
Dept Wide Evidence Intake	25												25	2025
	12												12	2026
Child Protection Team Interviews	0												0	2025
	0												0	2026
Employee Background Checks	2												2	2025
	15												15	2026
Other non-criminal related duties	18												18	2025
<b>2025 TOTAL (Activities)</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>2025</b>										
<b>2026 TOTAL (Activities)</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>2026</b>										

The Detective Bureau saw a 33% decrease in Battery/Assault cases in 2026 compared to the same period in 2025 (2 vs. 3). Suspicious Incident cases decreased by 25% (33 vs. 44). Theft cases also declined by 28% compared to the same period last year (5 vs. 7).

## January Marine Report

The Marine Report reflects activities conducted by MIPD Marine Officers while patrolling Marco Island's waterways and canals. These activities include proactive patrols to enforce marine and environmental regulations and promote boater safety. Officers attended the January Marco Island waterway advisory meeting and spoke about new anchoring laws in Florida. The Marine Unit recruited 20 more vessels to participate in the Seakeepers initiative and is working with FWC to add their vessels as participants. The Marine Unit responded to six MERT calls in 2026, compared to one during the same period in 2025, a 500% increase.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	YEAR
Canal, Bay River and Gulf Patrol	101	200	286	299	338	155	200	175	230	225	158	155	2522	2025
	105													2026
Patrols / Business Checks	84	65	134	136	190	101	117	119	120	115	110	35	1326	2025
	75													2026
Vessel Stops	20	35	47	31	44	14	15	14	10	11	21	13	275	2025
	24													2026
Citations / Warning	23	51	50	34	44	16	16	16	12	12	23	15	312	2025
	24													2026
Sanitation Inspections - Factory Bay	5	4	3	3	7	5	4	2	4	0	0	0	37	2025
	0													2026
Sanitation Inspections - Smokehouse Bay	5	5	4	3	7	4	6	2	1	1	0	0	38	2025
	0													2026
Suspicious Vehicles	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	3	2	0	0	12	2025
	0													2026
Marine Emergency Response (MERT)	1	2	4	4	8	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	31	2025
	6													2026
Assist Boaters / Citizen Contacts	13	15	12	11	22	4	2	3	1	3	5	0	91	2025
	12													2026
Resource Checks	4	10	4	3	0	2	1	3	3	0	2	2	34	2025
	0													2026
Boater Safety Checks	9	18	18	20	27	15	10	10	10	8	5	1	151	2025
	12													2026
Marina Inspections	65	45	60	80	85	85	68	65	60	55	48	38	754	2025
	75													2026
<b>Total Events</b>	332	450	622	624	773	405	442	412	455	434	373	261	5583	2025
<b>Total Events</b>	333	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2026

\*Sanitation Inspection: Enforcement of sanitation regulations to ensure environmental standards for waste are being met.

\*Resource Checks: Enforcement of the Florida Administrative Code for Florida Saltwater Fishing Regulations.

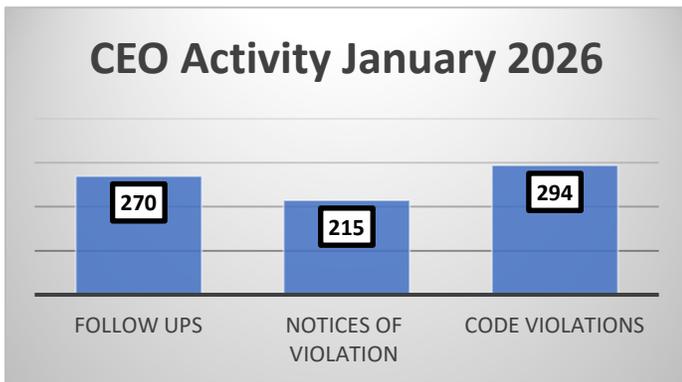
\*Marina Inspections: Patrol and enforcement of marine regulations for vessels leaving and entering Marinas.

**January 2026 Beach Patrol:**



Beach Patrol activity increased by 30% (409 vs. 313) compared to the previous month. January also involved the rare occurrence of a deceased tiger shark being found on the beach. Code Officers and MIPD coordinated with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to promptly remove the shark. Officers also assisted with a beached dolphin, successfully helping it return to the water.

**January 2026 Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) Report:**



Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) activity in January 2026 remained predominantly self-initiated, with self-initiated investigations exceeding dispatched cases by over 1000% (854 vs. 73). Encroachment violations increased by more than 81% compared to December 2025, while Trash on Swale violations rose by 80% during the same period. January 2026 data also reflected increases in Litter & Debris and Silt Fence violations.

The high volume of self-initiated activity highlights the Code Enforcement Officers' continued commitment to identifying and addressing issues before they escalate or require formal complaints.

## Special Magistrate Hearings - 2026:

	26-Jan	26-Feb	26-Mar	26-Apr	26-May	26-Apr	26-May	26-Jun	26-Jul	26-Aug	26-Sep	26-Oct	26-Nov	26-Dec
Number of Cases Scheduled for Magistrate	32													
Number of Cases Scheduled for Certification of Fines	10													
Number of Cases for Mitigation of Fines	7													

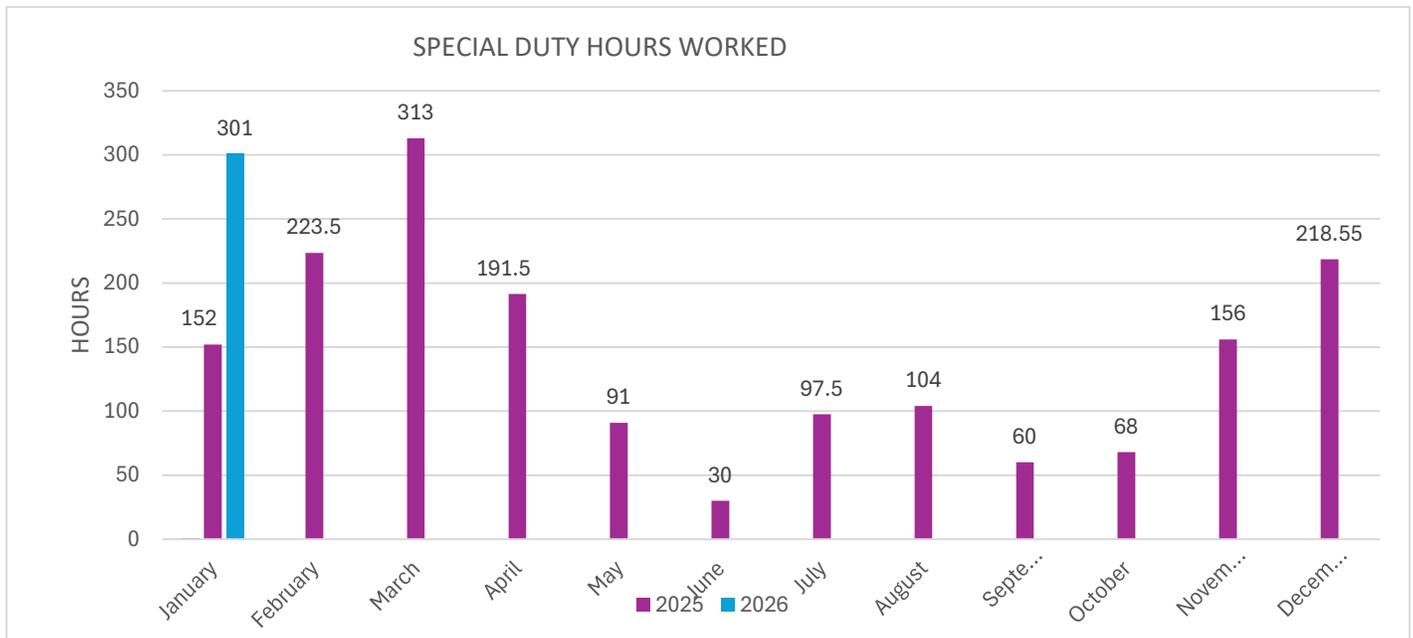


In January, a total of 32 cases were scheduled for the Special Magistrate Hearing. Of these, 10 involved Certification of Fines, a process that places a lien for unpaid fines. Seven cases were scheduled for Mitigation of Fines, which is a structured process to evaluate and potentially reduce the financial penalty associated with a violation or offense. **\*\*\* This figure reflects the total number of violations and not the number of cases. This is to account for cases with multiple violations.**

For more information regarding the Special Magistrate Hearings please visit:

<https://marcoisland.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

## Special Duty Details:



Special Duty Details refer to law enforcement duties performed for an outside vendor in addition to an officer's regularly scheduled work hours. These voluntary assignments include, but are not limited to, traffic and security at various locations. In January 2026, Special Duty hours increased 98% (301 vs. 152) in January 2025. Much of this increase was due to the L.E.A.D. Circus being in town during the first week of January.

## Community Engagement Report

- Overall the MIPD social media is up .7% for followers compared to last month.

### Top Performing Posts

1-6-26

👏 Big congratulations to Marco Island Police Officer Melanie Lopez on receiving her 5-Year Service Award at last night's Council Meeting! Thank you for your dedication, professionalism, and continued commitment to keeping our community safe. We're proud to have you on the Marco Island Police Department team! ❤️ 👮  
#ServiceAward #MarcoIslandPD #CommunityPride #BetterTogether



1-8-26

❤️ ❤️ ❤️ Happy National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day! Thank you to our Marco Island Police Department officers for your bravery and dedication to protecting our community. It wouldn't be paradise without you! 👮 👮 🌴 🚗  
#LawEnforcementAppreciation #BetterTogether #ProtectParadise

### Swearing-In Ceremony 1-30-26

Today, we proudly welcomed two officers to MIPD!

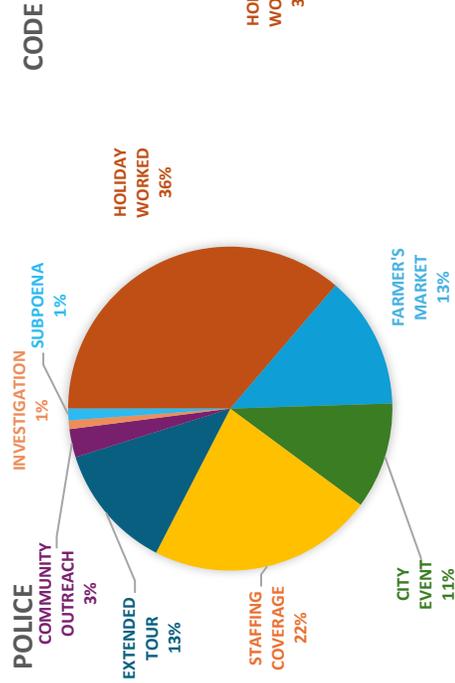
👮 Katherine Hofmeister — originally from Colorado, graduated today from the Southwest Florida Police Academy in the top 10% of her class. She has been with MIPD since 2020 and has served in several roles across the department.

👮 Edward Acker — originally from New York, began his law enforcement career with the NYPD in 2000, serving on patrol before transferring to the MTA Police, where he was assigned to Penn Station and Grand Central Terminal.



DEPARTMENT	FY 2026 O/T BUDGET	OVERTIME QTR 1	% OVERTIME SPENT
POLICE	\$160,000	\$47,570	29.73%
CODE	\$15,000	\$9,156	61%

CATEGORY / HOURS	POLICE	CODE
HOLIDAY OVERTIME	501	81.5
FARMER'S MARKET	183	50
CITY EVENT	147	64
STAFFING COVERAGE	310	
EXTENDED TOUR	174	
COMMUNITY OUTREACH	39	16
INVESTIGATION	12	
SUBPOENA	10	
<b>TOTAL 1ST QTR OT IN HOURS</b>	<b>1376</b>	<b>211.5</b>



**OVERTIME UTILIZATION OVERVIEW**

In Quarter One, approximately **60%** (= **\$28,542**) of the Police Department's total overtime expenditures and **92%** (= **\$8,424**) of the Code Enforcement Department's total overtime were **nondiscretionary**. This portion of overtime is driven by contractual, policy, and operational obligations that must be met regardless of staffing levels or administrative preference. Specifically, nondiscretionary overtime was incurred for the following:

**HOLIDAY OVERTIME (POLICE & CODE):** Per the Collective Bargaining Agreement and City policy, employees working designated holidays receive premium pay. Police officers receive **double time**, and Code personnel receive **time and one-half**. Holidays this quarter included Christmas, Thanksgiving, and the Day After Thanksgiving. **FARMER'S MARKET (POLICE AND CODE):** Weekly traffic control and public safety coverage beginning November 12, 2025, resulted in **233 combined overtime hours**.

**CITY-SPONSORED EVENTS (POLICE AND CODE):** High-visibility, City-sponsored events requiring police and/or code presence for traffic management and public safety (e.g., Christmas Island Style, Concert Series, Movie in the Park, etc.) resulted in **211 combined overtime hours** during the quarter.

**ADDITIONAL OVERTIME CATEGORIES:**

**STAFFING COVERAGE (POLICE):** Overtime associated with shift coverage due to military leave, sick leave, vacation, injuries or unexpected events.

**EXTENDED TOUR (POLICE):** Overtime incurred when officers remain on-duty beyond their scheduled shift due to active incidents, such as traffic crashes, report writing/completion, and preliminary investigations.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH (POLICE AND CODE):** Overtime associated with community engagement efforts such as school events, bike rodeos, public presentations, and other initiatives that promote safety education and strengthen community relationships.

**INVESTIGATION (POLICE):** Overtime incurred when detectives are called in outside normal working hours to conduct or assist with investigations.

**SUBPOENAS:** Overtime related to required court appearances during the time an employee is scheduled off.

### Total Incidents:

Incidents	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total YTD	
Community Oriented Policing Activities	1,868	1,716	1,893	1,463	1,641	1,574	1,613	1,570	1,913	2,112	2,102	2,383	21,848	2025
	2,803												2,803	2026
Extra Patrols	7,184	6,973	7,227	6,135	6,667	6,202	6,709	6,739	8,217	9,784	9,342	10,583	91,762	2025
	10,531												10,531	2026
Parking Complaints	14	49	45	30	18	9	16	55	41	45	27	25	374	2025
	33												33	2026
Noise Complaints	15	14	40	33	37	22	35	35	14	18	11	24	298	2025
	13												13	2026
Traffic Stops	361	437	470	386	424	380	460	495	454	705	591	614	5,777	2025
	663												663	2026
Noise Complaints Verified	0	1	1	2	0	0	4	6	4	1	0	1	20	2025
	1												1	2026
Traffic Citations	35	39	32	13	53	18	31	31	32	44	58	43	429	2025
	62												62	2026
Traffic, Parking & Vessel Written Warnings	95	107	111	99	69	68	81	81	94	113	118	83	1,119	2025
	145												145	2026
Vehicle Crash	29	55	49	58	27	11	26	20	27	18	35	39	394	2025
	36												36	2026
Crime or Incident Reports Taken	82	75	116	51	49	50	62	35	15	63	55	79	732	2025
	75												75	2026
Persons Arrested	7	2	1	3	3	3	3	4	7	5	4	8	50	2025
	2												2	2026
Total Incidents	9,690	9,468	9,985	8,273	8,988	8,337	9,040	9,071	10,818	12,908	12,343	13,882	122,803	2025
	14,364	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,364	2026

- Traffic stops have increased 83%, including bicycle, vehicle and vessels from the same period last year.

### Calls for Service by Call Source:

Call Source	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total YTD	
Officer/ Field Initiated	10,241	10,100	10,625	9,136	9,602	8,964	9,624	9,720	11,466	14,066	13,382	14,415	131,341	2025
	14,982												14,982	2026
911 Initiated	523	554	630	507	465	446	433	449	383	393	445	448	5,676	2025
	523												523	2026
Non- Emergency Dispatch Initiated	433	541	574	495	535	462	490	423	399	456	441	519	5,768	2025
	480												480	2026
Total Calls for Service	11,197	11,195	11,829	10,138	10,602	9,872	10,547	10,592	12,248	14,915	14,268	15,382	142,785	2025
	15,985	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,985	2026

\* Calls for Service data, captured in the agency's Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, reflects any call that prompts a police officer or code enforcement officer to act or expend resources, whether initiated by the agency or the public. Notably, in January 2026, 13,979 more calls for service were officer-initiated in the field, than being driven by 911 or administrative dispatch. This reflects a continued emphasis on proactive policing. Conversely, 911 calls increased 16% for January 2026 when compared to December 2025 (523 vs 448).

### Vehicle Count Daily Averages

Location	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Avg Daily YTD	
Jolley Bridge North bound	12,668	14,636	14,920	13,203	11,574	10,903	6,528	9,421	10,252	11,881	11,820	12,080	11,657	2025
	13,831												13,831	2026
Jolley Bridge South bound	15,121	16,875	16,726	14,432	12,173	8,918	10,468	10,607	10,729	11,335	13,487	13,885	12,896	2025
	15,586												15,586	2026

Traffic coming onto Marco Island via the Jolley Bridge increased in volume by 3% from January 2025 to January 2026.