

# Chief's Monthly Report – March 2026

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## Message from the Chief – March 2026

March was a full and active month for the Belle Isle Police Department, with officers handling **528 calls for service**, conducting proactive enforcement, and responding to a wide range of incidents across the city. From traffic safety to serious criminal investigations, our team remained focused on keeping our community safe while maintaining a visible and engaged presence.

One case that stands out this month involved a retail theft that quickly escalated into a **battery on a law enforcement officer and a foot pursuit**. What began as a minor theft turned into a dangerous situation when the suspect chose to fight and flee rather than take responsibility. Thanks to the quick response and professionalism of our officers, the suspect was safely taken into custody without injury to the public. It serves as a reminder that even small decisions can quickly escalate, and our officers are prepared to handle those situations when they do.

We also saw strong enforcement efforts in traffic safety, including multiple DUI arrests with extremely high breath alcohol levels, reckless driving incidents, and crashes involving poor decision-making behind the wheel. These are preventable situations, and we will continue to focus on enforcement and education to reduce these risks on our roadways. At the same time, our officers handled sensitive calls with compassion, including assisting vulnerable individuals and supporting families during difficult moments. That balance of enforcement and service is what defines our department.

Looking ahead, we encourage the community to stay involved and connected. We have several upcoming events that provide great opportunities to engage with your police department and neighbors. The **Belle Isle Easter Egg Hunt** will take place on April 4th starting at 0900 hours, followed by our **City Recycling Event** on April 11th from 0900 to 1300 hours. Later in the month, we will host the **Hearts Against Hunger 5K** on April 25th starting at 0800 hours, and the **DEA Drug Take Back Initiative** that same day from 1000 to 1400 hours, offering a safe way to dispose of unused medications.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Belle Isle Police Department. We remain committed to serving this community with professionalism, accountability, and a little bit of common sense when it comes to the situations we face every day.

## **Monthly Activity Summary**

<b>Boating Citations:</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Involuntary Exam:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Parking Citations</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Traffic Warnings</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Traffic Citations</b>	<b>341</b>
<b>Trespass Reports</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Supplemental Reports</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Field Information Report</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Crash Reports</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Calls for Service</b>	<b>528</b>

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### **Arrests and Notable Incidents**

#### **March 1, 2026 – Unattended Death Investigation**

On March 1, 2026, at approximately 1549 hours, officers responded to a residence regarding an unresponsive individual. Upon arrival, an adult female was located inside the home and was unresponsive with signs consistent with prolonged death. Officers initiated CPR until relieved by Fire Rescue personnel, who arrived on scene and pronounced the individual deceased at 1555 hours.

Family members advised the individual had last been spoken to several days prior and was believed to be in normal condition at that time, with a known medical history. The Orange County Medical Examiner's Office was consulted and declined response due to no indications of foul play. A funeral home responded to the scene and assumed custody of the deceased. Victim advocate services were offered to the family, but they declined.

#### **March 1, 2026 – Wrong Way Driver / DUI-Related Arrest (Mutual Aid)**

On March 1, 2026, at approximately 0125 hours, an officer conducting traffic enforcement in the area of Hansel Avenue and Waltham Avenue observed a vehicle traveling southbound in the northbound lanes of a one-way roadway, approaching head-on with headlights facing oncoming traffic. The location was within Orange County jurisdiction. The officer activated emergency lights, positioned the patrol vehicle to warn other motorists, and safely stopped the vehicle by blocking its path and directing it to a nearby side street.

Upon contact, the driver displayed signs consistent with impairment, including bloodshot, watery eyes, and the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle. Multiple passengers were also present. The driver initially denied alcohol consumption but later admitted to consuming an alcoholic beverage before driving. The driver also stated they were confused while operating the vehicle.

Due to the totality of the circumstances, including driving the wrong way on a one-way roadway and indicators of impairment, a supervisor coordinated with the Orange County Sheriff's Office Watch Commander, and mutual aid was granted for the investigation.

The driver was placed under arrest for reckless driving. The driver was transported to the Orange County Jail without incident.

### **March 4, 2026 – Retail Theft / Battery on Law Enforcement / Foot Pursuit**

On March 4, 2026, at approximately 2114 hours, an officer conducting patrol in the area of Hoffner Avenue and Conway Road (Belle Isle Commons) observed an individual exiting a retail store with multiple items concealed in a manner consistent with retail theft. The individual had passed all points of sale without payment and was leaving the business.

The officer made contact and attempted to detain the individual for investigation. The individual provided inconsistent statements regarding payment and then began actively resisting lawful commands. During the encounter, the individual pulled away, struck the officer, and fled on foot through the parking lot while discarding the suspected stolen merchandise.

A foot pursuit ensued, during which the officer deployed a department-issued taser to regain control after continued resistance. The individual continued to resist until additional officers arrived and assisted in securing him in custody.

Emergency medical services responded to evaluate the individual, who was later transported to a local hospital for precautionary evaluation. The recovered merchandise, valued at approximately \$18.64, was returned to the business, which wished to pursue charges. A store employee provided a sworn statement confirming the theft.

The individual was charged with battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest with violence, and retail theft.

### **March 5, 2026 – Battery on Law Enforcement / Resisting Arrest (Closed Business Encounter)**

On March 5, 2026, at approximately 2328 hours, an officer conducting patrol in the area of Hoffner Avenue and Conway Road observed a vehicle parked in the lot of a closed business with no lighting and the entrance secured. The sole occupant was seated in the driver's seat and, upon contact, displayed signs consistent with impairment, including bloodshot, watery eyes, slurred speech, and the odor of an alcoholic beverage.

The individual provided inconsistent explanations for being at the location and refused to answer questions regarding alcohol consumption. When instructed to exit the vehicle due to concerns about impairment and actual physical control, the individual refused multiple lawful commands.

The officer then removed the individual from the vehicle, at which point the individual actively resisted, pulled away, and kicked the officer multiple times. The individual continued resisting

until additional officers arrived and assisted in securing her in custody. Due to the individual's erratic and aggressive behavior, field sobriety exercises were not conducted.

The individual was arrested for battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest with violence. The vehicle was secured and left legally parked at the scene. The individual was transported to the Orange County Jail without further incident and remained non-compliant during the booking process.

### **March 11, 2026 – Disturbance Investigation (No Crime Determined)**

On March 11, 2026, at approximately 1100 hours, officers responded to a business on Jetport Drive in reference to a reported assault and threats. Upon arrival, officers contacted an employee, who advised that a verbal altercation had occurred earlier that morning involving a co-worker. The reporting party stated that during the argument, a threat had been made, causing concern for personal safety.

During the investigation, officers interviewed multiple individuals present during the incident. A witness advised that, while a verbal dispute occurred over workplace issues, no threats to cause harm were made. The involved individual also denied making any threats and stated the incident was limited to a verbal disagreement.

Additional witnesses were contacted, but were unable to provide specific details regarding the statements made during the altercation.

Based on the totality of the investigation and witness statements, it was determined that no criminal threat had occurred. The incident was documented for informational purposes only, and no further action was taken.

### **March 10, 2026 – Narcotics Arrest / Suspicious Activity Investigation**

On March 10, 2026, at approximately 2312 hours, an officer observed two vehicles parked side by side in a manner consistent with a brief meeting in a gas station parking lot on McCoy Road. Upon the officer's arrival, both vehicles quickly separated and exited the area in opposite directions, raising suspicion of a possible illegal transaction.

The officer followed one of the vehicles after observing it traveling without headlights at night and making erratic lane changes. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver displayed indicators consistent with impairment, including bloodshot, watery eyes, and the odor of an alcoholic beverage. The driver initially denied consuming alcohol but later admitted to drinking.

During the investigation, the driver became increasingly non-compliant, repeatedly placing hands in pockets despite instructions and eventually resisting attempts to conduct a lawful search. The individual was taken into custody after continued resistance.

A search incident to arrest revealed small baggies containing a white powdery substance, which later tested positive for fentanyl. A subsequent inventory of the vehicle resulted in the discovery

of a large amount of U.S. currency, totaling approximately \$40,500, packaged in a manner consistent with narcotics-related activity.

The narcotics, currency, and other evidence were seized and submitted. The individual was charged with possession of fentanyl and resisting law enforcement without violence. The vehicle was towed from the scene, and the individual was transported to the Orange County Jail without incident.

#### **March 12, 2026 – Traffic Stop / Arrest (Suspended License and Warrant)**

On March 12, 2026, at approximately 0809 hours, an officer conducting patrol in the area of Judge Road and Conway Road observed a vehicle with an expired registration. A records check confirmed the registration had expired for an extended period.

A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver advised that they were aware their driver's license and vehicle registration were suspended. A records check confirmed the driver's license had been suspended since 2022, with prior notice provided. The driver also had a confirmed Orange County warrant for failure to appear related to previous citations for similar offenses.

The driver was placed under arrest for knowingly operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, operating a vehicle with an expired registration for more than 6 months (second offense), and for an outstanding warrant. The vehicle was towed from the scene, and the driver was transported to the Orange County Jail without incident.

#### **March 14, 2026 – Traffic Stop / Arrest (No Valid Driver's License)**

On March 14, 2026, at approximately 2219 hours, an officer conducting traffic enforcement in the area of Hoffner Avenue and Conway Isle Circle observed a vehicle improperly passing another vehicle over a double yellow line. A traffic stop was conducted.

Upon contact, the driver advised that they did not possess a valid driver's license and had never been issued one in the United States. The driver was unable to provide proof of any valid license and provided foreign identification. A records check confirmed no Florida driver's license on file.

The driver was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license (never issued). The registered owner responded to the scene and took custody of the vehicle.

The driver was also issued citations for possession of an open container and passing in a no-passing zone. The driver was transported to the Orange County Jail without incident.

#### **March 17, 2026 – Criminal Mischief / Theft Investigation (Ice Machine)**

On March 17, 2026, at approximately 1105 hours, officers responded to a business on South Orange Avenue in reference to criminal mischief involving an ice vending machine. Upon

arrival, a representative for the business advised they had been notified of a malfunction earlier in the morning and, upon inspection, discovered significant damage to the machine.

The investigation revealed clear signs of forced entry to both the exterior and internal components, rendering the machine temporarily inoperable. Approximately \$455 in cash was reported missing, and total damages were estimated at approximately \$2,000.

The reporting party provided a sworn written statement and indicated a desire to pursue prosecution if a suspect is identified. The machine was repaired on scene and returned to operational status.

Officers canvassed the surrounding area and identified potential surveillance cameras at nearby businesses. Follow-up will be conducted to obtain and review any available video footage. Photographs of the damage were collected and submitted into evidence.

### **March 22, 2026 – Aggravated Assault with a Firearm (Restaurant Disturbance)**

On March 22, 2026, at approximately 1624 hours, officers responded to a restaurant on Hoffner Avenue in reference to an aggravated assault involving a firearm. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the reporting party, who stated that during a verbal altercation inside the business, another individual displayed a firearm in a threatening manner.

Officers also made contact with the suspect, who acknowledged possessing a firearm in his waistband and was cooperative during the investigation. The firearm, a loaded handgun, was safely secured by officers at the scene.

During the investigation, it was determined that a verbal dispute occurred after the reporting party was asked to leave the business. The reporting party stated that the suspect lifted his shirt, grabbed the firearm with his finger on the trigger, and acted in a threatening manner. The suspect admitted to handling the firearm during the altercation but claimed it was not intended as a threat.

Based on the totality of the circumstances, including statements provided and the presence of a loaded firearm, probable cause was established for aggravated assault. The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to the Orange County Jail without incident. The firearm was seized and submitted as evidence.

### **March 23, 2026 – Fraud Report (Unauthorized Access to Airline Account)**

On March 23, 2026, at approximately 0940 hours, an officer responded to a residence on Belle Tower Court in reference to a fraud report. Upon arrival, the reporting party advised that he maintains an airline rewards account and was notified by the company that his account balance of approximately 154,000 reward miles, valued at \$1,540, had been depleted without authorization.

The reporting party stated that unauthorized access occurred on or around February 7, 2026, and was traced to an address in the Bronx, New York. No suspect information was available at the time of the report.

The reporting party advised that the airline required a police report before proceeding with restoring the account's value. A sworn written statement was obtained, and documentation related to the incident was collected and submitted into evidence.

This case is being documented for informational purposes.

### **March 2026 – Shots Fired Investigation (Palm Square Apartments Area)**

On the above-listed date and time, officers responded to the area of McCoy Road in reference to a report of shots fired. Dispatch advised that a caller reported hearing approximately three to four gunshots, followed by a vehicle fleeing the area at a high rate of speed.

Upon arrival, officers contacted a security guard at a nearby apartment complex, who advised that he had heard the gunshots while patrolling an adjacent property. The security guard responded to the area where the shots were believed to have originated and located four .22 caliber shell casings in a rear parking lot.

Officers conducted an extensive area search for potential victims, property damage, or additional evidence; however, none was located. No witnesses provided suspects or vehicle descriptions.

The shell casings were collected and submitted as evidence. This case is being documented as an active investigation pending further leads.

### **March 25, 2026 – Retail Theft Investigation (CVS, South Conway Road)**

On March 25, 2026, at approximately 1933 hours, officers responded to a business on South Conway Road in reference to a retail theft. Upon arrival, officers contacted the store manager, who reported that an unknown male entered the store and proceeded to the shaving aisle.

According to the manager, the suspect was observed placing multiple Gillette products into a shopping bag. When approached by staff, the suspect avoided contact and moved toward the exit. The suspect then bypassed all points of sale, activating the store's theft alarm, and exited the business with the merchandise before fleeing eastbound through the parking lot.

Officers reviewed store surveillance footage, which confirmed the suspect entered the store without items and exited carrying a bag filled with merchandise. The total value of the stolen items was estimated at approximately \$350.

A sworn written statement was obtained, and the victim was provided with a victim's rights pamphlet and case information. This case remains under investigation.

### **March 25, 2026 – Welfare Check / Baker Act (Sunoco, Daetwyler Drive)**

On March 25, 2026, at approximately 1241 hours, officers responded to a business on Daetwyler Drive regarding an elderly female who appeared disoriented. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the individual, who was unable to provide accurate information regarding her age, location, or circumstances, and appeared confused about her surroundings.

Due to her condition, Orange County Fire Rescue responded to the scene to conduct a medical evaluation. A records check of the individual's vehicle provided a residential address, and contact was made with a family member who confirmed ongoing concerns regarding her mental health and lack of prior medical diagnosis.

The individual was transported to Orlando Regional Medical Center for further evaluation. Due to the circumstances, including prior similar incidents and limited family resources, the Department of Children and Families was notified, and a case was initiated.

This report is for informational purposes.

### **March 24, 2026 – Narcotics Arrest (Hotel Property, McCoy Road)**

On March 24, 2026, at approximately 2331 hours, an officer conducting a proactive patrol at a hotel on McCoy Road observed a vehicle parked and running with a single occupant inside. Upon contact, the officer detected a strong odor of both fresh and burnt cannabis emanating from the vehicle. During the encounter, indicators of nervousness were observed, and illegal items were observed in plain view, establishing probable cause for a search.

A search of the individual and vehicle resulted in the discovery of multiple controlled substances, including fentanyl, methamphetamine, cannabis, and prescription medications not prescribed to the individual. Additional items consistent with narcotics distribution were located, including a digital scale, packaging materials, and paraphernalia.

Based on the totality of the investigation, the individual was taken into custody and charged with multiple felony offenses, including trafficking in fentanyl and possession of controlled substances with intent to sell or deliver. All evidence was collected and submitted, and the individual was transported to the Orange County Jail without incident.

### **March 26, 2026 – DUI Arrest (Hoffner Avenue Area)**

On March 26, 2026, at approximately 1931 hours, an officer was alerted by a license plate reader to a vehicle whose registered owner had an invalid driver's license. A traffic stop was conducted on Hoffner Avenue, where the driver displayed multiple signs of impairment, including slurred speech, bloodshot and watery eyes, and an odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle.

The driver admitted to consuming alcohol and performed standardized field sobriety exercises, during which multiple indicators of impairment were observed. Based on the totality of the investigation, the driver was placed under arrest for driving under the influence. During an inventory of the vehicle, multiple open containers of alcohol were located within the driver's compartment.

The driver was transported to the Orange County DUI Center, where breath samples were obtained. The results showed BrACs of 0.334 and 0.329, which are over four times the legal limit of 0.08 in the state of Florida. Additional violations included an attached tag not assigned and an open container. The vehicle was towed from the scene, and the driver was transported to the Orange County Jail without incident.

### **March 27, 2026 – Narcotics Arrest (Royal Palace Condos Area)**

On March 27, 2026, at approximately 2112 hours, officers conducting foot patrol at an apartment complex on McCoy Road observed a parked vehicle with the engine in accessory mode and an occupant inside. Upon contact, officers observed drug paraphernalia and suspected cannabis residue in plain view, along with a strong odor of both fresh and burnt cannabis emanating from the vehicle.

Both occupants were removed from the vehicle, and a probable cause search was conducted. Officers located a quantity of cannabis, later confirmed to be over 20 grams, along with a smoking device and additional packaging materials. Both individuals admitted to jointly purchasing the cannabis with the intent to divide it between them.

Based on the totality of the investigation, both individuals were taken into custody and charged with possession of cannabis over 20 grams, with one also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. The evidence was collected and submitted, and both individuals were transported to the Orange County Jail without incident.

### **March 29, 2026 – DUI Arrest (Hoffner Avenue Area)**

On March 29, 2026, at approximately 0205 hours, an officer observed a vehicle traveling erratically on Hoffner Avenue, weaving between lanes in a manner consistent with impairment. A traffic stop was conducted, and upon contact, the driver displayed multiple indicators of impairment, including slurred speech, bloodshot and watery eyes, and a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage.

The driver admitted to consuming alcoholic beverages before driving and agreed to perform standardized field sobriety exercises. During these exercises, multiple clues of impairment were observed, including balance and coordination difficulties and difficulty following instructions. Based on the totality of the investigation, the driver was placed under arrest for driving under the influence.

The driver was transported to the Orange County DUI Center, where breath samples were obtained. The results showed BrACs of 0.172 and 0.169, which are more than double the legal limit of 0.08 in the state of Florida. The driver was subsequently transported to the Orange County Jail without incident, and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

### **March 30, 2026 – Aggravated Battery (McCoy Road Area)**

On March 30, 2026, at approximately 2125 hours, officers responded to the 2100 block of McCoy Road in reference to a reported aggravated battery. A third-party caller advised that a female was being attacked by multiple individuals who fled the scene in a vehicle.

Upon arrival, officers made contact with the victim, who appeared visibly distraught. The victim reported that a known individual had stolen approximately \$800 from her residence. When she confronted the suspect, he physically battered her, produced a knife, and threatened her while grabbing her by the neck.

The victim followed the suspect outside, where two additional individuals associated with the suspect ambushed her. The victim was knocked to the ground, struck multiple times, and kicked while on the ground. The suspects fled the scene in a vehicle after witnesses began calling 911.

Surveillance footage obtained from the location corroborated the victim's account and captured the assault and suspect vehicle. One suspect was identified through investigative means, while the remaining suspects are currently unidentified.

It was also noted that the victim's young child witnessed the incident. The Department of Children and Families was notified due to the nature of the event.

The victim provided a sworn statement and wishes to pursue prosecution. This case has been forwarded to detectives for further investigation.

### **March 30, 2026 – Stalking / Trespass Incident (Wawa – Hoffner Avenue)**

On March 30, 2026, at approximately 0641 hours, officers responded to 4416 Hoffner Avenue (Wawa) regarding a possible violation of the injunction and trespass after warning.

Upon arrival, officers made contact with the complainant, who reported her ex-boyfriend was on the property. A records check confirmed there was no active injunction at the time.

Officers located the suspect's vehicle on site and made contact with him. The suspect admitted he came to the location to see the complainant despite the relationship being over and acknowledged his actions could be perceived as stalking.

The complainant, who appeared visibly distressed, provided a sworn statement and advised that this behavior had occurred on multiple occasions, including at her workplace and residence. Surveillance footage confirmed the suspect positioned his vehicle to observe her work area.

Based on the totality of the circumstances, the suspect was placed under arrest for stalking and transported to the Orange County Jail. He was also trespassed upon the property. The complainant was provided with victim resources.

### **March 31, 2026 – Traffic Crash with Injuries (Hansel Ave / Wallace St)**

On March 31, 2026, at approximately 1733 hours, officers responded to a crash involving a vehicle and a motorcycle at the intersection of Hansel Avenue and Wallace Street.

The investigation revealed the vehicle was crossing Hansel Avenue when a motorcycle traveling northbound in the bicycle lane, bypassing stopped traffic, collided with the vehicle. Witness statements and video surveillance confirmed the motorcycle was operating within the bicycle lane at the time of the crash.

The operator of the motorcycle and a juvenile passenger were both transported to local hospitals with injuries.

Based on the totality of the investigation, the motorcycle operator was found at fault and issued a citation for operating in a bicycle lane. Further investigation revealed the operator had a revoked license, no motorcycle endorsement, and an extensive driving history. Additional charges, including Habitual Traffic Offender, No Motorcycle Endorsement, Reckless Driving, and Child Endangerment, are being filed through the State Attorney's Office.

### **March 31, 2026 – Identity Theft (Belle Grove Court)**

On March 31, 2026, at approximately 1300 hours, officers responded to a report of identity theft at a residence on Belle Grove Court.

The victim reported that an unknown individual fraudulently opened a Wells Fargo jewelry credit account in his name on March 21, 2026, and fully utilized the credit line without authorization. The account activity was traced to a jewelry store located in Haines City, Florida.

The victim provided a sworn written statement and advised he did not wish to pursue criminal charges at this time, requesting documentation for financial institution purposes.

The victim was provided with resources and information on identity theft.

### **March 31, 2026 – Welfare Check / Unsafe Driving (Daetwyler Drive)**

On March 31, 2026, at approximately 1436 hours, an officer observed a vehicle traveling southbound on Daetwyler Drive swerving within its lane. A records check revealed that the registered owner's driver's license had expired for approximately 10 months.

A traffic stop was initiated, and the driver initially failed to stop, later complying after verbal commands. During contact, the driver appeared confused and unaware of the situation. The vehicle began to roll forward while in drive, prompting the officer to intervene and place it in park for safety.

Due to the driver's apparent cognitive impairment, a neighbor assisted with communication. The driver's license was confiscated, and a re-examination request was submitted.

The driver was escorted home, where conditions inside the residence were observed to be unsanitary, including spoiled food and possible mold. An emergency contact was notified, and, given the totality of circumstances and the lack of immediate care, the Department of Children and Families was contacted.

This report is for informational purposes.

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### **Traffic Crash Reports**

Belle Isle PD investigated (11) crashes in March, ranging from minor collisions to more serious incidents involving injuries and significant property damage. Below is a brief overview of each incident:

#### **March 1, 2026 – Traffic Crash (Hoffner Avenue near St. Marie Avenue)**

On March 1, 2026, at approximately 1809 hours, officers responded to a two-vehicle crash on Hoffner Avenue just west of St. Marie Avenue within the city limits of Belle Isle. The crash involved two passenger vehicles traveling eastbound.

The investigation revealed that Vehicle 1 was traveling eastbound and failed to maintain a safe following distance. The driver of Vehicle 1 advised that they were distracted and unable to stop in time to avoid a collision with Vehicle 2, which was stationary at the time. Vehicle 1 struck Vehicle 2, resulting in damage to both vehicles.

Vehicle 1 sustained approximately \$3,000 in damage, primarily to the front driver-side area. Vehicle 2 sustained approximately \$2,000 in damage to the rear passenger-side area.

All involved parties declined medical treatment at the scene. Both vehicles remained operational and were removed by their respective drivers.

The driver of Vehicle 1 was issued citations for following too closely and for having no proof of insurance.

### **March 5, 2026 – Traffic Crash (Hoffner Avenue – Access Road near Crunch Fitness)**

On March 5, 2026, at approximately 1650 hours, officers responded to a two-vehicle crash on Hoffner Avenue involving a vehicle exiting an access road near a commercial plaza.

The investigation revealed that Vehicle 1 was traveling northbound on the access road from the plaza area and attempted to enter Hoffner Avenue. Vehicle 2 was traveling eastbound on Hoffner Avenue at the time. Vehicle 1 failed to yield the right of way while entering the roadway, resulting in Vehicle 2 striking the driver-side door of Vehicle 1.

Following the collision, Vehicle 1 fled the scene westbound on Hoffner Avenue. The driver and passengers of Vehicle 2 were able to provide only a general description of Vehicle 1, including its color and approximate size.

Officers conducted an area canvass to locate Vehicle 1; however, the search was negative.

No injuries were reported at the scene. The owner removed vehicle 2.

Due to the inability to identify the suspect vehicle or driver, no citations were issued. This case is closed pending further leads.

### **March 5, 2026 – Traffic Crash (Via Flora / McCoy Road Intersection)**

On March 5, 2026, at approximately 0720 hours, officers responded to a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Via Flora and McCoy Road within the city limits of Belle Isle.

The investigation revealed that Vehicle 1 was traveling southbound on Via Flora and came to a stop at the posted stop sign at the intersection. Vehicle 2 was traveling westbound on McCoy Road at the time. Vehicle 1 proceeded into the intersection but failed to yield the right of way, resulting in a collision with the front of Vehicle 2.

Both vehicles sustained minor damage in the crash.

No injuries were reported at the scene. Both vehicles remained operational and were removed by their respective owners.

The driver of Vehicle 1 was issued a citation for careless driving resulting in a crash.

### **March 6, 2026 – Traffic Crash (Daetwyler Drive near McCoy Road)**

On March 6, 2026, at approximately 0730 hours, officers responded to a two-vehicle crash on Daetwyler Drive near McCoy Road within the city limits of Belle Isle.

The investigation revealed that Vehicle 2 was traveling southbound on Daetwyler Drive and was attempting to merge onto westbound McCoy Road. Vehicle 2 came to a stop to yield to

oncoming traffic. Vehicle 1 was following Vehicle 2 closely and failed to stop in time, resulting in a rear-end collision.

Vehicle 1 sustained approximately \$2,000 in damage to the front bumper, while Vehicle 2 sustained approximately \$1,000 in damage to the rear bumper.

Both drivers were evaluated on scene by Orange County Fire Rescue. Neither driver required transport to a medical facility.

Both vehicles remained operational and were removed from the scene by their respective drivers.

The driver of Vehicle 1 was issued a citation for careless driving resulting in a crash.

### **March 12, 2026 – Traffic Crash (Hoffner Avenue near St. Michael Avenue)**

On March 12, 2026, at approximately 2342 hours, officers responded to a single-vehicle crash on Hoffner Avenue near St. Michael Avenue within the city limits of Belle Isle.

The investigation revealed that Vehicle 1 was traveling westbound on Hoffner Avenue when, for unknown reasons, it departed the roadway to the right and entered a drainage ditch. The vehicle struck the concrete drainpipe entry, becoming airborne before returning to the roadway.

As a result of the crash, the drainage structure sustained approximately \$10,000 in damage. Vehicle 1 sustained approximately \$10,000 in damage, including significant undercarriage and front driver-side wheel damage. The vehicle continued traveling westbound before coming to a stop near Monet Avenue.

The driver reported no injuries.

The driver was issued citations for careless driving and operating a vehicle with an expired registration decal (less than six months). The vehicle was towed from the scene by a wrecker service at the driver's request.

### **March 22, 2026 – Traffic Crash (McCoy Road near Daetwyler Drive)**

On March 22, 2026, at approximately 2120 hours, officers responded to a two-vehicle crash on McCoy Road near Daetwyler Drive within the city limits of Belle Isle.

The investigation revealed that both vehicles were turning right from Daetwyler Drive onto westbound McCoy Road, with Vehicle 2 in front of Vehicle 1. As both vehicles entered the roadway, Vehicle 2 slowed to yield to traffic. Vehicle 1 failed to stop in time and collided with the rear of Vehicle 2.

Statements were obtained from both drivers and passengers. Accounts varied regarding the presence of oncoming traffic; however, all statements confirmed that Vehicle 2 slowed before the collision and Vehicle 1 struck the rear of Vehicle 2.

Vehicle 1 sustained approximately \$6,000 in damage, while Vehicle 2 sustained approximately \$1,000 in damage.

All involved parties were evaluated on scene by Orange County Fire Rescue. The driver of Vehicle 2 and one passenger were transported to a local hospital for further evaluation. All other individuals declined medical treatment.

Both vehicles were removed from the scene by their respective owners.

No citations were issued as a result of this crash.

### **March 22, 2026 – Traffic Crash (Hoffner Avenue near Dorian Avenue)**

On March 22, 2026, at approximately 1845 hours, officers responded to a two-vehicle crash on Hoffner Avenue near Dorian Avenue within the city limits of Belle Isle.

The investigation revealed that both vehicles were traveling eastbound on Hoffner Avenue in stop-and-go traffic conditions. An unknown vehicle traveling ahead of Vehicle 2 slowed, causing Vehicle 2 to reduce speed and come to a stop. Vehicle 1, traveling behind Vehicle 2, failed to stop in time and collided with the rear of Vehicle 2.

No injuries were reported at the scene.

Both vehicles sustained damage and were removed from the scene by their respective drivers.

The driver of Vehicle 1 was issued citations for careless driving and following too closely. The driver of Vehicle 2 was issued a citation for failure to display a driver's license upon demand.

### **March 27, 2026 – Traffic Crash (Hoffner Avenue near Darden Avenue)**

On March 27, 2026, at approximately 1832 hours, officers responded to a three-vehicle crash on Hoffner Avenue near Darden Avenue within the city limits of Belle Isle.

The investigation revealed that Vehicle 1 was attempting to make a left turn into a parking lot at 4400 Hoffner Avenue and failed to yield the right of way to oncoming traffic. Vehicle 2 was traveling eastbound on Hoffner Avenue and struck Vehicle 1 on its left front side. As a result of the impact, Vehicle 2 was pushed forward and collided with Vehicle 3, which was stationary at a stop sign attempting to enter Hoffner Avenue.

Statements from the drivers of Vehicles 2 and 3 were consistent with the physical evidence observed on scene. The driver of Vehicle 1 provided a differing account; however, the damage patterns supported the accounts of Vehicles 2 and 3.

Vehicle 1 sustained approximately \$5,000 in damage, Vehicle 2 sustained approximately \$3,000 in damage, and Vehicle 3 sustained approximately \$1,000 in damage. Vehicles 1 and 2 were removed from the scene by tow, and Vehicle 3 was driven from the scene by its owner.

One passenger from Vehicle 1 sustained minor injuries and was transported by Orange County Fire Rescue to a local hospital. All other involved parties declined medical attention.

The driver of Vehicle 1 was issued a citation for failure to yield the right of way.

### **March 30, 2026 – Traffic Crash with Injury (McCoy Road near Boggy Creek Road)**

On March 30, 2026, at approximately 1436 hours, officers responded to a two-vehicle crash on McCoy Road near Boggy Creek Road.

The investigation revealed Vehicle 2 was traveling westbound and stopped due to traffic. Vehicle 1, traveling directly behind, failed to stop in time and collided with the rear of Vehicle 2.

Vehicle 1 sustained approximately \$5,000 in damage, and Vehicle 2 sustained approximately \$1,500 in damage. Both vehicles were moved from the roadway by their drivers.

Orange County Fire Rescue responded to the scene and evaluated all parties. One passenger from Vehicle 2 was transported to a local hospital for possible injuries.

The driver of Vehicle 1 was issued a citation for careless driving resulting in an accident.

### **March 31, 2026 – Parking Lot Crash (E. Wallace Street)**

On March 31, 2026, at approximately 0930 hours, officers responded to a crash in a parking lot located at 717 E. Wallace Street.

The investigation revealed Vehicle 2 was parked and unoccupied when Vehicle 1 entered the lot and attempted to back into an adjacent parking space. During the maneuver, Vehicle 1 struck the rear bumper of Vehicle 2.

Vehicle 1 sustained approximately \$200 in damage, and Vehicle 2 sustained approximately \$500 in damage.

No injuries were reported, and both vehicles were removed from the scene by their owners. No citations were issued.

### **March 31, 2026 – Traffic Crash (Hansel Avenue / E. Wallace Street)**

On March 31, 2026, at approximately 1730 hours, officers responded to a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Hansel Avenue and E. Wallace Street.

The investigation determined that Vehicle 1 was traveling northbound on Hansel Avenue within the bicycle lane while Vehicle 2 was crossing Hansel Avenue from Wallace Street. As Vehicle 2 entered the intersection, Vehicle 1 collided with Vehicle 2. Witness statements and video evidence confirmed that Vehicle 1 was improperly traveling in the bicycle lane at the time of the crash.

Vehicle 1 sustained approximately \$3,000 in damage, and Vehicle 2 sustained approximately \$500 in damage. Driver 1 and a passenger from Vehicle 1 were transported to local hospitals for evaluation. Driver 2 and the remaining passenger declined medical treatment.

Driver 1 was issued a citation for operating a motor vehicle in a bicycle lane and was found at fault for the crash. Additional criminal charges are being filed, including habitual traffic offender, no motorcycle endorsement, reckless driving, and child endangerment.

Vehicle 1 was towed from the scene, and Vehicle 2 was removed by the driver.

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### **Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement remained active throughout the month, addressing **142 cases opened** and **132 cases closed**, reflecting continued progress in maintaining community standards and quality of life across the City.

The highest volume of activity was related to **parking violations**, with 85 cases opened and 79 resolved, followed by **watering violations** (18 opened, 20 closed) and **RV, utility trailer, and watercraft violations** (12 opened, 7 closed). These categories continue to represent the most common concerns reported by residents.

Additional enforcement efforts included **stormwater violations (6 opened/6 closed)**, **expired tags (4 opened/5 closed)**, and **tall grass and weed complaints (2 opened/2 closed)**, demonstrating consistent follow-through on both new and ongoing cases.

Overall, the closure rate remains strong, with staff resolving the majority of reported issues while continuing to address new complaints as they arise. These efforts help preserve neighborhood appearance, ensure compliance with city ordinances, and respond promptly to resident concerns.

### **Prepared and Respectfully Submitted,**

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