# **Chief's Monthly Report – June 2025**

# Message from the Chief

As we step into the heart of summer, the Belle Isle Police Department remains committed to the safety, service, and well-being of our residents. Hurricane season is officially underway, and we encourage everyone to review their emergency plans, check supplies, and stay informed as weather conditions change.

With schools out, we urge drivers to stay alert for children walking, biking, and playing outdoors. Please slow down in neighborhoods and be extra cautious around parks and lakes.

Mayor Jason Carson has also asked that we highlight the importance of teaching children how to swim. Drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death for young children in Florida, and swimming is a life-saving skill every child should have access to. There are local programs offering sponsorships and grants for families in need. No child should go without the opportunity to learn.

Thank you for working with us to keep Belle Isle safe and strong. See the helpful links below for local swim programs, hurricane preparedness, and weather alerts.

# 🖄 Swim Safety & Lessons

- 1. City of Orlando Learn to Swim <u>https://www.orlando.gov/Community-Programs-Events/Sports-Aquatics-Fitness/Sign-Up-for-Swimming-Lessons-Activities/Learn-to-Swim</u>
- 2. Rosen Aquatic & Fitness Center Free Lessons https://www.rosenaquatic.com/free-swim-lessons-at-rafe
- 3. YMCA of Central Florida Swim Lessons https://ymcacf.org/programs/aquatics/swim-lessons
- 4. WaterSmartFL Voucher Program https://www.watersmartfl.com

#### Difference Alerts & Hurricane Preparedness

5. OCFL Alert App – Orange County Emergency Info https://www.orangecountyfl.net/Home/NewslettersAlerts/OCFLAlert.aspx

- 6. OCFL Newsroom Hurricane Readiness Tips <u>https://newsroom.ocfl.net/2025/06/be-hurricane-ready-sign-up-for-ocalert-before-a-</u> <u>storm-arrives</u>
- 7. OCSO CodeRED Emergency Alerts https://www.ocso.com/codered-FAQs

**Monthly Activity Summary** 

- Boating Citations: 88
- Involuntary Exam: 1
- Parking Citations: 6
- Traffic Warnings: 102
- Traffic Citations: 251
- Trespass Reports: 12
- Supplemental Reports: 24
- Field Information Report: 2
- Crash Reports: 3

# Arrests and Notable Incidents

## June 1 – Arrest for Habitual Traffic Offender Driving

An officer conducted a traffic stop near a major intersection after observing a vehicle associated with a suspended license. The driver admitted to knowing his license was revoked and had been designated a habitual traffic offender. He was arrested without incident and transported to jail. The arrest was recorded on a body-worn camera.

## June 1 – Arrest for Stunt and Reckless Driving

While on patrol, an officer observed a motorcyclist performing a prolonged wheelie, impeding traffic and swerving into oncoming lanes. The motorcycle was stopped a short distance away. The operator admitted to the behavior and was arrested for reckless and stunt driving. The motorcycle was impounded for 30 days per statute. The incident was captured on body-worn camera.

## June 2 – Suspicious Person in Truck Bed (No Charges Filed)

Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person entering the bed of a pickup truck.

Surveillance footage showed an unidentified individual briefly hiding in the vehicle before fleeing. No damage or theft occurred, and the resident declined prosecution. The case was documented for informational purposes and remains inactive.

#### June 2 – Porch Package Theft Identified via Ring and LPR Footage

A resident reported that a package was stolen from their front porch. Surveillance footage captured a suspect taking the item. Additional neighborhood camera footage helped identify a possible suspect vehicle. The case remains under investigation.

#### June 2 – Arrest for Possession of Methamphetamine, Cannabis, and Paraphernalia

An officer stopped a vehicle for repeated traffic violations. The driver was nervous and evasive, and a search revealed methamphetamine, cannabis, and multiple items of drug paraphernalia. The driver was arrested and later tested positive for meth. The arresting officer became ill from possible exposure and required hospital treatment. The evidence was secured, and the case was recorded on body-worn camera.

#### June 2 – Vehicle Burglary Reported After Theft of Dashcam

A resident reported that a dashcam and charging adapter were stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in their driveway overnight. There were no signs of forced entry. A sworn statement and declaration of prosecution were provided. No viable surveillance footage was located, and the case remains under investigation.

#### June 5 – Construction Site Equipment Theft (Investigation Ongoing)

Officers responded to a construction site after workers discovered power tools and chainsaws missing from the unsecured second floor of a building. The reporting party declined to press charges, but the general contractor is considering prosecution. Surveillance footage from a nearby school is under review.

#### June 8 - DUI Arrest Following Wrong-Way Driving on Hansel Avenue

An officer responded under mutual aid after a vehicle was seen driving into oncoming traffic. The driver showed multiple signs of impairment and failed sobriety tests, later providing breath samples of .195 and .199. The driver was arrested and transported to jail without incident.

#### June 13 – Vehicle Burglary Reported on Residential Street

A resident reported that a dashcam and charging adapter were stolen from their SUV parked in the driveway. The vehicle was believed to be unlocked, and there were no signs of forced entry. A sworn statement and declaration of prosecution were provided. The case remains under investigation.

#### June 15 – Domestic Battery and Strangulation Arrest at Apartment Complex

Officers responded to a reported battery involving family members following a verbal altercation. Two victims reported being physically attacked inside and outside the apartment. The primary suspect was arrested for battery, and another was charged with domestic battery by strangulation. Surveillance footage was collected, and DCF was notified due to a minor being present. Both suspects were transported to jail.

#### June 16 - Firearm Reported Stolen from Bus Passenger

A bus passenger reported that a .45 caliber handgun was missing from his backpack after

transferring between buses during his trip from Georgia. Surveillance footage from the buses was reviewed but yielded no leads. The firearm was entered into FCIC/NCIC as stolen, and the case remains inactive pending further information.

# June 17 – Abandoned Vehicle Towed for Safety

An officer observed an SUV parked unsafely on the shoulder of a busy roadway. The vehicle had an expired and improperly registered license plate and was determined to be abandoned. Attempts to contact the suspected owner were unsuccessful, and the vehicle was towed for public safety.

# June 18 – Weapons and Stolen Firearm Recovered During Room Clearance

Officers responded to a motel room clearance where staff discovered multiple weapons, including crossbows, three firearms, and armor-piercing rounds. One firearm was confirmed stolen and removed from the registry. The subject tied to the room was already in custody in another jurisdiction. All weapons were submitted to evidence for safekeeping.

# June 19 – Accidental Drowning During Landscaping Work

Officers and fire rescue responded to a drowning at a residential property where a landscaping worker fell into a pool while trimming bushes. Security footage confirmed the fall and the victim's prolonged struggle before going under. Life-saving efforts were unsuccessful, and the Medical Examiner took custody of the case.

## June 19 – Assault and Criminal Mischief at Local Restaurant

A restaurant manager reported being threatened and having property damaged after returning a lost phone to a group of customers. The suspect threw a drink at the manager and knocked over several decorative vases before fleeing. The case remains inactive due to lack of suspect identification, and the business has no surveillance footage.

## June 20 – DUI Arrest Following High-Speed and Reckless Driving on Hoffner Avenue

An officer observed a vehicle speeding, swerving, and tailgating at night. The driver admitted to consuming alcohol and failed multiple field sobriety exercises. He refused a breath test and was arrested for DUI. A firearm was recovered from the vehicle and submitted for safekeeping. The arrest was documented on in-car and body-worn cameras.

## June 20 – IRS Identity Theft Report Filed

A resident reported that their taxes were fraudulently filed before they could submit them. They had already filed an affidavit with the IRS and requested a local police report for documentation. The case remains informational pending federal investigation.

## June 22 – DUI Arrest Following Crash and Aggressive Behavior

An officer responded to a two-vehicle crash where one driver showed clear signs of intoxication. The suspect refused sobriety exercises, became aggressive during transport, and made repeated threats. A container with alcohol was found in the vehicle. Due to his behavior, the suspect was safe-booked into the jail.

## June 23 – Scooter Reported Stolen from Apartment Complex

A resident reported that their scooter had been stolen overnight from a designated parking spot. The vehicle was entered as stolen in FCIC/NCIC. A declaration of prosecution and sworn

statement were provided. Apartment security is reviewing surveillance footage. The investigation remains active..

# Crash Summary

# **逫 Traffic Collision Reports**

Belle Isle PD investigated 3 crashes in June, ranging from minor collisions to more serious incidents involving injuries and significant property damage. Below is a brief overview of each incident:

# June 5 – Crash at Hoffner Avenue and Conway Road

Vehicle 2 was stopped for traffic in the leftmost eastbound lane on Hoffner Avenue at the approach to Conway Road. Vehicle 1, also traveling eastbound, attempted to bypass Vehicle 2 to access the left turn lane and collided with the rear left bumper of Vehicle 2 while changing lanes. Both vehicles sustained approximately \$500 in damage and were removed by their drivers. Medical attention was declined by both parties. The driver of Vehicle 1 was cited for careless driving. The incident was documented on body-worn camera.

# June 22 – Rear-End Collision at McCoy Road and Daetwyler Drive

Vehicle 2 was stopped at the merge point of McCoy Road and Daetwyler Drive when it was rearended by Vehicle 1. The impact resulted in approximately \$500 in damage to Vehicle 1 and \$1000 in damage to Vehicle 2. Witnesses confirmed that Driver 1 was the sole occupant of Vehicle 1. All parties involved refused medical attention. Driver 1 was cited for following too closely. Vehicle 1 was towed from the scene due to a subsequent arrest. Vehicle 2 was removed by its driver.

## June 25 – Medical Episode Leads to Crash on Hoffner Avenue

Vehicle 1 was traveling eastbound on Hoffner Avenue when it veered off the south side of the roadway, drove through a crosswalk, and struck a powered pedestrian crosswalk sign. The impact caused damage to the vehicle and destroyed the sign, platform, and power supply. The driver stated he began coughing and passed out, attributing the episode to a known heart condition. No injuries were reported at the scene. The vehicle was towed by the driver. Due to this being a recurring medical condition, a re-evaluation of the driver's fitness to operate a vehicle was recommended.

# Code Enforcement

# 🖉 Ordinance Compliance & Public Nuisance Cases

During the month of June 2025, the Code Enforcement Department opened a total of 68 cases and closed 56. Among the most common issues were parking violations with 16 opened and 17 resolved, and tall grass and weeds with 14 opened and 12 closed. There were 8 cases opened involving RVs, utility trailers, or watercraft, of which 4 were closed. Tree-related matters remained active with 2 tree permit cases and 2 tree trimming cases opened; all tree permits were resolved while one tree trim case remained open.

Stormwater-related concerns accounted for 5 new cases, with 4 brought to closure. Public nuisance cases numbered 4, with half closed by the end of the month. Other common violations included trash and debris (2 opened, 2 closed), residential sidewalk maintenance (1 opened and closed), and expired tags (2 opened, 1 closed). Less frequent cases included issues with outdoor storage, fencing, vehicle sales, and landscaping, most of which remained open.

There was also one report each for a boat dock violation, yard waste, commercial vehicle, and ramp/park rules, with varying closure rates. Notably, an animal control issue was resolved despite no new case being opened in June. Several permit-related violations were tracked: one "no permit" case was opened, though four were closed, and one case each was opened under "permit required" and "fence fix/replace only."

Overall, the department maintained active oversight across a wide range of property maintenance and zoning concerns, with a majority of cases moving toward resolution by the end of the reporting period.

Prepared and Respectfully Submitted, Chief Travis Grimm
Belle Isle Police Department

& For questions or more information, contact the Belle Isle Police Department at (407) 240-2473 or visit <u>www.cityofbelleislefl.gov</u>.

 $\bigcirc$  Stay safe. Stay prepared. And enjoy everything our beautiful city has to offer this summer!