

Chief's Monthly Report – August 2025

Message from the Chief August 2025

The 2025–2026 school year is officially underway, and I'm proud to report that the City of Belle Isle saw no significant traffic-related delays during the start of classes. While the first couple of weeks were understandably challenging with increased school zone activity and occasional rainy-day backups, our officers maintained a strong presence around the schools and roadways to ensure student safety and minimize disruptions.

I want to thank our residents, school staff, and especially the parents for their patience and cooperation during those high-traffic mornings. We always remind everyone to allow extra time during inclement weather and remain vigilant in school zones. Rainy days will come, and we're ready for them.

We've already made it through Labor Day safely, and our department continues its focus on community safety and responsiveness as we head into the fall season. That said, we have seen a notable increase in vehicle crashes over the past month. While most have been minor, they are an essential reminder to slow down, stay alert, and eliminate distractions while driving, especially near intersections, in school zones, and during wet weather. Your attention behind the wheel could save a life.

Drive safely, and as always, thank you for helping keep Belle Isle a safe place to live, work, and raise a family.

Monthly Activity Summary

- **Boating Citations: 64**
- **Involuntary Exam: 1**
- **Parking Citations: 1**
- **Traffic Warnings: 67**
- **Traffic Citations: 235**
- **Trespass Reports: 5**
- **Supplemental Reports: 15**
- **Field Information Report: 0**
- **Crash Reports: 21**

Arrests and Notable Incidents

July 31: DUI Investigation on McCoy Road

On July 31 around 8:13 PM, an officer spotted a Toyota sedan rolling down McCoy Road using the center turn lane like it was part of their daily commute, nearly sideswiping a motorcycle. The vehicle was pulled over, and the driver turned out to have only a Florida learner's permit, along with a stash of THC-A, open containers of Four Loko and Smirnoff Ice, and some pretty clear signs of being high. During the stop, the driver admitted to smoking earlier and claimed he was feeling about a "2 out of 10" on the high scale. He struggled with field sobriety tasks, and just as things were wrapping up, he had a medical episode that required transport to ORMC. He was unarrested at that time, pending results of a blood draw. Charges will be filed once those lab results are in, and yes, it was all captured on body-worn camera.

AUGUST 3: DUI Under Mutual Aid Arrest

On August 3, one of our officers was assisting Eatonville PD under our mutual aid agreement and came across a man parked in a running car at a closed park near a lake, just trying to unwind after an Uber Eats shift—with two "Crazy Stallion" beers, one in the cup holder and the other on the floor, and a little weed tucked in next to a knife in the center console. The officer noticed signs of impairment, and after a field sobriety test that included a near fall during the one-leg stand, the driver was arrested for DUI by Eatonville PD. He later blew a 0.119 and 0.120 at the Orange County DUI Center. Big thanks to Eatonville for the solid teamwork—and friendly reminder: closed parks, beers, knives, and running engines don't mix well.

AUGUST 4: Petit Theft (Hotel Room)

On August 4, 2025, at approximately 2244 hours, an officer responded to Comfort Suites located at 1936 McCoy Road regarding a reported theft from a hotel room. The complainant stated that \$200 in mixed U.S. currency had been stolen from her room (#312) while she was away at a theme park between 1330 and 2240 hours. She had placed a "Do Not Disturb" sign on her door and noticed signs someone had entered, including the removal of trash and replacement of linens and towels. She confirmed nothing else was missing, including a child's iPad. A sworn written statement was collected, and the victim later declined prosecution. Hotel staff could not confirm who accessed the room, and nearby cameras were nonfunctional. The officer provided a victim's rights pamphlet, and the case is marked inactive at this time.

AUGUST 5: Reckless Driving & No Driver's License Arrest

On August 5, 2025, at approximately 1732 hours, while en route to shift near Orange Avenue and Hoffner Avenue, an officer observed a gray Ford Mustang recklessly turning from a green light, accelerating rapidly, and losing traction as it weaved between lanes at an estimated 65 mph in a posted 35 mph zone. The vehicle nearly struck oncoming traffic and continued to follow other

vehicles too closely. A traffic stop was conducted at Orange Avenue and Nela Avenue. The driver admitted to having no driver's license and acknowledged his reckless behavior. The front seat passenger, his sister, was picked up by family members. Mutual aid was granted by the Orange County Sheriff's Office, and a Belle Isle supervisor responded for support. The driver was detained, searched with no contraband located, and placed in the patrol vehicle. The vehicle was inventoried, with no items of note, and towed by Ace Wrecker. The driver was issued criminal citations for reckless driving and no valid driver's license and was transported to the Orange County Jail without incident. Due to being off-duty and responding for safety, the stop was not captured on body-worn camera.

AUGUST 5: Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon & Drug Paraphernalia Arrest

On August 5, 2025, at approximately 2339 hours, while conducting traffic enforcement near McCoy Road and Lindos Drive in the City of Belle Isle, an officer observed a red Jeep SUV fail to stop at the stop sign while exiting a gas station parking lot, causing westbound traffic to slow to avoid a collision. A traffic stop was initiated, and upon contact with the driver and passenger, the odor of freshly burnt cannabis was detected. The driver appeared nervous and admitted there was cannabis in the driver's door. Upon removing both occupants and conducting a probable cause search, officers located a loaded, unholstered Taurus 9mm handgun with a round in the chamber in the center console, cannabis flower in a foil bag, a burnt cannabis cigarette, a straw with white residue believed to be drug paraphernalia, and multiple knives. A second firearm was found in a backpack along with a Florida driver's license belonging to a third party, who later arrived on scene and confirmed ownership. Criminal history checks revealed that both the driver and passenger were convicted felons prohibited from possessing firearms. The passenger was released without charges. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Orange County Jail. Evidence was submitted, and the suspected cannabis tested positive for THC content above 0.3%. Body-worn camera was activated and recorded the entire incident.

AUGUST 7: Informational Report / Verbal Dispute

On August 7, 2025, at approximately 2120 hours, an officer responded to a verbal dispute at a car rental business located on McCoy Road in the City of Belle Isle. The complainant reported frustration with the business after being denied a rental due to insurance issues. He stated that when he attempted to have his wife listed as the primary driver to meet the company's requirements, the reservation was canceled entirely. He felt the business was acting "shady" and requested documentation of the encounter. No crime occurred, and the complainant was provided with a case number. This incident was recorded on the officer's body-worn camera and documented for informational purposes only.

AUGUST 8: Habitual Traffic Offender Arrest

On Friday, August 8th, 2025, at approximately 1545 hours, an officer conducting general patrol in the area of 2323 McCoy Road (Palm Square Condominium) observed a black Ford F-150

traveling on the limited access road just north of McCoy Road. A records check of the vehicle revealed the registered owner's license was invalid. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver stated he was on his way to the DHSMV to "fix" his license, acknowledging he was knowingly driving while suspended. A DAVID query confirmed the driver's license was revoked on July 26th, 2023, under Habitual Traffic Offender status for a five-year period. The vehicle was removed by the driver's girlfriend at his request. The investigation was captured on body-worn camera. The driver was arrested and transported to BRC without incident.

AUGUST 8: DUI Arrest

At approximately 11:58 PM, an officer conducted a traffic stop on a 2011 gray Nissan Rogue for an inoperable tag light and observed erratic driving behavior. Upon contact, the driver showed signs of impairment including bloodshot, watery eyes, the odor of alcohol, and inconsistent statements. The driver admitted to consuming multiple alcoholic beverages, performed poorly on field sobriety exercises, and rated themselves a "three to four" on a ten-point impairment scale. The driver was arrested for DUI and transported to the Orange County DUI Center, where breath samples returned at 0.155 and 0.172 BAC—over twice the legal limit. The vehicle was towed, and a warning was issued for the tag light.

AUGUST 9: Driving While License Suspended Arrest

On Saturday, August 9th, 2025, at approximately 1214 hours, an officer conducting general patrol in the area of Hoffner Road and Conway Road observed a silver Chevrolet Silverado traveling eastbound. A check of the vehicle's tag revealed the registered owner's driver's license was invalid. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver admitted he did not have a valid Florida license, further stating he had been living in the U.S. for 18 years and was aware he needed a license. He also stated he was on probation for a prior DUI. A DAVID search confirmed his license privilege had been revoked since December 2, 2024. The subject was arrested for Driving While License Suspended (F.S.S. 322.34(2)) and transported to BRC without incident. The vehicle was removed by a friend at the driver's request. The investigation was recorded on the officer's body-worn camera.

AUGUST 9: DUI Arrest

At approximately 1:37 AM, an officer observed a gray Ford Flex traveling eastbound on Nela Avenue, failing to stop at multiple stop bars and striking curbs with both passenger-side tires. The vehicle was stopped after a license check showed the registered owner had a suspended license, and the windows were heavily tinted. The driver exited the vehicle quickly and appeared unsteady on her feet. Upon contact, the driver displayed multiple signs of impairment including bloodshot, watery eyes, slurred speech, confusion, erratic behavior, and a strong odor coming from the vehicle. After repeated attempts to gather license and registration, the driver consented to field sobriety exercises. The driver performed poorly on HGN, walk-and-turn, and one-leg stand exercises, confirming impairment. A search of the vehicle revealed two capped Fireball liquor bottles and a brown glass container with suspected Nitroglycerin pills, which lacked a

prescription label. The driver was arrested for DUI and transported to the Orange County DUI Center, where she refused to provide a breath sample after being read implied consent. The vehicle was towed and the unknown pills were submitted for FDLE testing. A warrant for additional charges is pending lab results.

AUGUST 10: DUI Passed Out Behind the Wheel Arrest

At approximately 2:46 AM, an officer observed a red Honda sedan parked at Tires Plus on Conway Road with the engine running and a driver slumped over the steering wheel. The driver, later identified by his California license as a 21-year-old male, appeared passed out with a phone in hand. After multiple attempts to wake him, the driver slowly became responsive and attempted to shift the vehicle into drive, appearing confused and disoriented. Officers noted strong indicators of alcohol impairment including bloodshot, watery eyes, slurred speech, poor balance, and the odor of alcohol. The driver admitted to drinking five Coronas and rated himself a 4 out of 10 on the intoxication scale. He performed poorly on all field sobriety exercises: showing all clues on HGN, eight out of eight clues on the walk-and-turn, and four out of four clues on the one-leg stand. He also nearly fell during testing. The driver was arrested for DUI and transported to the Orange County DUI Center under the existing Mutual Aid Agreement. After a 20-minute observation, he provided breath samples of 0.115 and 0.114—both over the legal limit of 0.08. He was issued a DUI citation and transported to the Orange County Jail. Body-worn camera footage was active during the investigation.

AUGUST 12: Lost Passport Report – Informational Only

On August 12, an officer responded to a residence on Wind Willow Road regarding a lost passport. The reporting party stated that she had lost her Brazilian passport and last remembered seeing it on July 11, 2025. She advised that the Brazilian Embassy required a local police report in order for her to proceed with reporting the document as lost. A sworn written statement was obtained and she was provided with a copy of the report, along with the case number and a business card. The incident is non-criminal in nature and was documented for informational purposes only. The investigation was recorded on the officer's body-worn camera.

AUGUST 11: DUI Arrest

On Monday, August 11th, 2025, at approximately 0222 hours, I was driving south on Hansel Avenue when a 2013 orange Scion iQ turned left in front of me at E. Oak Ridge Road, causing me to brake hard to avoid a crash. I pulled the car over and spoke with the driver, who smelled like alcohol, had slurred speech, and admitted to drinking a few Coronas about 30 minutes earlier. He rated himself a 3 or 4 out of 10 on being impaired and said he probably shouldn't be driving. During the field sobriety exercises, he showed all the signs: 4 out of 6 clues on HGN, 8 out of 8 on the Walk and Turn, and 2 out of 4 on the One Leg Stand. He ended up urinating on himself while cuffed, and we took him to the DUI testing center where he blew a 0.271 and 0.272. One open container was also found in the vehicle. He was booked into the Orange County

Jail for DUI and cited for the open container. Everything was done under our mutual aid agreement and captured on body cam.

AUGUST 13: Fraud Report (No Prosecution)

On Wednesday, August 13th, 2025, at approximately , I met with a tow truck driver at the Belle Isle Police Department in reference to a fraud incident that occurred on August 8th, 2025, at 2323 McCoy Road (Palm Square Condos). The complainant provided a sworn written statement and explained that their company was contacted by an individual claiming to own a 2009 Kia Sedona and requesting to sell it. The complainant met the individual at the listed location, was shown a Florida ID, and paid \$325 in cash for the vehicle. The seller did not provide keys or documentation. After breaking the driver's window to gain access and begin towing, several individuals approached, claiming the vehicle actually belonged to someone else. Upon confirming the true ownership, the vehicle was unhooked and the rightful owner was given the tow company's contact information. The GPS ping originally placed the transaction near 2593 McCoy Road, which is adjacent to the Palm Square Condos. The suspect possibly used another person's identity to complete the fraudulent transaction. Although probable cause exists for fraud, the business declined prosecution and only requested a case number for insurance purposes. The case is being placed inactive at this time. This investigation was captured and recorded on body worn camera.

AUGUST 14: Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell, Possession of Alprazolam, Tampering with Evidence, Possession of Paraphernalia Arrest

At approximately 12:02 AM on August 14, 2025, an officer on patrol at 2601 McCoy Road (Quality Inn) observed a black sedan with its lights on and smoke lingering inside. The officer made contact with the sole occupant, who was attempting to walk away from the vehicle. A strong odor of burnt cannabis was present, and the individual admitted there was a "roach" inside. Due to his behavior and the odor, he was detained, and a probable cause search was conducted. Inside the vehicle, officers discovered a purple container with suspected cannabis and eight and a half pills marked R039 (identified as Alprazolam) along with 95 individually labeled THC vape containers inside an "Ace Ultra-Premium" case. Five vapes tested positive for THC levels exceeding three percent. The suspect, who did not have a medical marijuana card, admitted to possession of the pills and gave conflicting stories about the vapes. He was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, possession of Alprazolam, tampering with physical evidence, and possession of drug paraphernalia. All evidence was submitted and the individual was transported to Orange County Jail without incident. Body-worn camera footage was recorded during the investigation.

AUGUST 15: Criminal Mischief Investigation (Ongoing)

At approximately 10:30 AM on August 15, 2025, an officer was dispatched to 1777 McCoy Road (Easy Rent at Red Coach bus station) regarding criminal mischief to two rental vehicles.

The manager reported damage to the front bumper and header panel of a 2025 Chevrolet Malibu (tag NFUZ67) observed on August 6, and dashboard tampering on another Malibu (tag NRNT65) discovered on August 8. Both vehicles were parked in the west lot adjacent to Gondola Avenue, and no signs of forced entry were observed. The damage appeared deliberate but careful, with vehicle parts left on site. Estimated damage totaled \$2,500. The manager provided a sworn statement with intent to prosecute. No surveillance footage was available due to non-functioning cameras. The case remains under investigation and was recorded on body-worn camera.

AUGUST 14: DUI Motorcycle Reckless Driving Arrest

At approximately 9:06 PM on August 14, 2025, an officer observed a black Suzuki motorcycle swerving and passing vehicles in a no-passing zone into oncoming traffic near Hoffner Avenue and Wandsworth Avenue. The operator, later identified by license as Wilfredo Jose Ortiz Rivas, did not possess a motorcycle endorsement and admitted to drinking “three or four” Heineken beers. During the stop, Ortiz exhibited bloodshot eyes, slurred speech, swaying, and the odor of alcohol and burnt cannabis. After performing poorly on field sobriety exercises, Ortiz was arrested for DUI, reckless driving, and operating a motorcycle without proper licensing. A Glock handgun and \$505 were located in his bag during inventory; he was not a convicted felon. Ortiz later submitted to a breath test with results of 0.065 and 0.060—below the legal limit—but refused a urine test for suspected drug impairment. He was transported to jail without incident.

AUGUST 16: Boating Violations, Resisting Arrest, and Tampering with Evidence Arrest

While conducting marine patrol on Lake Conway on August 16, 2025, an officer observed a personal watercraft traveling through the idle-speed-only canal at an unsafe speed, creating a large wake. The operator, who appeared confused and agitated, had improper vessel registration markings and a strong odor of burnt cannabis coming from his PWC. After being uncooperative, reaching into compartments despite repeated commands to stop, and eventually jumping into the lake—likely to dispose of a cannabis cigar—the subject was detained with the assistance of a backup officer after resisting handcuffing. A floating wrapper containing approximately 3.6 grams of suspected cannabis was recovered. He was charged with resisting a law enforcement officer without violence, tampering with physical evidence, and cited for boating violations.

AUGUST 17: Lost Property Report – Purse Left in Uber

On August 17, 2025, at approximately 2200 hours, an officer responded to 1777 McCoy Road regarding a lost property report. The complainant stated she left her Louis Vuitton purse valued at \$1,400 and wallet valued at \$800, along with her credit cards, passport, and \$1,500 in cash in a blue Volkswagen Uber vehicle while being transported to the Orlando Airport. The driver, known only as Eduardo, was unreachable through Uber support. A tag query confirmed the vehicle was registered to Eduardo Sosa. Uber later made contact with the driver, who denied having the

items. The Seminole County Sheriff's Office attempted contact at his residence with no success. The investigation is documented on body-worn camera.

AUGUST 22: Mutual Battery – Physical Altercation in Hotel Lobby

On August 22, 2025, at approximately 1915 hours, officers responded to a reported fight in the lobby of a hotel located at 1934 McCoy Road. Upon arrival, one subject was observed on top of another in an active physical struggle. Both individuals complied with verbal commands and were separated. One subject admitted to heavy alcohol consumption and gave a verbal statement indicating the altercation began following a verbal exchange in the elevator. The second subject provided a written statement alleging threats and physical contact initiated by the first. Surveillance footage confirmed both parties exited the elevator while still engaged in a dispute, with one making a striking motion and the other responding physically. Witnesses on scene provided sworn statements confirming mutual combat, including verbal threats, slurs, and physical gestures. Based on the evidence, one subject was arrested and charged with Simple Battery, while charges will also be filed against the second party through the State Attorney's Office. One subject was trespassed from the property and transported to the jail without incident. Body-worn camera footage captured the full response.

AUGUST 26: Domestic Battery – Physical Altercation and Suspect Fled Scene

On August 26, 2025, at approximately 2310 hours, officers responded to a residence on Stockbridge Avenue following a report of a woman screaming. Upon arrival, contact was made with a female victim who reported a physical altercation with her live-in boyfriend. The victim stated the incident stemmed from an argument over disconnected phone and internet service. During the altercation, the suspect allegedly struck a modem from her hands, forcefully grabbed her arms, and threw her into a chair. Visible injuries included a bruise on her shoulder and a scratch on her wrist, though medical attention was declined. The suspect fled the scene prior to law enforcement's arrival. The victim reported prior incidents of physical violence by the same individual. Based on physical evidence and her sworn statement, charges for Battery were filed. The victim was provided with victim rights information and domestic violence resources. The investigation was recorded via body-worn camera.

AUGUST 27: Identity Theft – Fraudulent Student Loan Discovered

On August 27, 2025, at approximately 1000 hours, officers responded to a residence on Chiswick Circle in reference to an identity theft report. The complainant advised that she discovered a federal student loan, totaling \$8,040.91, opened in her name without her knowledge or consent. The fraudulent loan was associated with Walden University in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and discovered through the federal student aid and Nelnet loan servicing websites. Although the original identity theft incident occurred in 2012, the complainant was unable to provide prior documentation and had not reported the more recent activity initially, believing it did not constitute a crime. A document from Nelnet confirming the active loan was submitted as

evidence, and a sworn written statement was provided. The complainant expressed her intent to press charges should a suspect be identified. The case was forwarded to CID for further investigation and was documented on body-worn camera.

AUGUST 30: Criminal Mischief – Vehicle Window Smashed

On August 30, 2025, at approximately 1721 hours, an officer responded to a residence on Conway Circle regarding a damaged vehicle window. The complainant reported that her son had been working on a classic vehicle in their driveway earlier in the day and left it briefly unattended. Upon returning roughly 20 minutes later, they discovered the back window shattered. The son reported hearing banging noises and a female voice yelling, “I don’t care anymore!” prior to the discovery. The officer observed a blunt-force impact to the lower right section of the window, with glass fragments scattered throughout the vehicle’s interior. Latent prints were successfully lifted from the passenger-side quarter panel, and photographs of the damage were taken and placed into evidence. No cameras were located in the area, and neighbors did not report witnessing the incident. The complainant provided a sworn statement and expressed intent to prosecute. The estimated damage is approximately \$1,000. The case was documented on body-worn camera.

AUGUST 31: Domestic Injunction Service and Civil Standby

On August 31, 2025, officers responded to Stockbridge Avenue regarding a domestic situation involving a previously reported altercation. The female involved returned to retrieve personal belongings from the residence still occupied by the male party, who was under a no-contact order and an unserved temporary injunction. Although the no-contact order prohibited him from being within 500 feet of the victim, court minutes indicated he could return home if officers confirmed she no longer lived there. The male left the scene during the investigation but later met officers at a nearby location to be formally served the injunction. It was confirmed that neither party was awarded exclusive use of the Stockbridge address, though the male had been granted temporary exclusive use of another location. After conferring with the Orange County Civil Unit, officers proceeded with serving the injunction. The victim agreed to stay with her aunt until her court date on September 2. Both parties were informed of their responsibilities, and the no-contact order remained enforceable. Judicial authorities were notified of the service.

Crash Summary

Traffic Collision Reports

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

AUGUST 4: Vehicle Crash – Misjudged Turn

On August 4, 2025, at approximately 1901 hours, while on patrol near Judge Road and Conway Lakes Drive in Belle Isle, I observed two vehicles pulled off into a subdivision and contacted the drivers, who confirmed they had been involved in a collision on Judge Road within city jurisdiction. The driver of Vehicle 1, a white Toyota sedan bearing FL tag AW30KC, stated both vehicles were traveling eastbound when Vehicle 2 made a wider right turn than expected, leading him to strike V2 in the front passenger fender. V1's driver later admitted he mistakenly thought V2 was turning left. The driver of Vehicle 2, a black Ford pickup bearing FL tag 5195FB, stated he made a normal right turn when V1 struck him. Estimated damage to V1 was approximately \$3,000, including damage to the front and rear driver-side doors and a missing door handle; V2 sustained approximately \$1,500 in damage to the front passenger fender. Both drivers declined medical attention and drove away from the scene. No signs of impairment were observed on either driver. The incident was not recorded on BWC as it was observed after the fact.

AUGUST 5: Vehicle Crash – Improper Turn / DL Suspended Citations

On August 5, 2025, at approximately 0023 hours, an officer responded to a crash in the area of McCoy Road and Lindos Drive, where both involved vehicles had pulled into 1919 McCoy Road awaiting police arrival. The driver of Vehicle 1, a white Nissan SUV with FL temp tag DWT6799, initially stated via Google Translate that both vehicles were westbound when he turned into Vehicle 2, but later recanted his statement while being issued a citation. He was cited for making an improper turn. Vehicle 2, a blue Chevrolet sedan with FL tag BS86AW, was driven by an individual whose license was suspended; he stated that V1 made a left turn from the far right lane and struck his vehicle. He was issued a citation for unknowingly driving with a suspended license. Estimated damages were approximately \$1,000 for V1 and \$3,000 for V2. Both drivers were checked and cleared by paramedics on scene, with minor complaints of knee and head pain. No signs of impairment were observed, and both drivers arranged transportation accordingly. The incident was captured on body-worn camera.

AUGUST 6: Traffic Crash – Careless Driving Citation

On August 6, 2025, at approximately 0900 hours, I responded to a traffic crash involving two vehicles that occurred at the intersection of Deatwyler Drive and McCoy Road in the city of Belle Isle, Orange County, Florida. Both Vehicle 1 (V1) and Vehicle 2 (V2) were traveling southbound on Deatwyler Drive and attempting to turn westbound onto McCoy Road. V2 came to a complete yield before merging, as required, while V1 continued into the turn without yielding and struck the rear of V2. As a result, V1 sustained damage to the front right-side bumper, and V2 sustained damage to the left rear bumper. There were no injuries reported by

either driver. Based on the totality of circumstances, the driver of V1 was determined to be at fault and issued a Uniform Traffic Citation for careless driving in violation of Florida State Statute 316.1925. This crash investigation was recorded on my agency-issued body-worn camera.

AUGUST 8: Traffic Crash – Careless Driving Citation

On August 8, 2025, at approximately 1500 hours, a traffic crash occurred near 4408 Hoffner Avenue in the city of Belle Isle, Orange County, Florida. Vehicle 2 was traveling westbound in the right lane on Hoffner Avenue when Vehicle 1 attempted to exit the parking lot of 4408 Hoffner Avenue and make a westbound turn. Vehicle 1 failed to yield and initiated the turn before Vehicle 2 had cleared its path of travel, resulting in a collision where the front right bumper of Vehicle 1 struck the front right door of Vehicle 2. Vehicle 1 sustained approximately \$4,000 in damage and had to be removed from the scene by Ace Wrecker due to disabling damage. Vehicle 2 sustained approximately \$3,000 in damage and was removed by its owner. Both drivers reported no injuries, so medical personnel were not dispatched. The driver of Vehicle 1 was cited for careless driving resulting in a crash (citation AK35ODE). My body-worn camera was active throughout the investigation.

AUGUST 11: Traffic Crash – Chain Reaction Collision on Judge Road

On August 11, 2025, a four-vehicle crash occurred eastbound on Judge Road near Equinox Avenue when traffic began to back up. Vehicle 1 (V1) failed to brake in time and struck the rear center bumper of Vehicle 2 (V2), causing a chain reaction that pushed V2 into Vehicle 3 (V3). Immediately after the initial impact, Vehicle 4 (V4) was also unable to stop in time and collided with the rear of V1. The estimated damages were approximately \$1,000 to V1, \$5,000 to V2, \$500 to V3, and \$500 to V4. Orange County Fire Department (OCFD) 72 responded to the scene and checked for injuries, but all drivers reported being uninjured at the time of the report. Vehicles 1, 3, and 4 were driven from the scene, while V2 was towed by Ace Wrecker.

AUGUST 13: Rear-End Collision Involving Three Vehicles – Hoffner Avenue

On August 13, 2025, Vehicle 1 (V1) was traveling eastbound on Hoffner Avenue near St. Marie Avenue when it failed to stop in time for traffic ahead. V1 collided with the rear of Vehicle 2 (V2), which was already stopped, causing V2 to then strike the rear of Vehicle 3 (V3). All vehicles were in the same eastbound lane at the time of the incident. Estimated damages were approximately \$1,000 to V1, \$1,500 to V2, and \$1,000 to V3. All three drivers reported no injuries, so medical personnel were not dispatched. Each vehicle was able to be driven from the scene by its respective driver, and no tow services were required. The driver of V1 was issued a citation for careless driving resulting in an accident (AK35OXE).

AUGUST 15: Backing Collision in Parking Lot – Minor Damage, No Injuries

On August 15, 2025, Vehicle 1 (V1) was backing out of a parking space when it failed to see Vehicle 2 (V2) directly behind it. As V1 reversed, its rear bumper struck the left rear bumper of V2, resulting in approximately \$500 in damage to each vehicle. There were no reported injuries, and both drivers remained on scene. No citations were issued in this incident.

AUGUST 17: Failure to Yield at Stop Sign – Crash with Minor Injury Complaint

On August 17, 2025, at approximately 1200 hours, Vehicle 2 (V2) was traveling eastbound on Hoffner Avenue near Cullen Lake Shores Drive, while Vehicle 1 (V1) was heading southbound on Cullen Lake Shores Drive. V1 failed to stop at the posted stop sign and entered Hoffner Avenue, striking the front passenger side of V2. The impact caused approximately \$4,000 in damage split between the front left bumper and fender of V1 and the front passenger side fender and door of V2. The driver of V2 complained of pain in their left leg but declined medical attention on scene. The driver of V1 was found at fault and issued a citation for Failure to Yield at a Stop Sign under Florida Statute 316.123(2)(A). The investigation was documented on body-worn camera.

AUGUST 17: Illegal Left Turn from Parking Lot – Two Drivers Transported

On August 17, 2025, Vehicle 1 (V1) was exiting a parking lot and attempted an illegal left turn to travel eastbound onto Hoffner Avenue. As V1 entered the lane of travel, it was struck on the left front side by Vehicle 2 (V2), which was already traveling on Hoffner Avenue. V1 sustained approximately \$2,000 in damage, while V2 sustained an estimated \$2,500. Both drivers were transported to HCA Airport North Hospital with minor injuries. Passengers in both vehicles declined medical attention. V1 was towed by Ace Wrecker, and V2 was removed by its owner. The driver of V1 was cited for the illegal left turn from a private drive.

AUGUST 16: Rear-End Crash at Lindo's Drive – Careless Driving Citation

On August 16, 2025, at approximately 1600 hours, both Vehicle 1 (V1) and Vehicle 2 (V2) were traveling eastbound on McCoy Road near the intersection of Lindo's Drive in the City of Belle Isle, Orange County, FL. As V2 slowed to a stop at the intersection, V1 failed to brake in time and struck the left rear end of V2. The impact caused damage to V1's right front bumper and fender, while V2 sustained damage to its left rear bumper, fender, and rear axle. Both vehicles were disabled as a result and were towed from the scene by their respective owners. No injuries were reported. The driver of V1 was found at fault and issued a Uniform Traffic Citation for Careless Driving under Florida Statute 316.1925. The incident was documented via agency-issued body-worn camera.

AUGUST 19: Rear-End Collision – No Injuries Reported

On August 19, 2025, Vehicle 2 (V2) was stopped in traffic while traveling eastbound on Hoffner Avenue when it was rear-ended by Vehicle 1 (V1), which was following behind in the same lane of travel. V1's front bumper struck V2's rear bumper, resulting in approximately \$5,000 in

damage to V1 and \$500 in damage to V2. Both drivers declined medical attention, and no injuries were reported. Each vehicle was driven from the scene by its respective driver.

AUGUST 19: Failure to Yield – Three Vehicle Crash

On Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at approximately 1720 hours, a three-vehicle crash occurred at the intersection of Hansel Avenue and Waltham Avenue in the city of Belle Isle. Vehicle 1 (V1), a gray Nissan Sentra, was traveling westbound on Waltham Avenue and entered the intersection from a posted stop sign without yielding to northbound traffic. V1 collided with Vehicle 2 (V2), a gray 2023 Toyota Camry traveling northbound on Hansel Avenue, then continued into Vehicle 3 (V3), a 2012 Ford Explorer traveling eastbound on Waltham Avenue. Estimated damage included \$3,000 to V1, \$1,500 to V2, and \$1,000 to V3. All drivers and passengers declined medical attention on scene. V1 was towed by insurance, while V2 and V3 were driven from the scene. The driver of V1 was issued a citation for failure to yield from a stop sign. The investigation was recorded on body-worn camera.

AUGUST 20: Careless Operation – Daetwyler Drive and Willoughby Lane

On August 20, 2025, Vehicle 1 (V1) was traveling southbound on Daetwyler Drive and attempted to enter the eastbound lane of Willoughby Lane, where Vehicle 2 (V2) was backing a trailer. V1 failed to ensure the roadway was clear before proceeding and collided with the trailer attached to V2. Both vehicles sustained minor damage. No injuries were reported at the scene, and both vehicles were removed by their drivers. The driver of V1 was cited for careless operation resulting in an accident.

AUGUST 22: Rear-End Collision – Hoffner Avenue

On August 22, 2025, a minor two-vehicle crash occurred on Hoffner Avenue. Vehicle 2 was stopped eastbound in traffic when Vehicle 1 approached from behind and failed to stop in time, resulting in a rear-end collision. The front of Vehicle 1 struck the rear of Vehicle 2, causing an estimated \$1,000 in damage to Vehicle 1 and approximately \$500 in damage to Vehicle 2. No injuries were reported at the scene, and both vehicles were removed by their drivers. The driver of Vehicle 1 was cited for careless driving resulting in a crash. This incident was documented on the officer's body-worn camera throughout the investigation.

AUGUST 22: Minor Crash Involving BIPD Vehicle During Emergency Response

On August 22, 2025, a Belle Isle Police Department Ford F-150 was involved in a minor crash at the intersection of McCoy Road and Lindos Drive while responding Code 3 to a fight in progress at 1934 McCoy Road, where an officer had radioed that he was challenging two suspects with a taser. The BIPD vehicle was traveling westbound on McCoy Road in rainy conditions when it approached the left turn lane and attempted to brake due to stopped traffic and the need to navigate a turn. The wet pavement caused the vehicle's wheels to lock, resulting in a slide. In an effort to avoid a collision, the officer turned into the eastbound lanes, but the right rearview

mirror struck the left rear quarter panel of a Chevy Colorado that had been stopped at the light, causing a scuff mark on the civilian vehicle and shattering the mirror on the police vehicle. Damage was estimated at approximately \$1,000 to the police vehicle and \$30 to the civilian vehicle. Both vehicles were driven from the scene, and no injuries were reported. The incident was fully documented on the officer's body-worn camera.

AUGUST 22: Hit-and-Run Vehicle Crash Damages Fence on Country Lake Drive

On August 22, 2025, at approximately 0900 hours, a Belle Isle Police officer responded to 3564 Country Lake Drive regarding a hit-and-run crash that occurred the previous day. The resident reported hearing a loud noise during a rainstorm on August 21 but initially believed it was lightning. Later that evening, a neighbor alerted her via text that her backyard fence had been damaged. Camera footage from the residence showed the fence was intact at 1700 hours and damaged by 1800 hours. While the video did not capture the impact, debris left at the scene included a mudguard marked with insignia possibly from a Kia or Hyundai, which was collected and logged into evidence. Further attempts to identify the vehicle using nearby Ring and Flock Safety cameras, along with inquiries to neighbors, yielded no leads. Based on the scene investigation, the unknown vehicle appeared to veer off Judge Road, collide with the eastern portion of the fence, and exit through the southern side, causing approximately \$5,000 in damage. The victim indicated she would press charges if the suspect is identified. No paint transfer was observed, and the body-worn camera was active throughout the investigation.

AUGUST 24: Hit-and-Run Vehicle Crash Involving Light Pole on Hoffner Avenue

On August 24, 2025, at approximately 0600 hours, a Belle Isle Police officer responded to 3010 Hoffner Avenue regarding a hit-and-run crash. Upon arrival, officers located an unoccupied black Dodge Ram with no license plate that had collided with light pole #5103856 on Hoffner Avenue just south of Gramont Avenue. The vehicle was turned off and abandoned at the scene. A VIN check confirmed the registered owner, and Flock camera footage showed the vehicle traveling eastbound on Hoffner Avenue at 0323 hours, crossing the double yellow line. A strong odor of alcohol was noted coming from the interior of the vehicle. Local hospitals were contacted in an attempt to locate any individuals with crash-related injuries, but results were negative. Deputies from the Orange County Sheriff's Office conducted an unsuccessful attempt to locate the vehicle's registered owner at the listed residence. Based on the investigation, the crash is believed to have occurred between 0325 and 0524 hours. The unknown driver failed to report the crash and fled the scene in an unknown direction. The estimated damage to the light pole is approximately \$7,500. The responding officer's body-worn camera was activated during the entirety of the investigation.

AUGUST 26: Two-Vehicle Crash at McCoy Road and Lindos Drive

On August 26, 2025, officers responded to a two-vehicle crash near 1936 McCoy Road involving a vehicle exiting a parking lot onto Lindos Drive. Vehicle 1 (V1) failed to observe Vehicle 2 (V2)

and collided with it, striking the right rear door of V2. As a result of the impact, V1 sustained approximately \$500 in damage, while V2 incurred around \$1,000 in damage. There were no injuries reported at the scene. The driver of V1 was issued two citations: one for careless driving and another for operating a vehicle with a suspended driver's license. Both vehicles were removed from the scene by their respective drivers.

AUGUST 26: Pedestrian Struck at Lindos Drive and McCoy Road

On August 26, 2025, officers responded to a crash involving a pedestrian at the intersection of Lindos Drive and McCoy Road. Vehicle 1 (V1) was traveling northbound on Lindos Drive and attempted to turn eastbound onto McCoy Road when the driver failed to see a pedestrian actively crossing in the designated crosswalk. V1's right side mirror struck the pedestrian, causing minor injuries. The pedestrian was treated on scene by Orlando Fire Department Station 72 and declined transport to a medical facility. Vehicle 1 did not sustain any damage in the crash. The driver of V1 was cited for driving with an expired license and for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

AUGUST 28: Two-Vehicle Crash on Hoffner Avenue

On August 28, 2025, officers responded to a two-vehicle crash near 4408 Hoffner Avenue. Vehicle 2 was exiting the parking lot of the location and attempted to make a left turn (westbound) onto Hoffner Avenue. At the same time, Vehicle 1 was traveling eastbound on Hoffner Avenue, approaching the same location. As Vehicle 2 pulled into traffic, the front right bumper of Vehicle 1 collided with the front left quarter panel of Vehicle 2. Both vehicles sustained approximately \$2,000 in damage. There were no reported injuries. Vehicle 1 was removed by Ace Wrecker, while Vehicle 2 was towed by AAA at the owner's request. The driver of Vehicle 2 was cited for failing to yield to oncoming traffic while making a left turn. The officer's body-worn camera was activated during the entire investigation.

AUGUST 29: Hit-and-Run – Unknown Vehicle Strikes Landscaping

On August 29, 2025, officers responded to a report of property damage involving a hit-and-run on Hoffner Avenue. At an unknown date and time, an unknown vehicle traveling eastbound on Hoffner Avenue left the roadway on the north side and struck landscaping and a tree in the front yard of the residence. The vehicle fled the scene, and no identifying information on the vehicle or driver was available at the time of the report.



Code Enforcement



Ordinance Compliance & Public Nuisance Cases

Code Enforcement Summary

During the reporting period, the Code Enforcement Division opened 59 new cases and closed 60. The most common violations involved parking (16), watering violations (13), and tall grass and weeds (8). There was also consistent activity involving RVs, utility trailers, or watercraft (6), and a mix of other categories such as trash and debris, public nuisance complaints, expired tags, and stormwater issues. Several single instances were noted for items like exterior structure violations, yard waste, noise, and tree permits. Notably, there were new cases related to unpermitted work and accessory structures, indicating a continued need for resident education on permitting requirements.

 **Prepared and Respectfully Submitted,**

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