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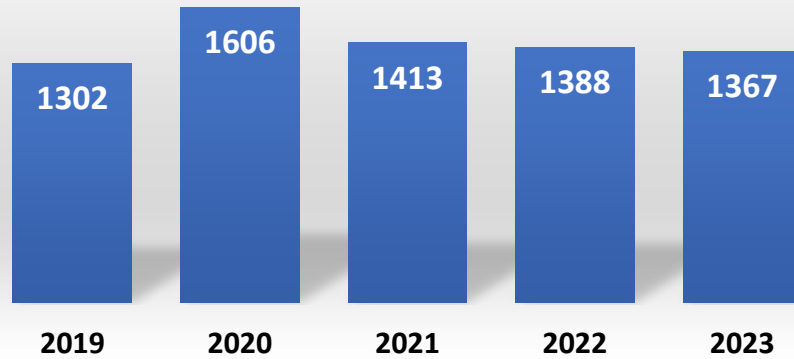
# BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 31, 2023

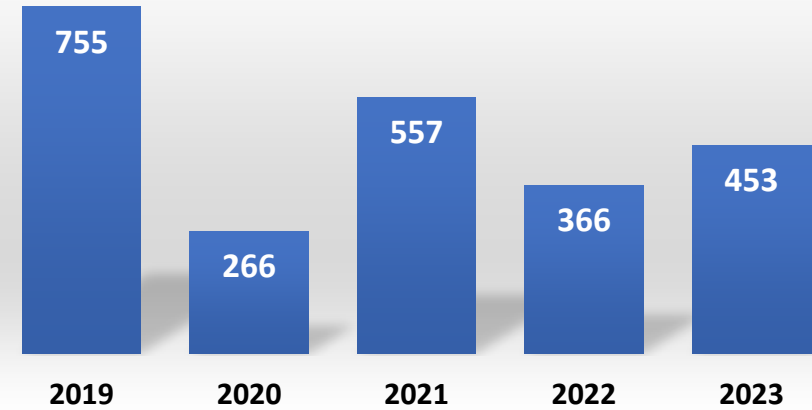
Presented by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz

# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

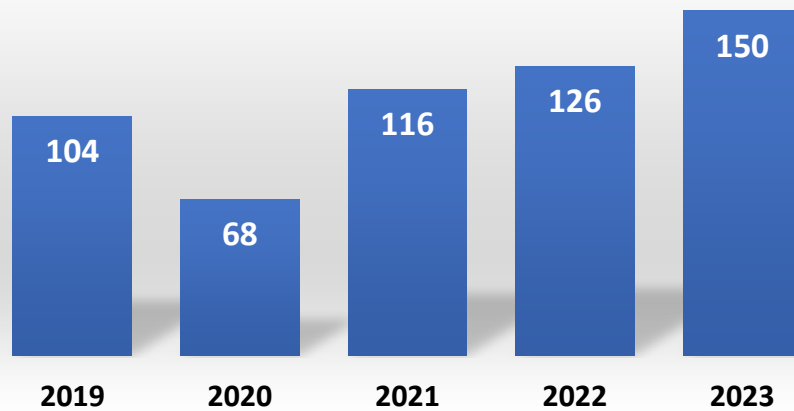
## May Calls for Service Comparison



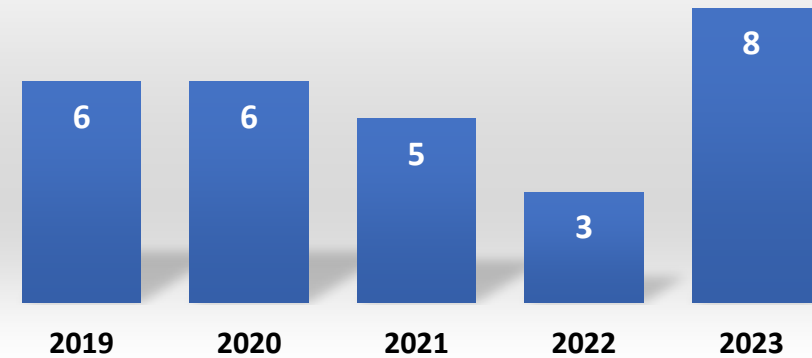
## May Traffic Citation Comparison



## May Collision Comparison

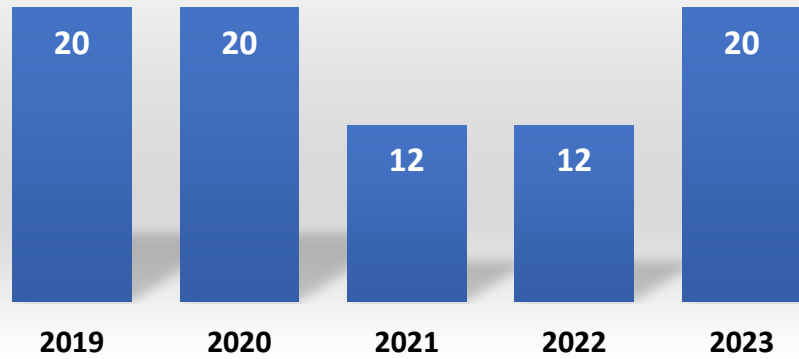


## May Burglary Comparison

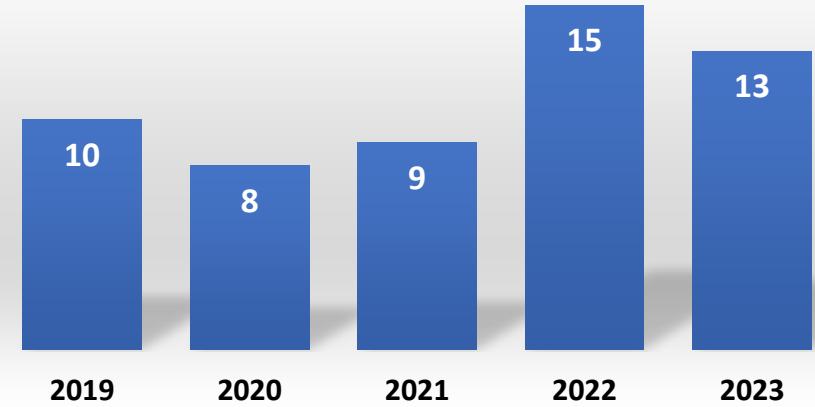


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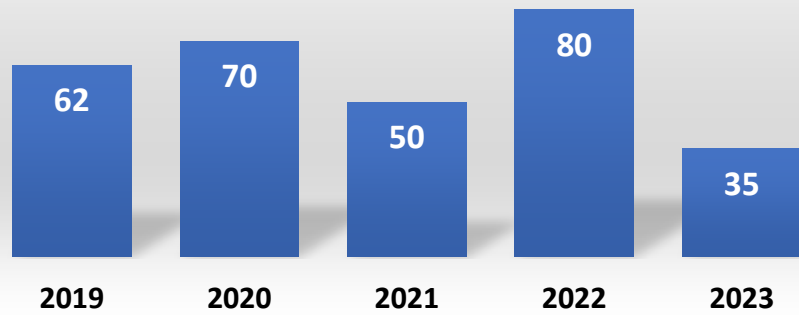
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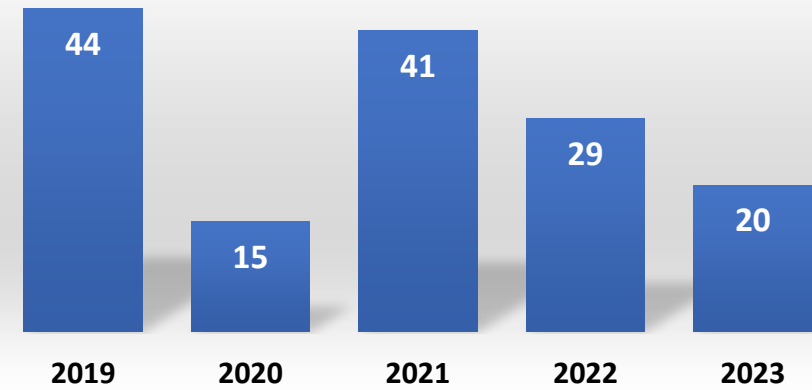
## May Assault Comparison



## May Domestic Calls for Service Comparison



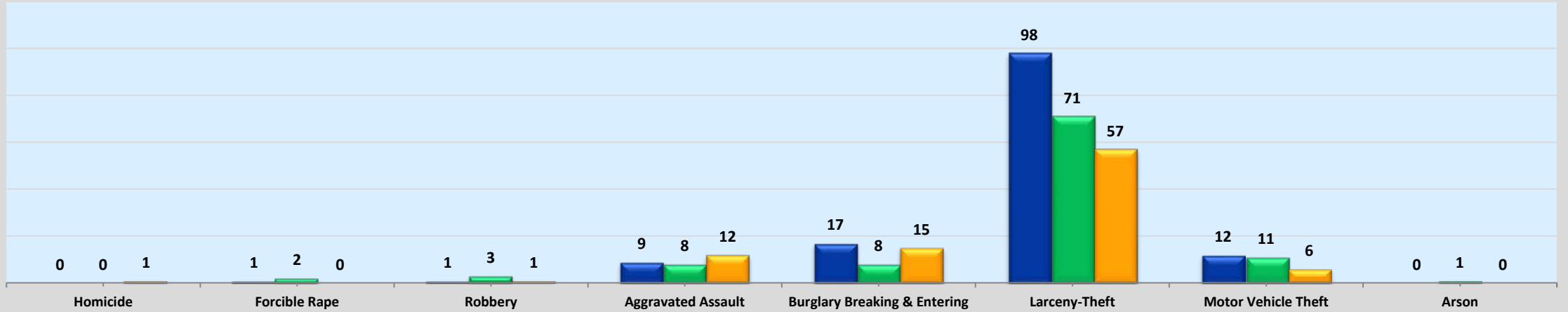
## May Arrest Comparison



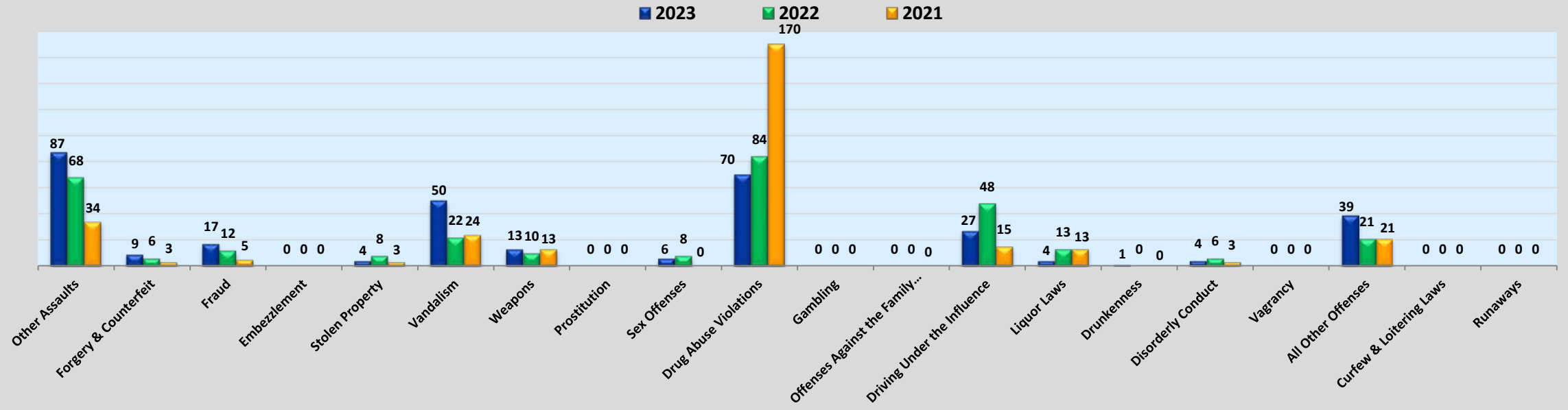
# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year-to-Date  
January - May

■ 2023 ■ 2022 ■ 2021



■ 2023 ■ 2022 ■ 2021



# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## Law Enforcement Advisory Committee

- Recruiting / Staffing Efforts
- Active Shooter Training for Community members
- Police Department Survey Results
- Speeding Concerns
- Strategic Plan Update
- Lutzie 43
- Class 3 SRO Program

## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### Meetings Attended by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz

**Every Wednesday** – Senior Staff Communications Meeting

**Every Wednesday** – Commanders Meeting

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** – Attend Local Hero Story Time

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Meeting with Mayor and Town Manager

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Rotary Club Presentation

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** – Coffee with the Chief @ Corner Perk

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Instruction LE Class @ May River High School

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Corporal Promotion Ceremony

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Strategic Planning Meeting

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Mens Meeting with Chaplain Hamilton

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Annual May River Cleanup

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Human Resource Director

**May 9<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Chaplain

**May 9<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Citizen

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** – Guest Speaker @ Hampton Hall

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Town Manager

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Mens Meeting with Chaplain Hamilton

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Citizen

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Mayfest Festival

**May 16<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Command Staff Meeting

## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### Meetings Attended by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz cont.

- May 17<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Pinecrest POA meeting
- May 17<sup>th</sup>** – Corporals Meeting
- May 17<sup>th</sup>** – Sergeants Meeting
- May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Town Manager
- May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Welcome Reception for Marcia Hunter
- May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Attend May Birthdays & Anniversary celebration
- May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Lieutenant Promotion Ceremony
- May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Attend DJ Fields Scholarship Award
- May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Historic Preservation Symposium meeting
- May 19<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Mens Meeting with Chaplain Hamilton
- May 19<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Cross Schools representatives
- May 19<sup>th</sup>** – Attend BPD Awards Ceremony
- May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Walk for Dom @ Bluffton Middle School
- May 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Attend Work Based Learning Meeting
- May 24<sup>th</sup>** – Police Chief for Day – Yancey Hill
- May 24<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with FBI Agents
- May 24<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Cookout with Cops @ Seagrass Station
- May 25<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Town Manager
- May 25<sup>th</sup>** – EM Meeting
- May 26<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Mens Meeting with Chaplain Hamilton
- May 26<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Final Friday Cookout

## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### Meetings Attended by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz cont.

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Memorial Day Ceremony @ Veterans Park

**May 30<sup>th</sup>** – Attend 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cook Out @ HE McCracken Middle School

**May 30<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Camera System meeting @ New River Linear Trail

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** – Meeting with Palmetto Bluff Security

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** – Meeting with Town Manager



## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

<b>Commendations -</b>	<b>none</b>
<b>Complaints -</b>	<b>none</b>

### Police Department Demographics as of May 31, 2023

DEPARTMENT	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	1	4	1	17	23
Male	5	4	3	34	46
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>69</b>

SWORN OFFICERS	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	1	2		7	10
Male	5	4	3	28	40
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>50</b>

## May Officer Training

### **Inhouse (898)**

Ambush Awareness and Preparation - 1 Officer  
Autism Awareness for SRO's - 6 Officers  
Class 3 Advanced SRO - 3 Officers  
Crowd Control 3 - 1 Officer  
Crowd Control: Using a Public Information Officer - 1 Officer  
FEMA IS-702 NIMS Public Information Systems - 1 Officer  
Line-Up 2023 - 14 Officers  
Mental Illness Training for First Responders - 33 Officers  
Pre-Academy Training - 3 Recruits  
Temporary Holding Facilities - 1 Officer

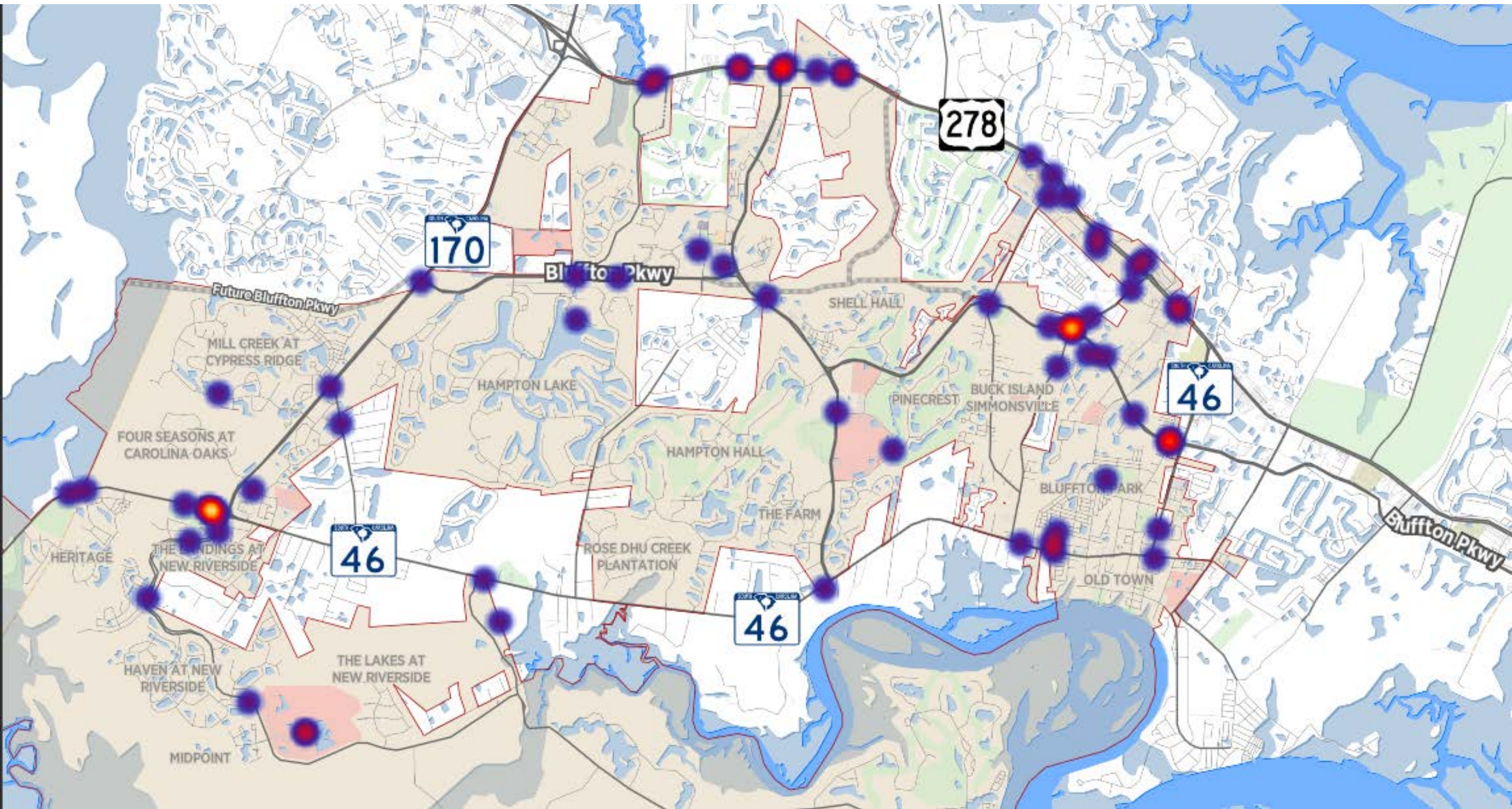
### **Outside (45)**

Crimes Against Women Conference - 1 Officer



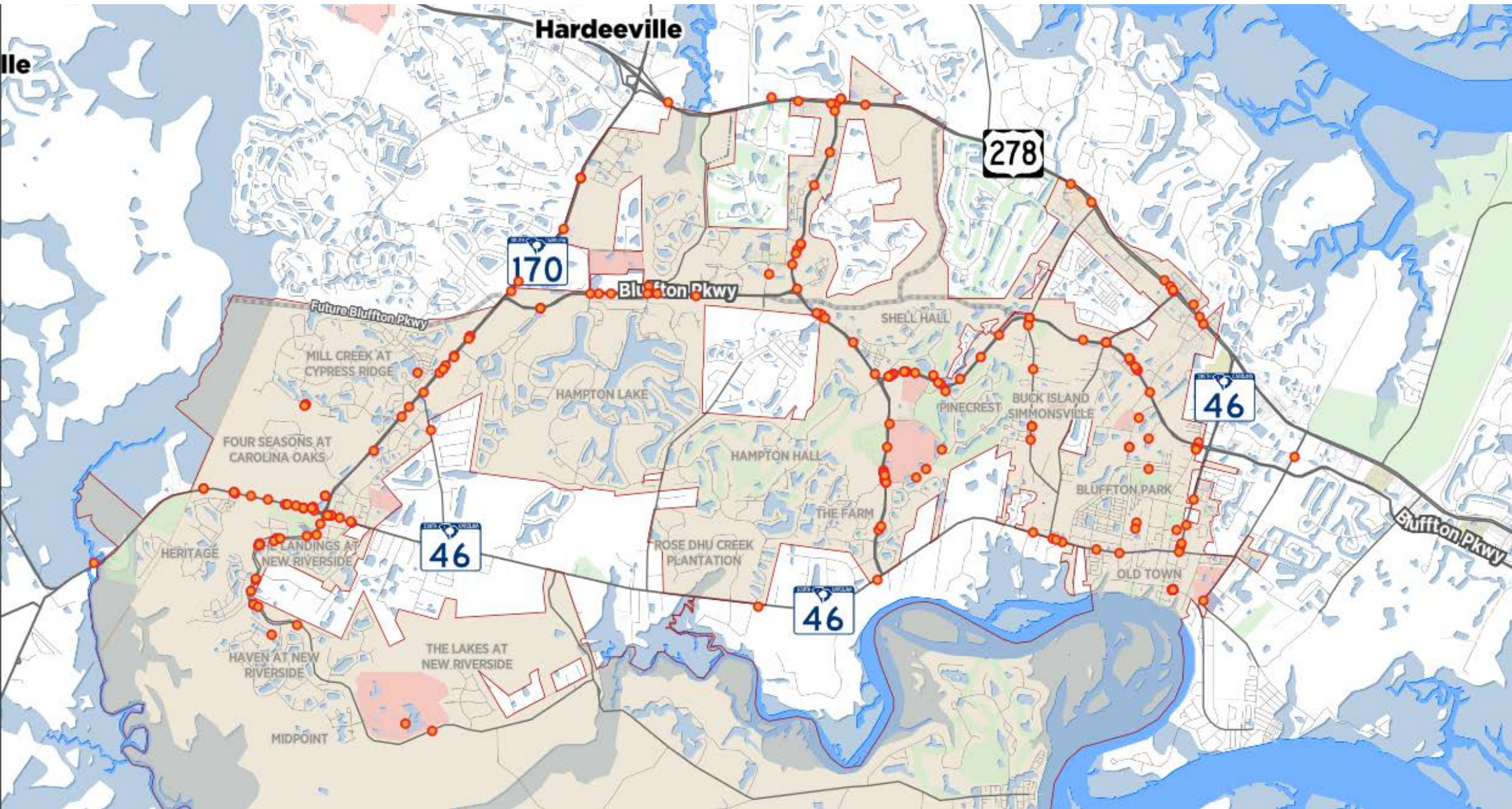


# COLLISIONS (81) May 2023



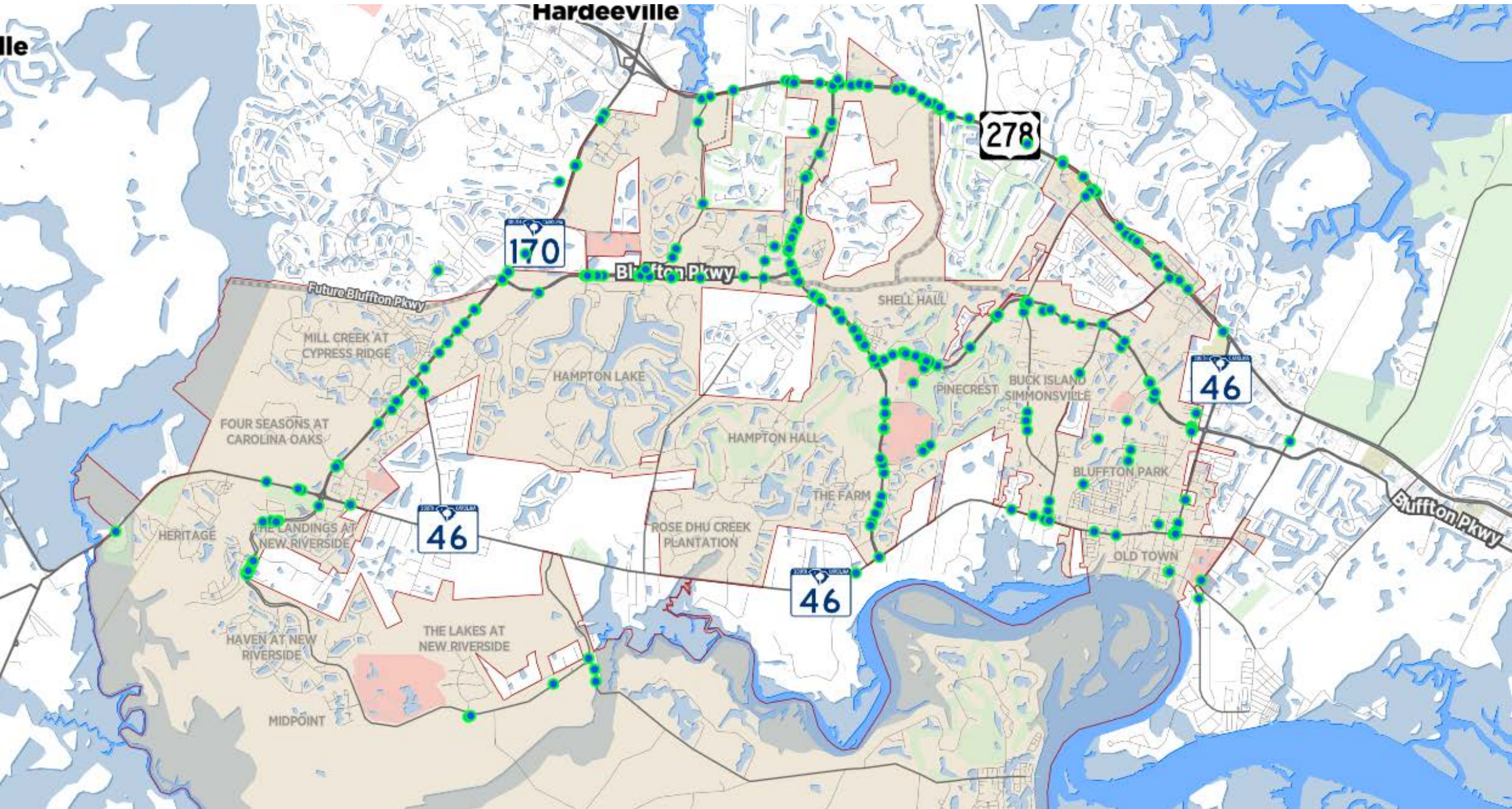


# CITATIONS ISSUED (198) May 2023



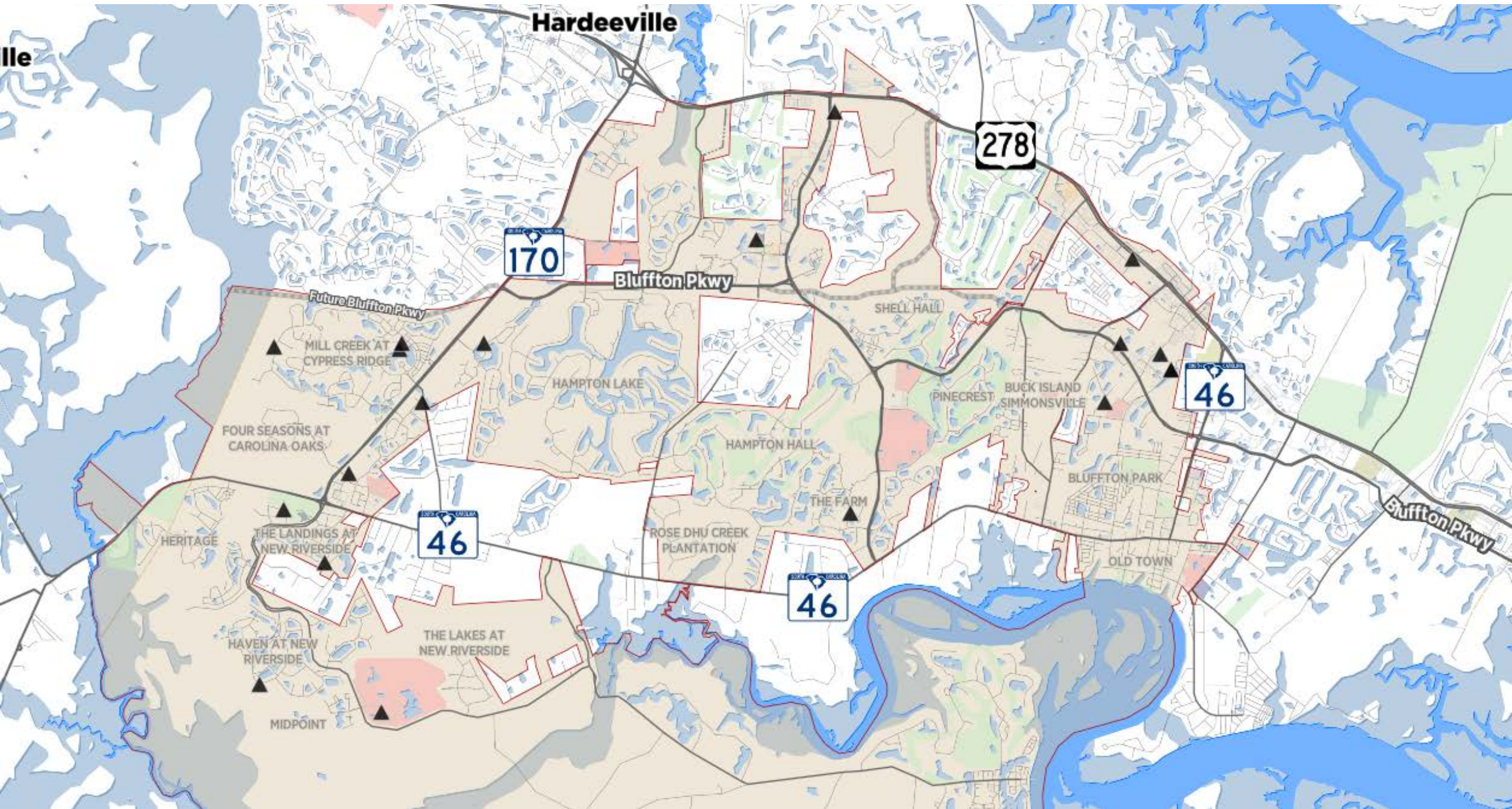


# WARNINGS ISSUED (255) May 2023



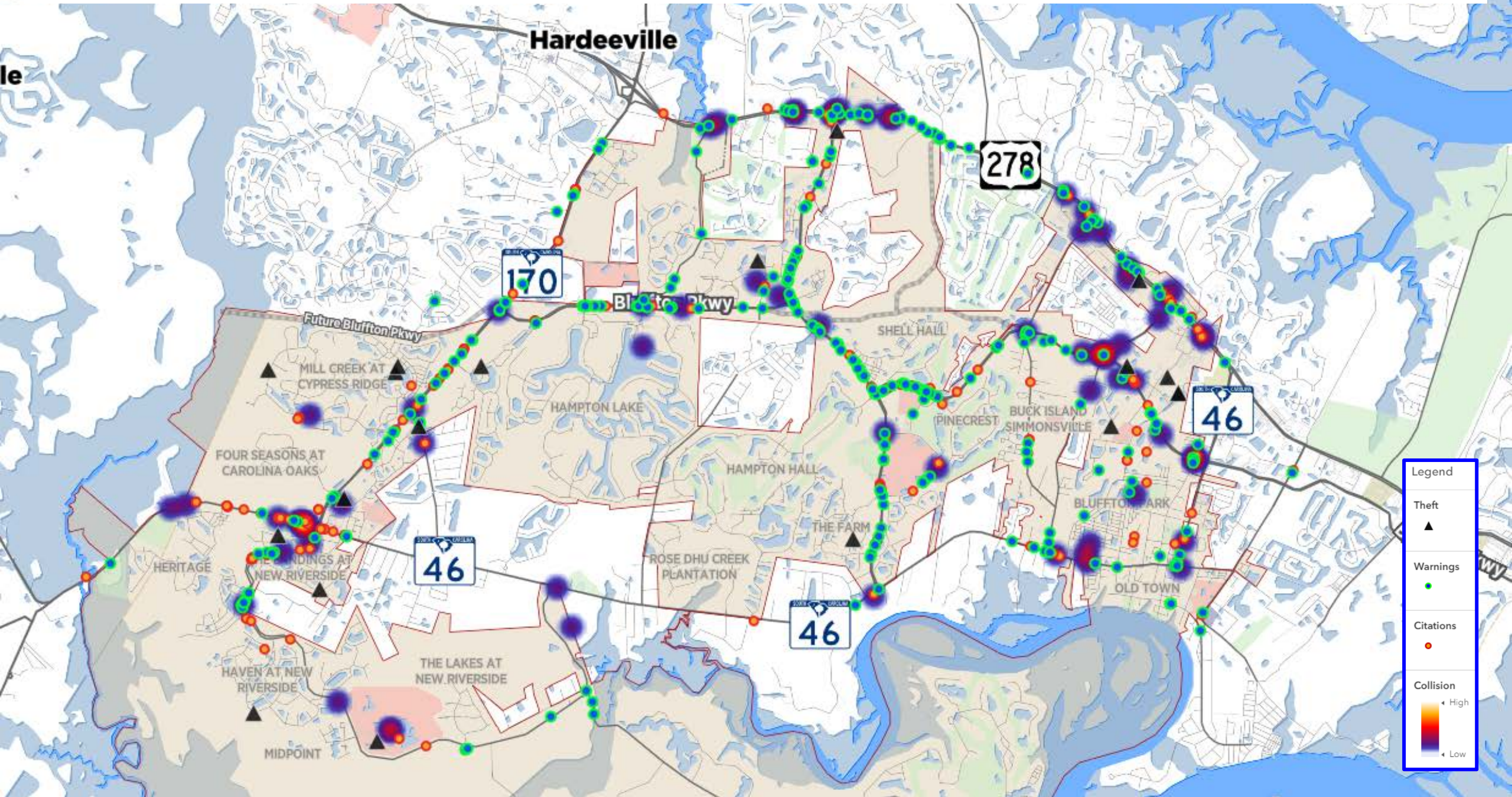


# THEFTS (20) May 2023





# Collisions, Citations, Warnings and Thefts



# PATROL DIVISION

## CALLS FOR SERVICE TOP 10 CALL TYPES

911 Hang-Up	169
Activated Alarm	141
Case Follow Up	140
Disturbance	102
Accident	93
Reckless Driving	61
Assist Motorist	46
Susp Vehicle	37
Miscellaneous Call	36
Domestic	35

**TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 1367**

**AVERAGE PER DAY: 44**

## PRO-ACTIVE PATROLS

Extra Patrol Business	1697
Extra Patrol Residence	696
Traffic Stop	417
Traffic Enforcement	118



# PATROL DIVISION

UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATIONS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Driving without a License	37
Operating Vehicle While License / Registration Expired	36
Speeding 15mph – 24mph over	28
Speeding 25mph Over the Speed Limit	13
Speeding: 10mph or less	13
Driving Under Suspension	12
Speeding: 11mph – 15mph over	8
Failure to Return License	7
Disregarding Stop Sign	6
Driving Under the Influence	5

**TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED: 198**

**AVERAGE PER DAY: 6**

UNIFORM TRAFFIC WARNINGS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Speeding	74
Defective Equipment	40
Vehicle License Violation	39
Defective Equipment & more	26
Other	17
Speeding & more	13
Disregarding Traffic Signal	11
Vehicle License Violation & more	6
Improper Lights	6
Improper Lane Use	6

**TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED: 255**

**AVERAGE PER DAY: 8**

# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	
Cases Assigned	27
Incident Reports	1
Supplemental Reports	23
Cases Closed	16
Arrests Made	0
Arrest Warrants	4
Bond Court	4
Case Call Outs	1
Search Warrants	7

## Case Call Outs:

1. 23BP22306 – Gunshot Wound
2. 23BP16973 – Gunshot Wound

## Bond Court:

1. 23BP15218 – CSC 2<sup>nd</sup>
2. 23BP22135 – Child Endangerment
3. 23BP22185 – A&B

## Mental Health Advocate:

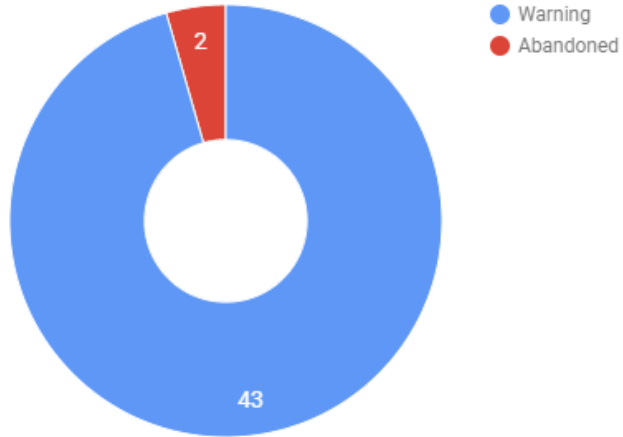
1 – Calls for Service  
8 – Referrals  
21 – Follow Ups  
9 – Supplemental Reports  
26.5 hrs – Ride Along

## Training:

Acadis  
DV Conference  
Know Be4

# COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSISTANTS

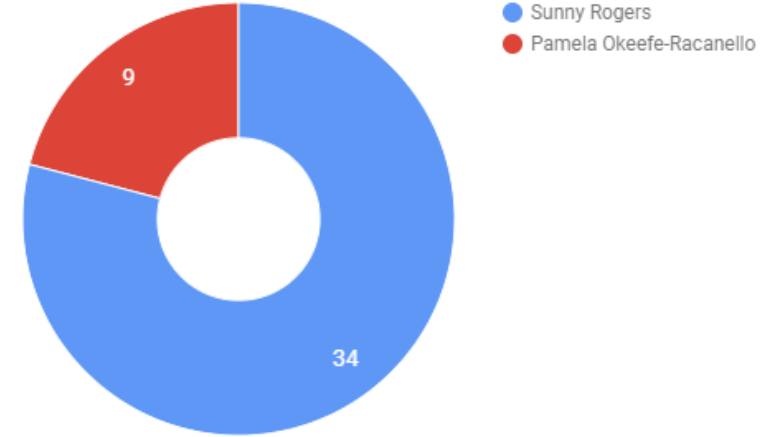
Tickets By Status May. 2023



Total Count: 45

As of 6/1/2023, 12:00:00 AM

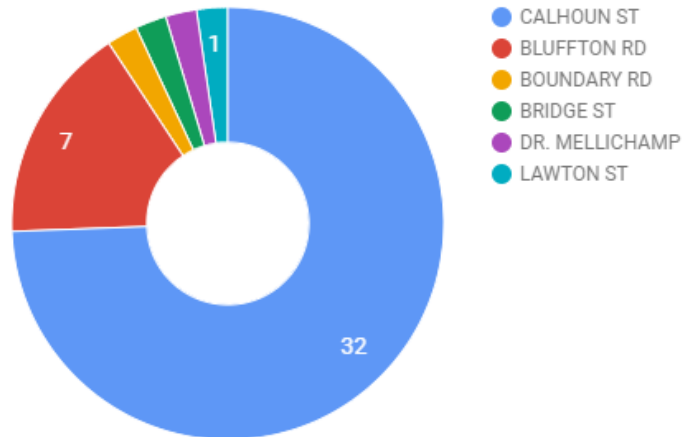
Tickets By Officer May. 2023



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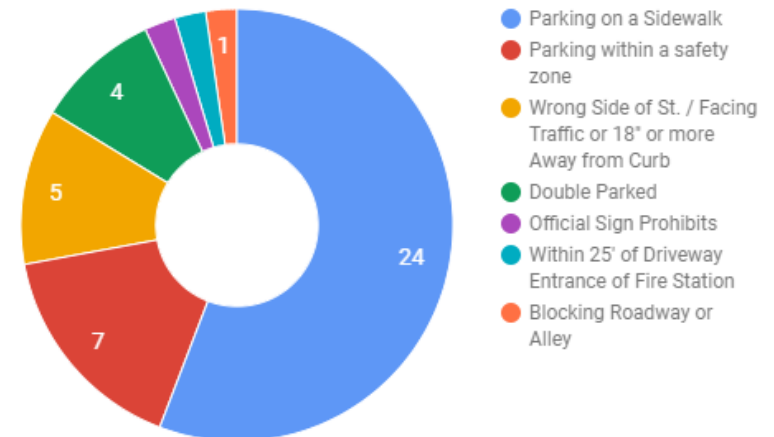
Tickets By Location May. 2023



Total Count: 43

As of 6/1/2023, 12:00:00 AM

Tickets By Violation May. 2023



Total Count: 43

As of 6/1/2023, 12:00:00 AM

# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## Code Enforcement:

William Bonhag

### Signs

- Multiple Business advertisement signs removed from Old Town and various locations throughout Bluffton.

### Expired Business License, Notice of Violations

- Letter(s) sent via certified and regular mail to for businesses operating with expired business license, no short-term rental permit and / or balance due on active business license. (None sent this month)

### Complaints / Property Checks / Follow-ups / Ordinance Letters

- **218 Buck Island Rd./ owner John Flood**
  - 4/20/23 site visit scheduled with Sgt. Karafa 4/20/23 visited site with Sgt. Karafa, location appears to be making progress with cleaning property. Legal paperwork for removal of tenants shown to Sgt. Karafa, court dates forthcoming. Continue for progress and seek town assistance.
- **Bluffton Village Townhomes 78A Cassandra Lane running a commercial business from home**
  - Camarena Construction LLC
    - (Pending license denial regarding home use, Kevin Icard review.)
  - Complaint by Town of Bluffton with regards to 2 business license applications for AIM / Real-estate leasing office on 2nd floor at “The Bridge” 69 Calhoun St.
    - Per Kevin 3/13 Richard met with the architect last week and explained his interpretation. We are currently writing a notice of violation (Building Safety) to send out to the business owner(s), which we’ll send to Heather first for review. Pending outcome.
    - AIM open for business w/o license. As of 4/6/23
    - Richard Spruce denied application until inspection.
    - Pending move out of location.
- **98 Fording Island Road Building Removal:**
  - Response from Harris Teeter Lisa Fort on 5/11/23:” Since this is a capital expenditure, our team is having to pull costs together and get approval from our capital committee. I hope to have an update by the end of next week. Thank you for your patience.” (5/19/23 pending updated response)

# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## Code Enforcement continued:

- **Omega Drive / Buck Island:**
  - 5/4/23 meeting at Growth Management with Jordan Holloway, Bill Baugher (Watershed) with the owner of # 10 & # 20 Omega Drive, # 12 & # 14 Kitty Rd (Ernesto Portillo) his wife not in attendance Ruth Portillo. Discussed all violations that were identified by Growth Management, Watershed and Codes.
  - 5/12/23 Certified, regular and hand delivered letters identifying matters that need to be addressed. Requested Ruth & Ernesto Portillo's Plan of Action to be submitted No later that Tuesday 5/23/23.
- **11C Cassandra Lane:**
  - Home daycare Center being operated at this location (public advertisements). No business license, matter referred to DSS Specialist Ben Johnson who handles Beaufort County. Wednesday 5/24/23 calling for the status regarding this matter and then follow-up with our letters.
- **300 Buck Island:**
  - 5/3/23 property site visit conducted with Sgt. Karafa, Bill Baugher and Codes. Discussion was held with Oscar Cubias from South Carolina Trucking, LLC.
  - Mr. Cubias was made aware via our previous letters he is operating w/o a business license and needs to cease working here, remove all vehicles and clean-up location by 6/1/23. We will return for a site check for compliance with these requests to re-evaluate the situation for possible fines being rendered.
- **70A Pritchard Street:**
  - 5/9/23 site visit conducted with Sgt. Perez, Bill Baugher (Watershed) regarding usage of RV with hook ups, codes burnt vehicle and 2 others not registered need removal from property.
  - 6/1/23 re-check for compliance, if required summons for Violations will be issued.
- **71 Shults Road corner at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue:**
  - 5/16/23 letters regular and certified mailing sent to owner of property. Tenant needs to clean up property which is overgrown in front and rear yard to be complying within 15 days which is 6/3/23. Failure to comply will result in fines.
  - \*Identified rear location with Acosta Carpentry business operation, 2 trailers in gated area behind home appear to be living in. Site visit to be scheduled and conducted with watershed, building and codes in June 2023
- **18 Calhoun Street:**
  - 5/5/23 notified by Heather Colins regarding cones in street at 18 Calhoun St, need to be off the street and not blocking parking space. 5/8 cones back in street. Again, moved to property, 5/9 back in street moved back to property, looked for owner not around. 5/10 back in street. Resident Peter Hamilton was the identified person placing cones, blocking parking space.
  - 5/9/23 letters certified and regular mailing sent to property owner Brenda Hunt (Peter's wife). Regarding Town code violations. On 5/12/23 Sgt. Karafa went and spoke to Peter at site and spoke to him for compliance. No need for fines currently.

# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## Code Enforcement continued:

- **4484 Bluffton Park Crescent #101:**
  - La Poblanita Supermarket, which is licensed, operates a Check-Cashing business and a Jewelry Counter business that are not licensed inside this location.
  - 5/8/23 letters certified and regular mailing were sent to Axel Produce, LLC d/b/a La Poblanita to have these businesses licensed. Failure to comply will result in fines. 6/30/23 re-visit will occur for compliance.
- **4 Laurel Court:**
  - 2 residents complain that several cars parking on the street overflow to Goethe Rd. Appears to be the results of 2 apartments in a garage at this location and 2-3 campers being utilized as living areas.
  - Reviewed with Jordan Holloway and will schedule site visit for June 2023 with Bill Baugher, Jordan, and codes. Appears no permits were issued for this garage site.
- **10 Taylor Court:**
  - Codes identified this location to Jordan Holloway (Growth Management) with regards to the owner obtaining any permits for land clearing at this site. None were obtained, this will be a site visit to be scheduled for June.
- **75 Goethe Road:**
  - Residents complained about this location's abundance of tires, vehicles not registered on location and needs to be cleaned-up. This location will be moved to June's calendar for a site visit and discussion with property owner for compliance.
- **26 Paxton Circle:**
  - Business licensing sent me a H/O complaint with notification of said location running a business from her home. 5/15/23 letters sent certified and regular mailing to owner for operating w/o a business license.

## COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

**Coffee with Cops**

**Knowbe4 Training**

**Command Staff Meeting**

**Local Hero Story Time**

**Cook Out with Cops – Seagrass Station**

**Marine Patrol – Memorial Day**

**Corporal Promotions**

**Mayfest**

**EM Tier Pass Meeting**

**Meeting with Beaufort County Sheriff's Office  
Emergency Management**

**EOC Palmetto Training**

**Meeting with Holiday Inn Express Staff**

**Firearms Instructor Meeting**

**Meeting with Solicitor**

**H.E. McCracken 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cook Out**

**Provided Security for Court on Tuesdays.**

**Help with Chief for a Day**

**Re-Entry Steering Committee Meeting**

**Independence Day Meeting**

**Reviewed contracts with Director of Compliance and  
Contracts**

**Upcoming Meeting with Palmetto Bluff**

**Town Hall Walk Throughs**

**CONCERNS VOICED BY THE COMMUNITY: (CALEA 45.2.2a)**

**300 Buck Island Road – Business in Residential Area**

**76 Goethe Road – Yard Waste**



ALPR STATS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY	
Total arrests as a result from an ALPR hit traffic stop.	0
Total citations issued as a result from an ALPR hit traffic stop.	0
Total stolen autos recovered.	0
Total stolen license plates recovered.	0
Total suspended tags recovered.	0

## **Downtown Traffic Stats:**

Tickets: 7

Warnings: 5

Truck Route: 0

Parking Tickets: 0

Parking Warnings: 38

## **Traffic Officers:**

Cpl. Dickson

Tickets: 28

Warnings: 1

Collision Reports: 2

Incident Reports: 0

Ofc. Harden

Tickets: 49

Warnings: 62

Collision Reports: 3

Incident Reports: 0

## 43 KEY SECONDS

TAKE 43 SECONDS TO COMPLETE THE  
SAFE DRIVING CHECKLIST:

### ✓ CLEAR HEAD

ENSURE YOU HAVE A CLEAR HEAD—ONE THAT IS NOT AFFECTED BY ALCOHOL, DRUGS OR EMOTIONS.

### ✓ CLEAR HANDS

HAVE CLEAR HANDS—SEND A TEXT, ADJUST THE RADIO AND PUT ALL DEVICES AWAY SO YOU CAN DRIVE HANDS-FREE.

### ✓ CLEAR EYES

SET YOUR SIGHTS ON THE ROAD AHEAD. DO NOT LOOK TO THE SIDE AT A PASSENGER OR DOWN AT A TEXT.

### ✓ CLICK IT

FINALLY, CLICK YOUR SEATBELT. IT'S THE LAW AND COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!

### ✓ NOW, TURN YOUR KEY.

- May 13<sup>th</sup> – Mayfest Festival