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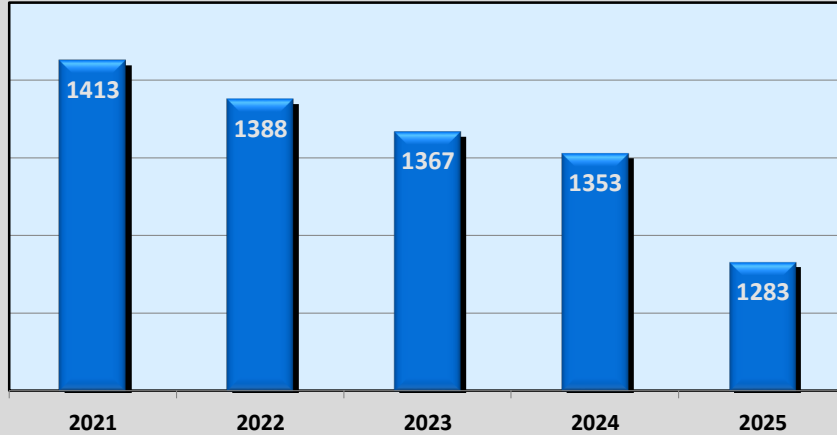
# BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 31, 2025

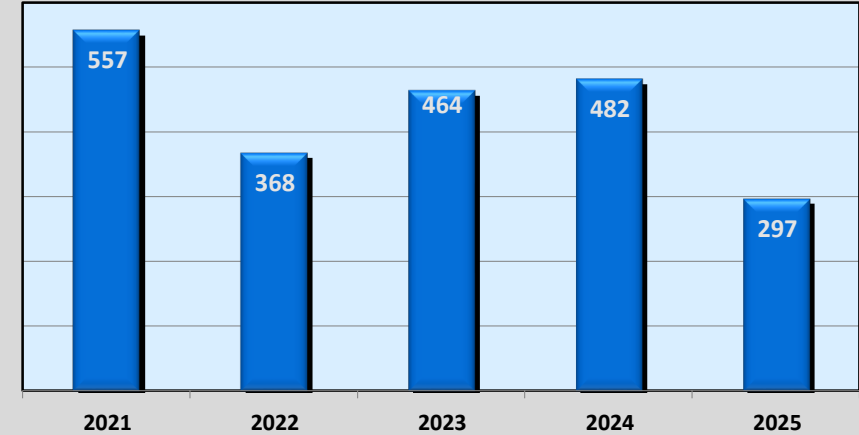
Presented by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz

# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

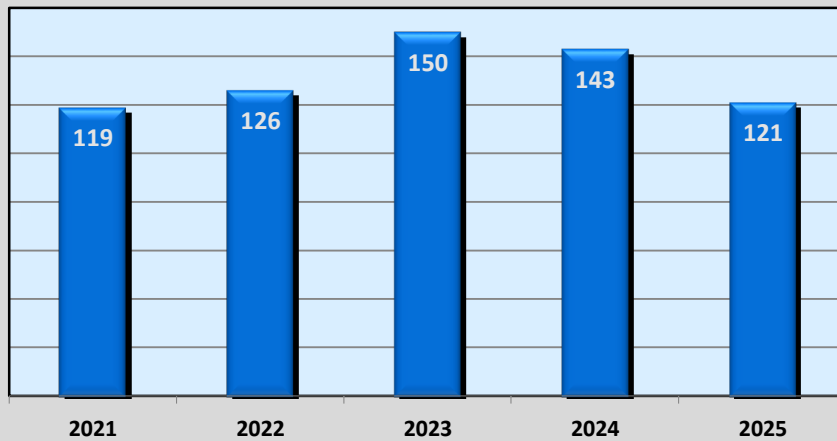
## May Calls for Service Comparison



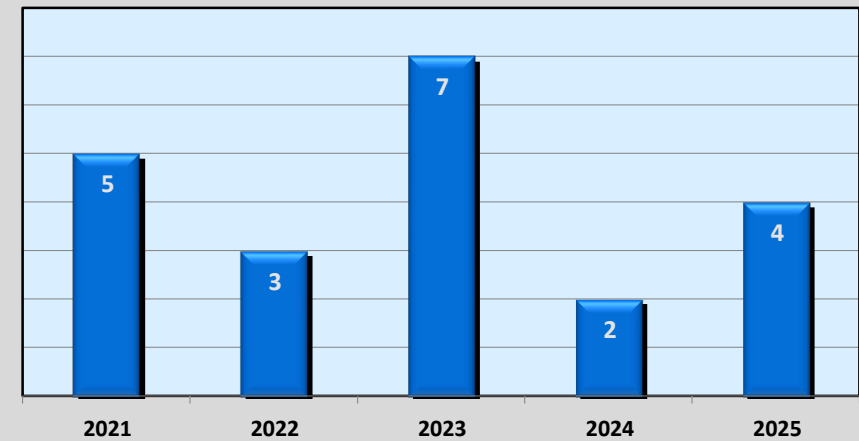
## May Traffic Citation Comparison



## May Collision Comparison

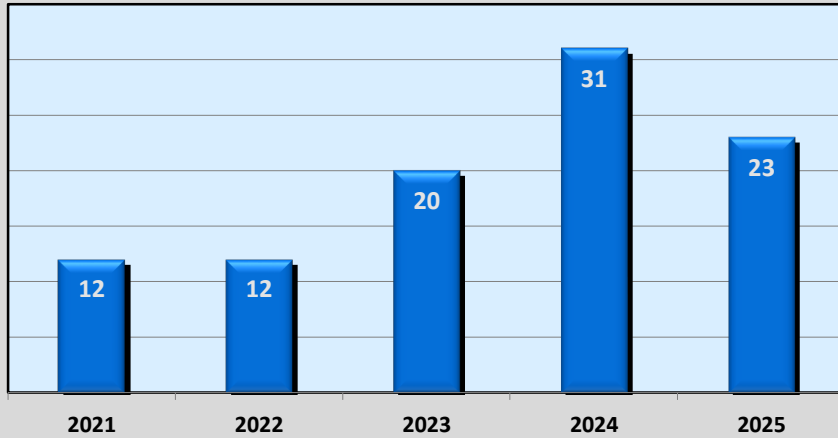


## May Burglary Comparison

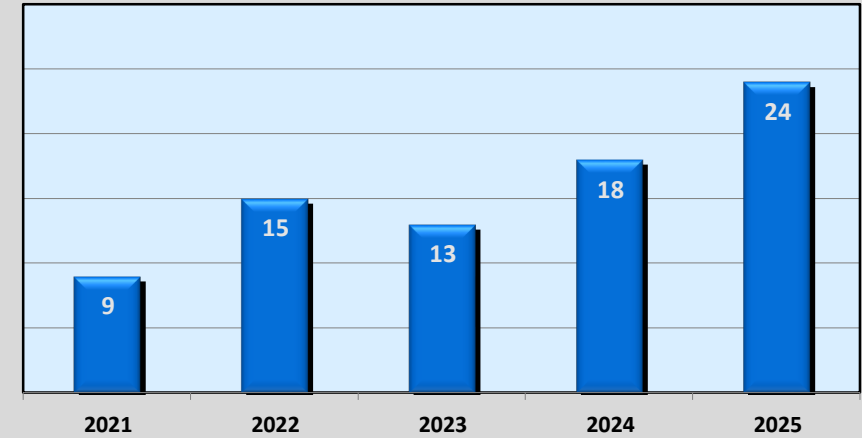


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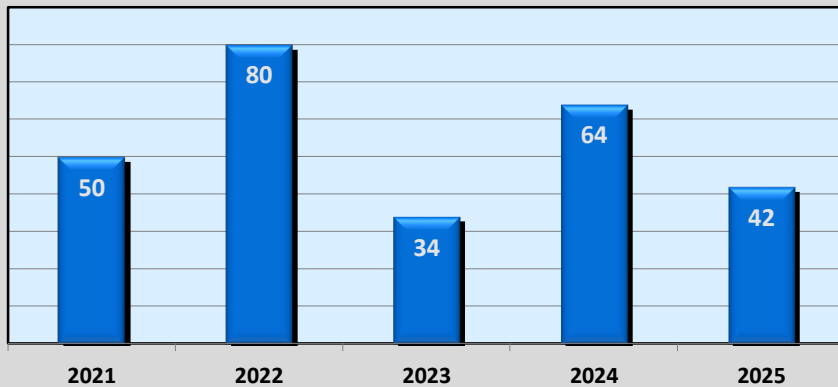
## May Theft Comparison



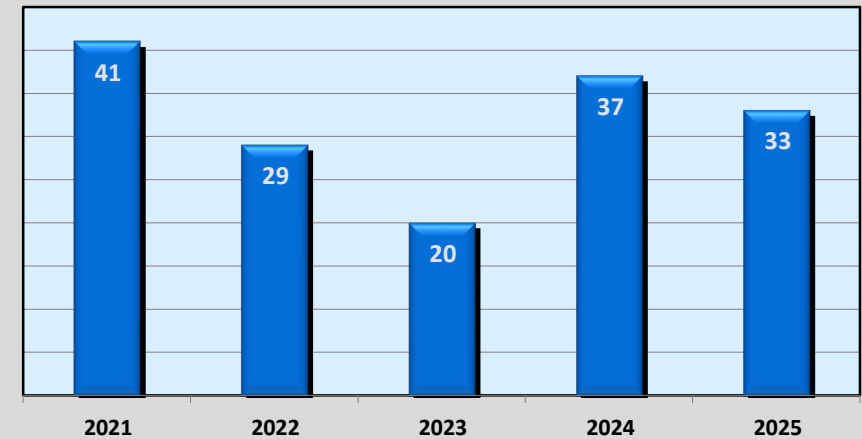
## May Assault Comparison



## May Domestic Calls for Service Comparison



## May Arrest Comparison

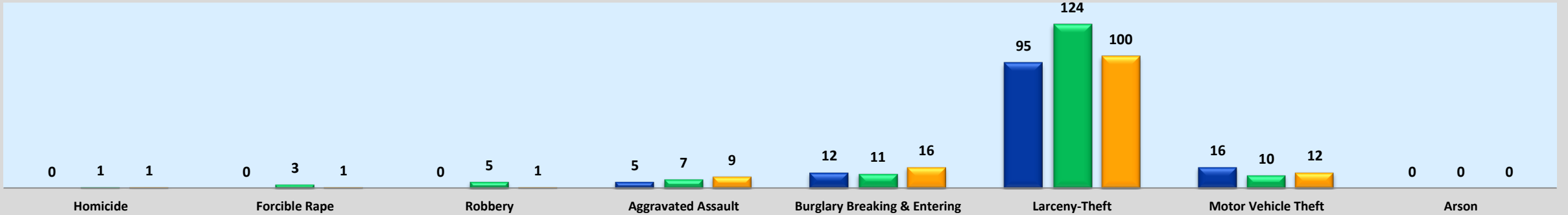


# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year-to-Date  
May

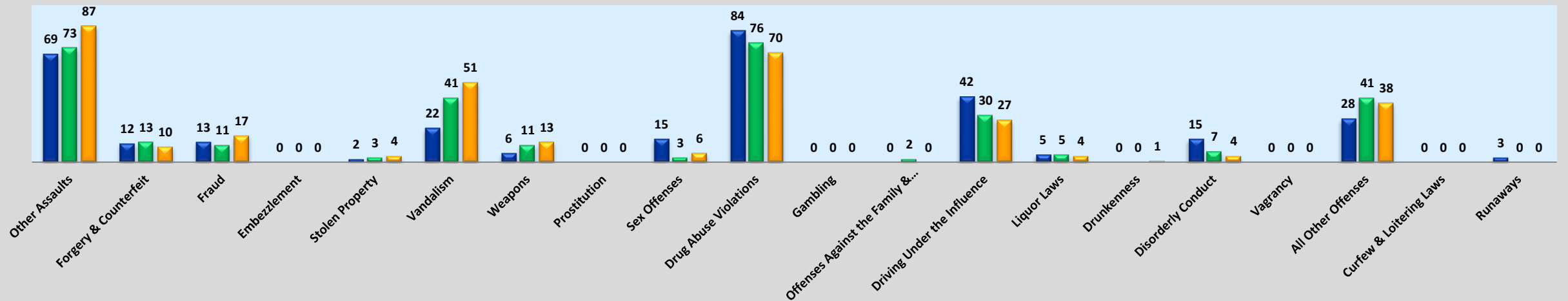
## Part I Crimes

■ 2025 ■ 2024 ■ 2023



## Part II Crimes

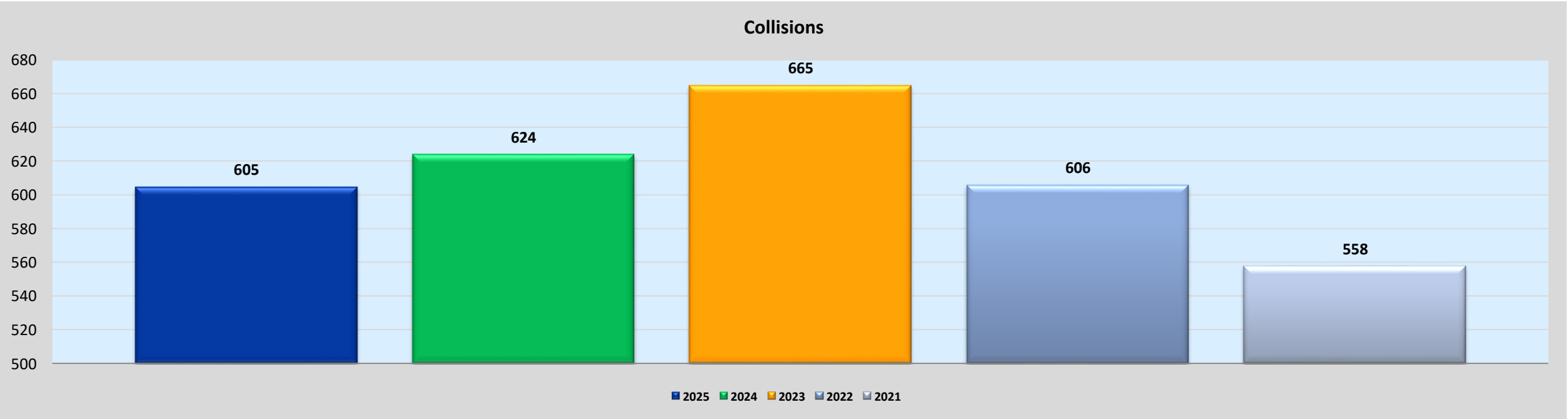
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# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year-to-Date  
May

## Collisions



# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## **Law Enforcement Advisory Committee**

- Traffic Enforcement / Traffic Collisions
- Recent Vehicle Break-Ins and Stolen Vehicles crimes
- Upcoming Events:
  - National Law Enforcement Appreciation Week
  - Annual Awards Ceremony
- Flock Camera Systems

## **Meetings Attended by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz**

**Every Wednesday** – Senior Staff Communications Meeting

**Every Friday** – Men's Meeting @ Bible Missionary Baptist Church

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** – Attend National Day of Prayer @ Veterans Memorial Park

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Attend Pearls to Pluff Mud Event

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Participate in Annual May River Cleanup

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Records Manager and Internal Affairs

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** – Attend TOB Employee Appreciation Day

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** – Attend CIP Meeting

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** – Flock Safety Google Meeting

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** – Retention/Morale meeting

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** – Lexipol Microsoft Teams meeting

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Active Shooter meeting @ town hall

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Budget meeting

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Beaufort Memorial Hospital Groundbreaking ceremony

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Annual Employee Heritage Day

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** – NeoGov Google meeting

**May 9<sup>th</sup>** – Attend TOB Employee Appreciation Breakfast

**May 9<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Senior Staff Team Building

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Annual Mayfest

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Employee Assistance Program Microsoft teams meeting

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Awards Committee wrapping party

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** – Command Staff meeting

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Town Council meeting

### **Meetings Attended by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz cont.**

- May 14<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Rotary meeting
- May 14<sup>th</sup>** – Attend NAMI Virtual Refresh and Reclaim Lunch and Learn
- May 15<sup>th</sup>** – Fleet Enterprise zoom meeting
- May 15<sup>th</sup>** – Attend MRHS EDD Student Project Presentations
- May 15<sup>th</sup>** – End of Phase meeting – Recruit Collins
- May 15<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Historic Preservation Symposium
- May 16<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Officer and Corporal
- May 16<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Station 300 Ribbon Cutting Celebration
- May 17<sup>th</sup>** – Cookout for BLMS Boys Community Service Event
- May 17<sup>th</sup>** – Softball Swing for Justice
- May 19<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Wellness Committee meeting
- May 19<sup>th</sup>** – Attend CIP meeting
- May 19<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Citizen
- May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Chief of Police for a Day Activities
- May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Attend May Birthday and Anniversary Event
- May 21<sup>st</sup>** – CALEA meeting
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Attend Meet & Greet Council & Internship Breakfast
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Meeting with ONNIT Representative
- May 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Awards Ceremony Set-up
- May 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Attend 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony
- May 24<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Softball Invitational – Sun City Memorial Day Tournament
- May 25<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Hispanic Community
- May 26<sup>th</sup>** – American Legion Post 205 Memorial Day Services
- May 27<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Tuesday Tours – Ped Safety Discussion



### **Meetings Attended by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz cont.**

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Town Council Budget workshop

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** – End of Phase meeting – Recruit Cash

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Town Manager

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** – Visit to Palmetto Animal League

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** – Cornerstone Church Groundbreaking ceremony

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** – Flock Safety Google meeting

# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Commendations -	None
Complaints -	1 - Citizen Complaint – pending investigation

## Police Department Demographics as of May 31, 2025

DEPARTMENT	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	2	4	1	17	24
Male	7	4	3	39	53
Grand Total	9	8	4	56	77

SWORN OFFICERS	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	1	1		9	11
Male	6	4	3	35	48
Grand Total	7	5	3	44	59

## May Officer Training

### In-House

Line-Up 2025 March-April - 1 Officer

Line-Up 2025 May-June - 19 Officers

Mental Illness: Practical App of Mental Health for First Responders - 1 Officer

Crisis Intervention in Dealing with Mentally Ill Subjects - 1 Officer

Driving While Distracted - 6 Officers

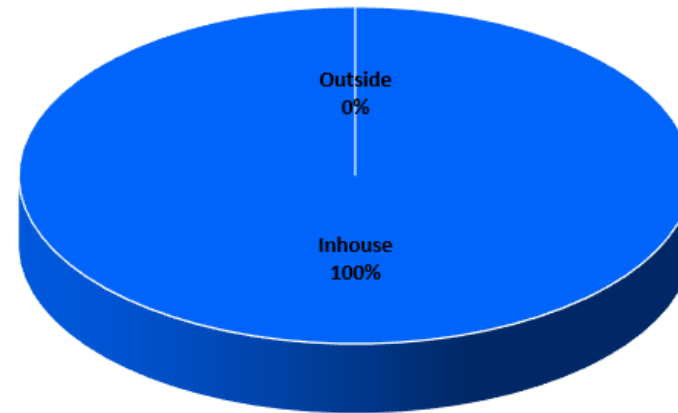
Pre-Academy Training - 2 Recruits

Foundations in Ethics in Law Enforcement - 39 Officers

Interacting with the Mentally Ill as a First Responder - 1 Officer

Temporary Holding Facilities - 39 Officers

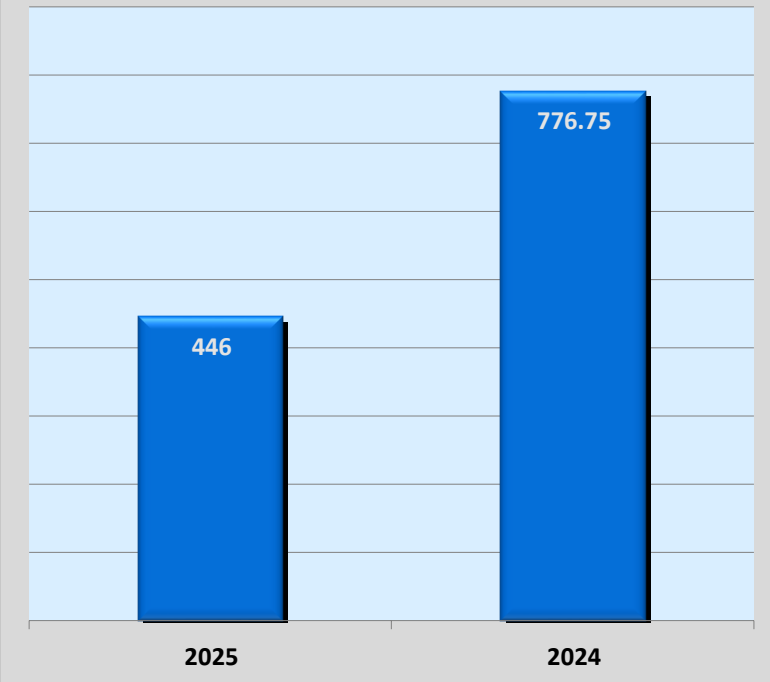
SafeDown System L8 Slices - 32 Officers



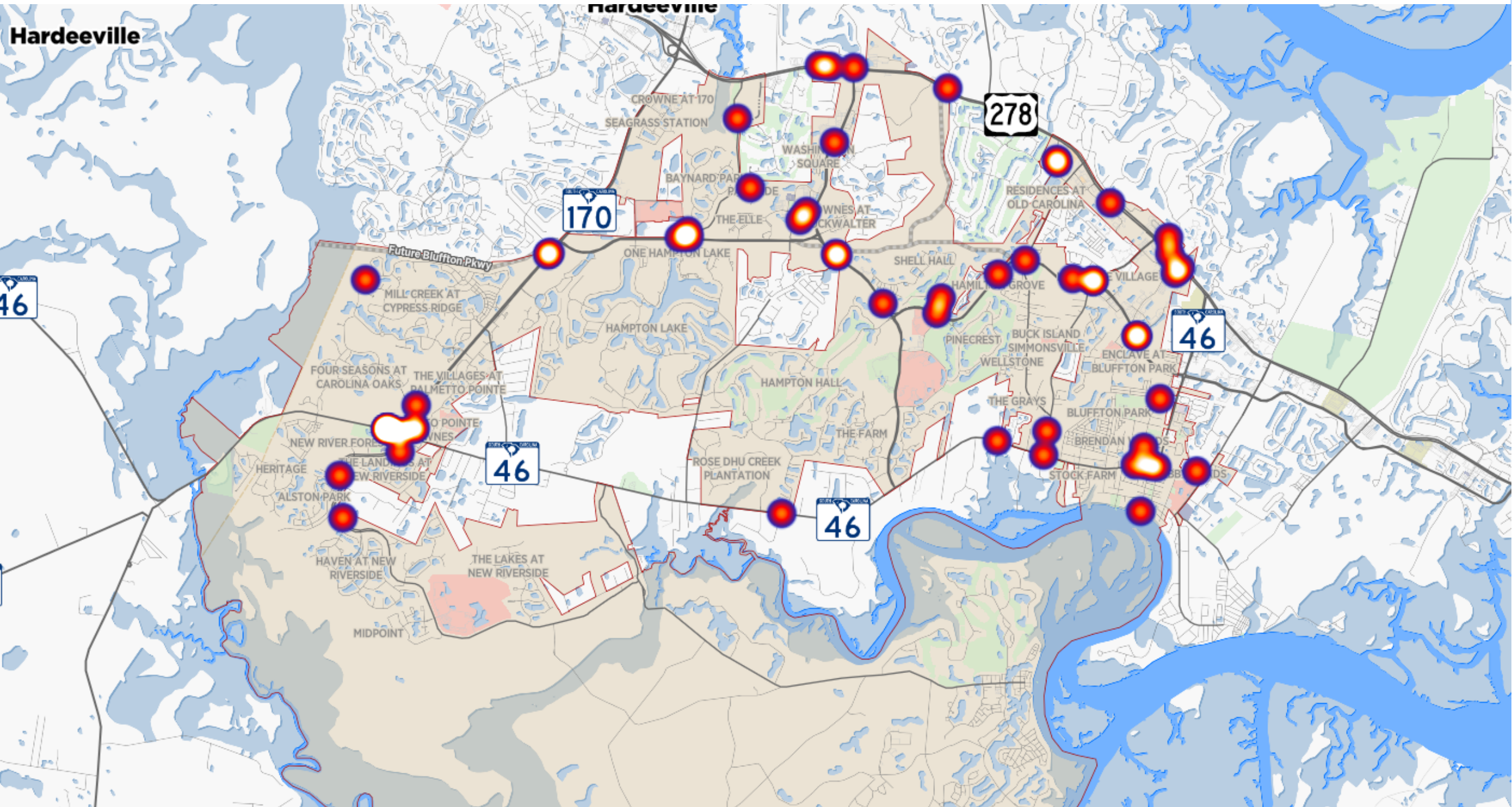
### Outside

None

### May 2025 / 2024 Training Hours Comparison

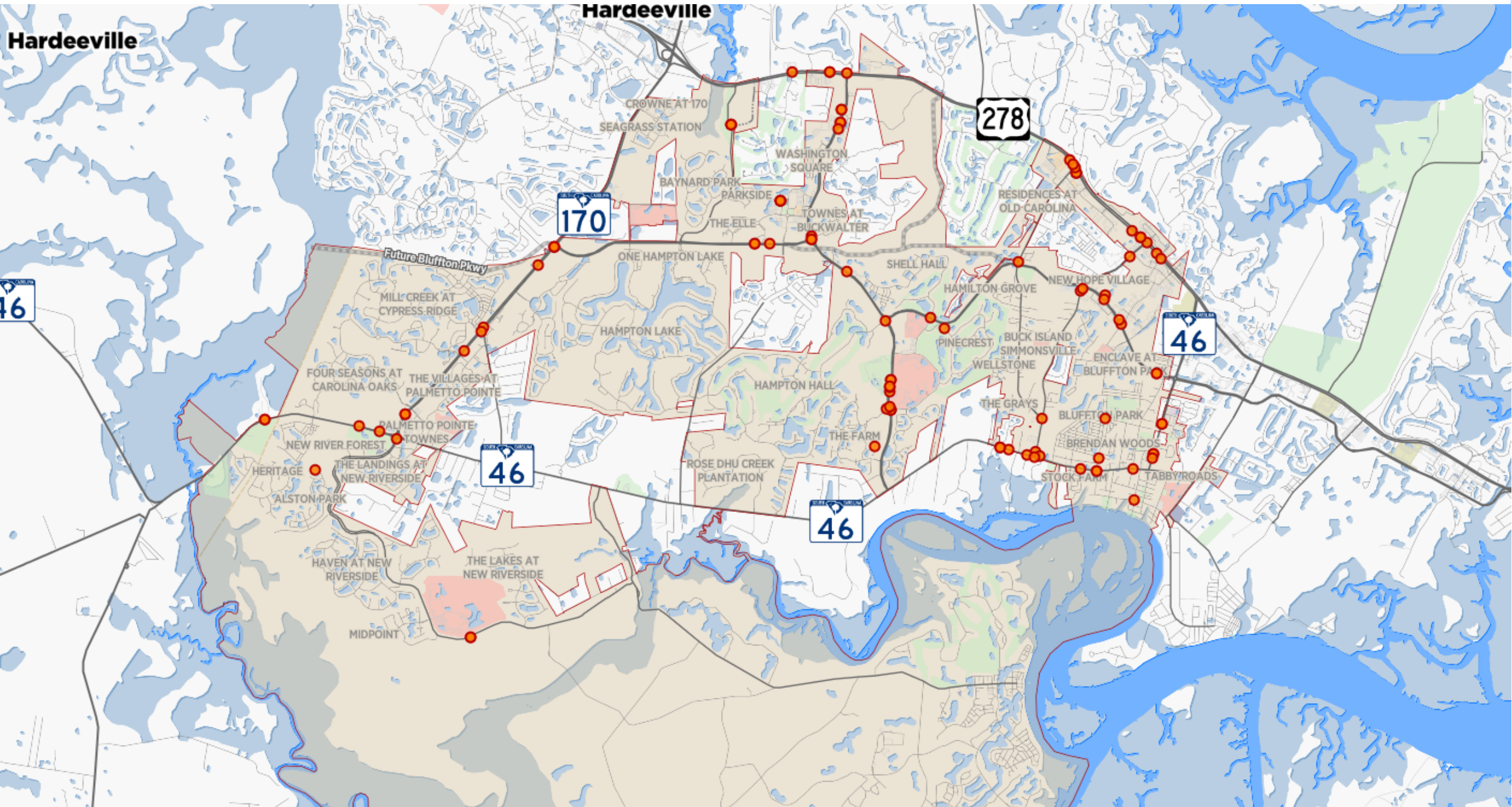


# COLLISIONS (121) May 2025



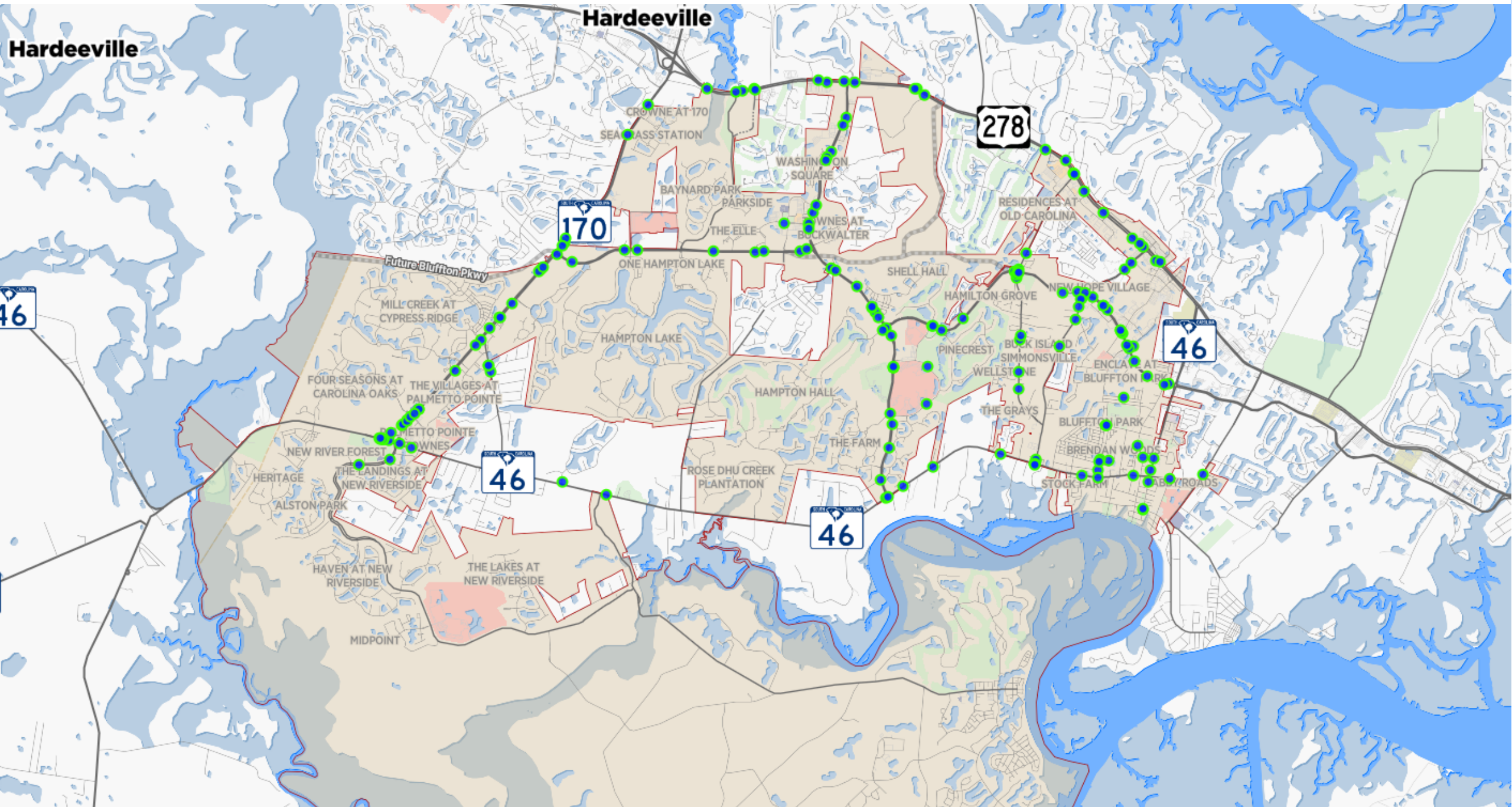


# CITATIONS ISSUED (101) May 2025



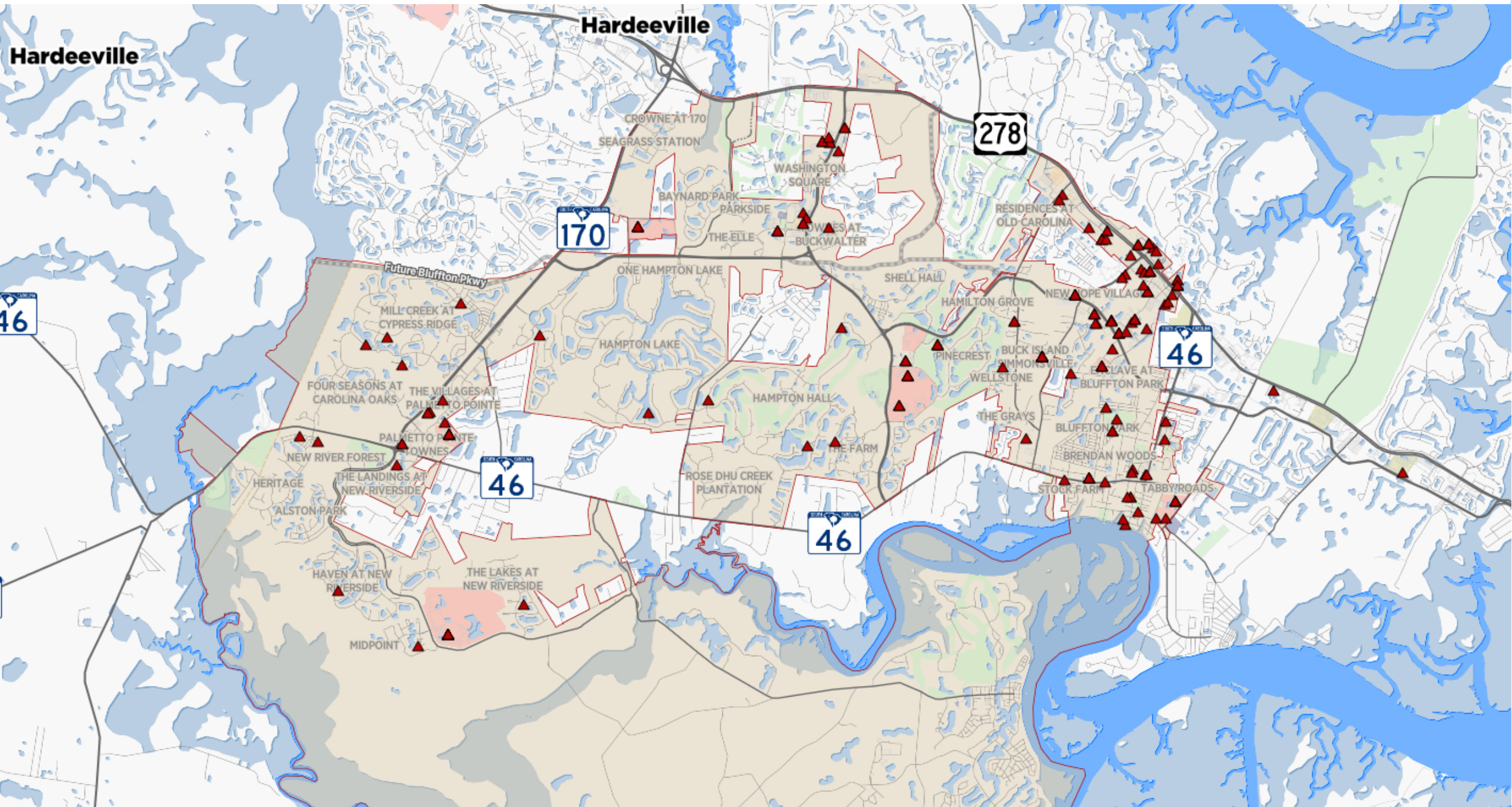


# WARNINGS ISSUED (196) May 2025



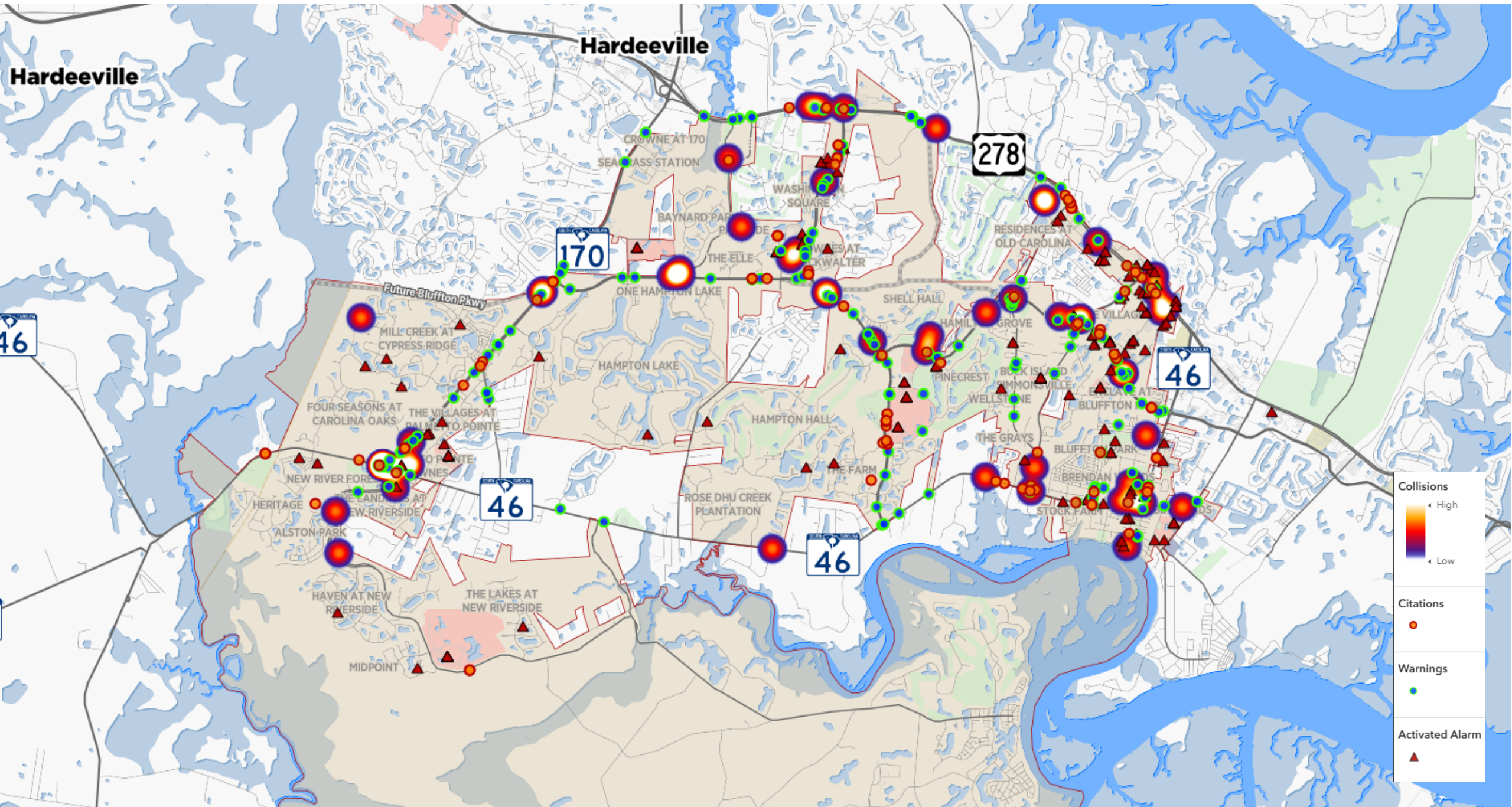


# #1 CALL TYPE – Activated Alarms (200) May 2025





# Collisions, Citations, Warnings and Activated Alarms – May 2025





# PATROL DIVISION

CALLS FOR SERVICE TOP 10 CALL TYPES	
Activated Alarm	200
Case Follow Up	122
911 Hang-Up	105
Disturbance	104
Accident	82
Reckless Driving	44
Suspicious Vehicle	43
Domestic	40
Assist Motorist	31
Suspicious Activity	30

**TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 1283**

**AVERAGE PER DAY: 46**

PRO-ACTIVE PATROLS	
Extra Patrol - Business	530
Extra Patrol - Residential	382
Traffic Stop	310
Traffic Enforcement	12

# PATROL DIVISION

UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATIONS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Driving without a License	16
Driving Under Suspension	12
Assault & Battery 3rd Degree	7
Failure to Return License	6
Possession of 28G (1oz.) or Less of Marijuana	6
Operating Vehicle While License/Registration Expired	5
Driving Under the Influence	5
Failure to Maintain Proof of Insurance	5
Speeding 25mph Over the Speed Limit	5
Speeding 15mph-24mph Over the Speed Limit	4
Disregarding Stop Sign	4

**TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED: 101**

**AVERAGE PER DAY: 4**

UNIFORM TRAFFIC WARNINGS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Defective Equipment	40
Speeding	33
Vehicle License Violation	30
Disregarding Traffic Signal	12
Disregarding Stop Sign	12
Improper Lane Use	12
Other	10
Improper Lights	9
Improper Turn	5
Speeding & more	5

**TOTAL WARNINGS ISSUED: 196**

**AVERAGE PER DAY: 7**

# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	
Cases Assigned	22
Incident Reports	4
Supplemental Reports	84
Cases Closed	27
Arrests Made	3
Arrest Warrants	3
Bond Court	5
Case Call Outs	2
Search Warrants	5
Prelims/Grand Jury	3

## Case Call Outs:

1. 25BP09276 – Shots Fired / Attempted Murder
2. 25BP13589 - Alleged Shots Fired / Burglary

## Mental Health Advocate:

CIT: 3

Referrals - 14

Follow Ups - 52

Supplemental Reports - 40

## Victim Advocate:

Case Call Outs: 0

Incident Reports: 1

Case Closed: 4

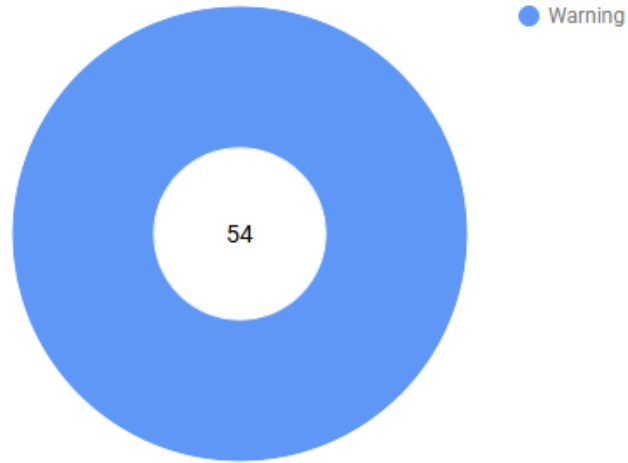
Bond Court: 4

Supplemental Reports: 15

ICAC Cases Assigned: 5

# COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSISTANTS

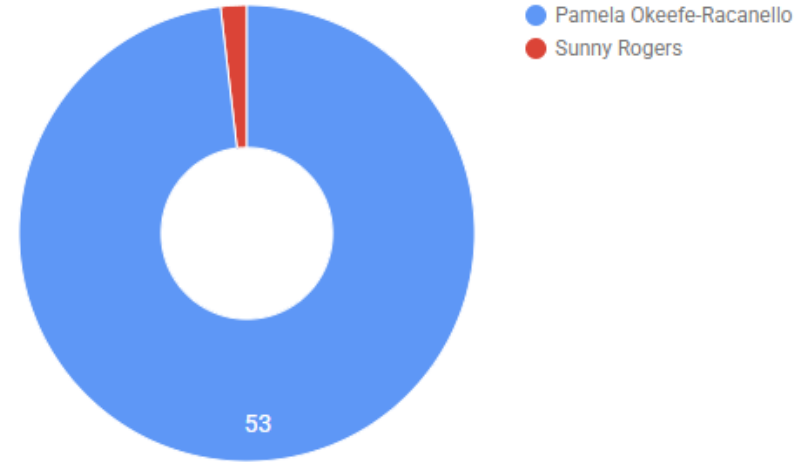
## Tickets By Status Last 30 Days



Total Count: 54

As of 5/27/2025, 12:00:00 AM

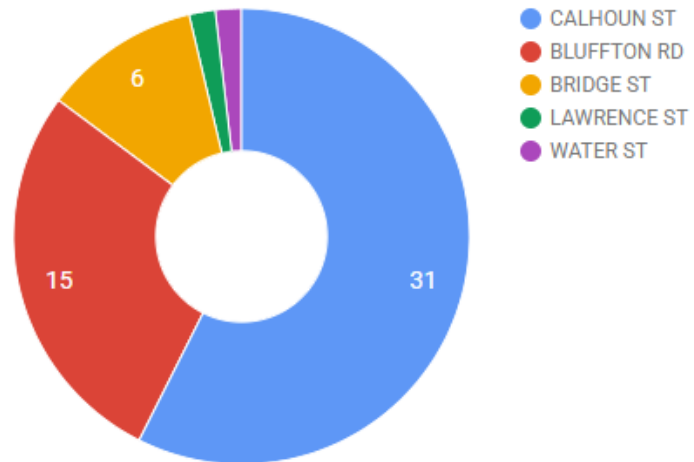
## Tickets By Officer Last 30 Days



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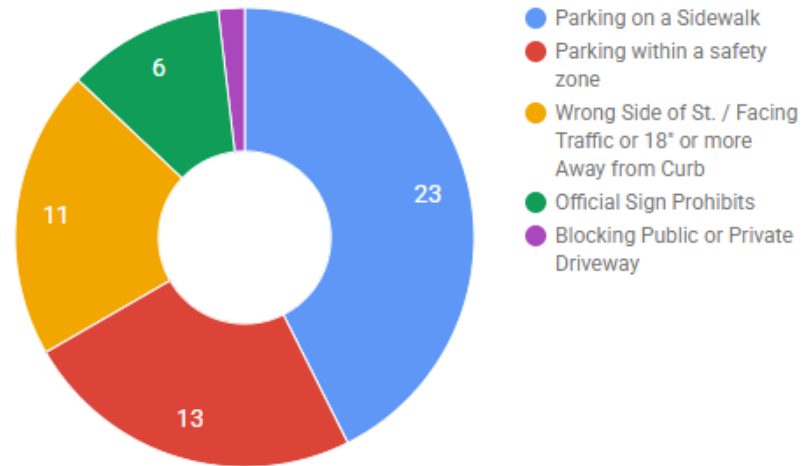
## Tickets By Location Last 30 Days



Total Count: 54

As of 5/27/2025, 12:00:00 AM

## Tickets By Violation Last 30 Days



Total Count: 54

As of 5/27/2025, 12:00:00 AM

### DOWNTOWN CITATIONS (54) – May 2025

The map displays the downtown area of Bluffton, South Carolina, with various streets and landmarks labeled. Red triangles indicate the locations of 54 citations recorded in May 2025. The citations are primarily clustered along the main thoroughfares, including May River Rd, Bruin Rd, and Burnt Church Rd, and are also scattered near the waterfront and parks. Key landmarks and streets shown include:

- Streets:** May River Rd, Bruin Rd, Burnt Church Rd, Thomas Heyward St, Guerrard Ave, Wharf St, Garfield Way, Lawrence St, Dubois Ln, Calhoun St, Boundary St, Maiden Ln, Pritchard St, Shell Rake St, Blue Crab St, Tabby Shell Rd, Robertson St, Bridge St, Colcock St, Pope Ln, Allen St, Water St, Cove St, Burnt Church Rd, Devonwood Dr, and Lost Hollow Ln.
- Landmarks and Parks:** Oyster Factory Park, Dubois Park, Heyward House Museum, Church of the Cross, Wright Family Park, Tom Herbkersman Commons, MCRiley Early Childhood, MCRiley Elementary School, and Fire Station 30.
- Other Features:** Town of Bluffton Watershed Management, Bluffton Police Substation, and the Bluffton Oyster Factory Boat Landing.

# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## Code Enforcement:

William Bonhag

## Signs

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

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

### 131 Goethe Road

- Claudia Gomez Aguilar was issued letters pertaining to her blatant display of party chairs and tables, along with a possible construction business operating from this location. Tried to open communication with a male subject in the driveway in a work truck, advised him everything needs to be removed and cleaned up.
- Will be re-visiting to deliver NOV as operating w/o a BL from this location, which is zoned Residential Only area. Pending visit in June.

### 218 Simmonsville Road

- 3/14/24 Due to several violations, this location was boarded up.
- This matter is pending actions by Building Safety upon receipt of property ownership email or contact by Mrs. Mitchell to Robert Cullen. Unfortunately, Mrs. Mitchell has passed, and this matter is on hold with the Building Department.
- Vicky Smalls visited location with our team on 11/14/24. Vicky is trying to contact the oldest sibling regarding heirs' property transfer.
- Vicky will assist with dumpsters and town public works will use machinery to clean the property upon the completion of this demolition.
- 1/30/25 at 10am a meeting at Town Hall has been set up with Mr. Cohen along with 2 family relations to discuss either fixing the condition of the home and property clean-up. Removal of RV on site required.
- RV removed from site.
- Property cleaned up, now pending information from Vicky Smalls and Rob Currall Building Official as to their next move regarding this structure.
- As 5/22/25 have not heard of any updates for this property from Rob or Vicky.

### 1240 May River Road

- This structure also belongs to Lashonda Fluellen on the same property.
- 5/22/25 location was reviewed with Bill Baugher from Watershed who found several violations around this property.
- Lashonda denied the team access to the interior as the work done inside and outside was done w/o any permits.
- Lashonda has no BL for rentals on file at all.
- Several violations shall be addressed on Tuesday 5/27/25 with the Team.

# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## Code Enforcement continued:

### 1238 May River Road

- This property has been on a continuous violation for not adhering to NOV's that were issued for not cleaning up the property with dumping in the rear sections of this site. The former tenant was summoned and failed to appear in court.
- During a property visit it was noticed by Codes Officer, the front section of the trailer home was pushed in with the window being held up by a post. On 1/7/25, Chief building inspector Marcus Noe and I returned to check out this structure and was allowed interior access by the tenant. Photos were taken due to the poor condition and NO Heat.
- On Monday 1/13/25 at 11am a return visit was attended by Marcus Noe, Rob Currall, FD Jason Lee and I to determine the status of this structure. It was deemed an unsafe structure and was posted as such on Friday 1/17/25. The tenants and owner were notified by Marcus upon posting. Tenants are out of the house.
- Owner Lashonda Fluellen has agreed to a meeting on site at 9am 1/23/25 to discuss the condition of the home and property. Due to a snow storm all communication was via phone. The tenants were removed by the owner. At present, Rob and Marcus are trying to arrange a meeting on site to discuss the situation.
- On 3/ 12/25 & 3/13/25 Emails were sent to Lashonda that included NOV for accumulations on property, garbage, construction materials, painting items, debris. Lashonda was directed to contact Marcus either by phone or email. The time for compliance for the cleanup is Thursday 3/20/25.
- 3/20/25 checked property and side and backyard need cleanup. Lashonda was sent an email with photos allocating her until Monday 3/24/25 for completion at which time will be re-inspected and possible summons issued.
- 3/20/25 Lashonda called and was given until Friday 3/28/25 to have the entire exterior cleaned up with the removal of all items. Completed 4/1/25
- 4/2/25 Marcus Noe and I met Lashonda's mother on site as her representative. She resides at 48 Guerard Street; we reviewed with her a few options. Marcus suggested to her to have an engineer look at her 2 structures on site for a report. 1238 will be costly for them to repair. Pending what they will be doing. We did not enter as this is an unsafe structure as Posted.
- LaShonda owns 1240 May River Road, this is on the radar for an inspection with the Team in May.
- 5/22/25 Team inspection today, Lashonda says no entry allowed.
- Violations forthcoming, along with failing to obtain a BL for rentals.

### 1181 May River Road

- Taquiera Food Truck removed 9 Confederate Jasmine fence creepers along about 40 feet worth, so people could see their food truck.
- This is considered town property as the documents reflect the property owner relinquished their rights to the town for fence and beautification.
- 2 tickets were issued for Damaging Public Property and Landmarks, altering and removing for a May 6th appearance
- Judge Bush ruled they pay \$3200 for replacement and labor along with the 2 tickets for \$260 each.



# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## Code Enforcement continued:

### 1140 May River Road

- 5/22/25 Team visits for this property due to the condition as it stands.
- Work conducted w/o permits obtained by the contractor or owner.
- Lashonda Fluellen failed to obtain her Business License for her property rentals.
- Pending issuance of violations for this structure.

### 229 Simmonsville Road aka Rosales Lane

- Removal of construction materials stored at the end of this road.
- Removal of vehicles stored here w/o plates
- Removal of pallets of tiles stored here.
- Returning 3/20/25 some issues need to be addressed, meeting with the owner this afternoon to discuss the remaining issues.
- Met with owner and 3/28/25 all will be completed. Monitoring location.

### 12 Aspen Hall Road

- Robert Numson from this address is complaining about his neighbor's pool pump that the heater kicks on and the noise from the pump and heater disturbs his sons sleeping as it comes into the home as both homes are close together
- HOA has not taken any action regarding this matter.
- Codes will check this matter in Pinecrest to see if I can assist with a positive conclusion. No contact has been made back to Codes from Mr. Numson.

### 241 Buck Island Road

- This location has placed a small size shed for living as an occupant was seen leaving this structure on 4/2/25 that is hidden behind some bushes next to the trailer home.
- No Permits were issued for this structure per Mary Sue McEntire
- 4/3/25 site visit with Chief Building Official Marcus Noe along with Bluffton PD
- The tenants' son stays in this structure periodically; son was disrespectful towards town staff and was looking to argue his point which was not valid. Refused to give his name as he does not reside here. Marus and I will check to see if he returns as he has left the property.
- Marcus noticed a bike on the porch, a visit was made with Officer Nelson, shell casings found on the porch. No individual came to the door at this time.



# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## Code Enforcement continued:

### Simmonsville Road Power Line Section/Santee Cooper

- The complaint was made by Bridgete Frazier due to cars and trucks parking, dumping and working from this area.
- Contact was made with Santee Cooper (property owner) and I am working with Matt Evans to have this location cleaned up and dirt piles removed. 2 weeks are being allocated for this area, unless it may be earlier as they are placing fences on both ends of their property with gates locked.
- 5/21/25 contacted Matt Evans from Santee, an estimate obtained by Santee for fencing for \$32,000, which was forwarded to his administrators.
- Pending site review for cleanup with Matt Evans along with status of fencing

### 149 Simmonsville Road

- 5/19/25 Marcia Frazier called to complain about a house that was situated on her mom's property. Marcia stated that this is a family dispute in a court matter with family members.
- 5/20/25 property was visited by Marcus Noe (Chief Building Inspector) and me to check on this placement.
- 5/20/25 Marcus Noe placed a Stop Work Order on their door to the entrance of this new home.
- Kristy Carge says permits are forthcoming.

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM
Meeting with Monica Main 14 <sup>th</sup> Solicitors Office
Annual May River Cleanup
Command Staff Meeting
Chief of Police for the Day (Wesley and Walker Brown)
CALEA Meeting
Hampton Hall Hurricane Preparedness Presentation