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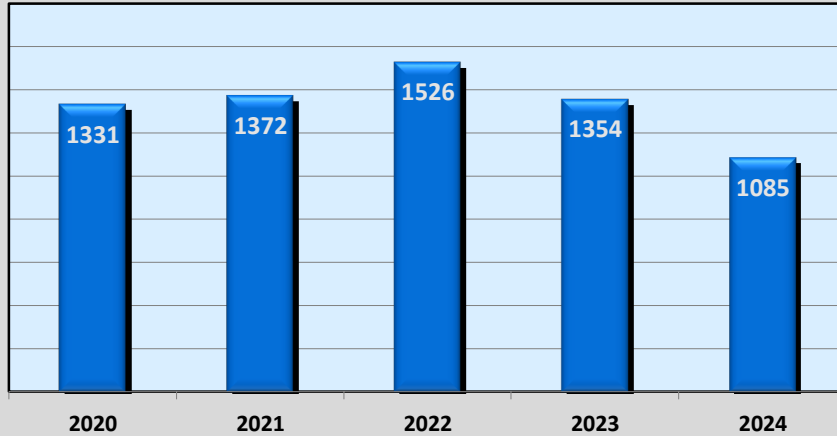
BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

July 31, 2024

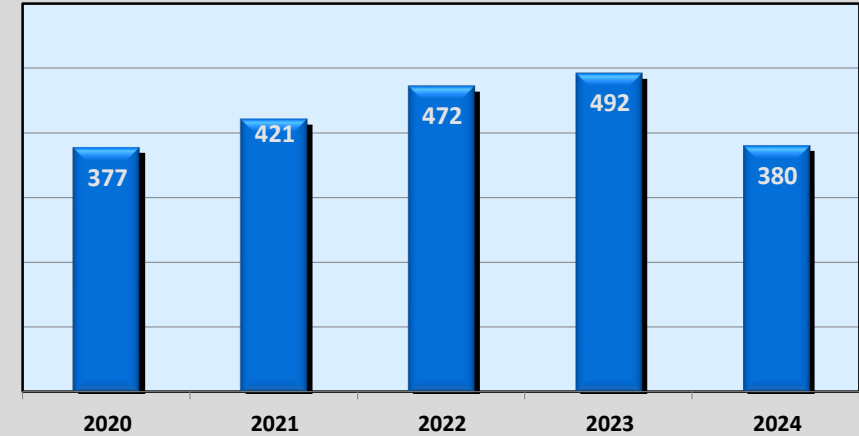
Presented by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

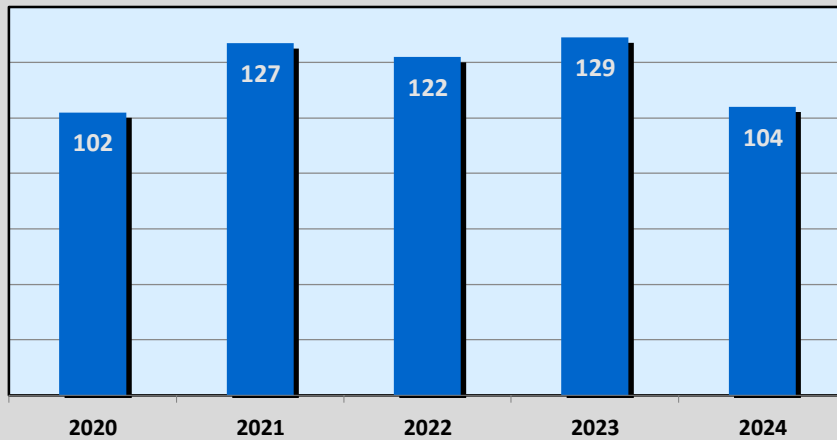
July Calls for Service Comparison



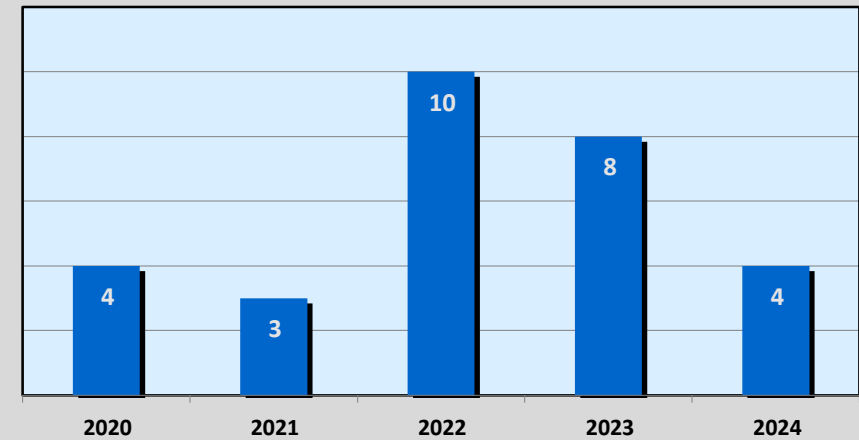
July Traffic Citation Comparison



July Collision Comparison

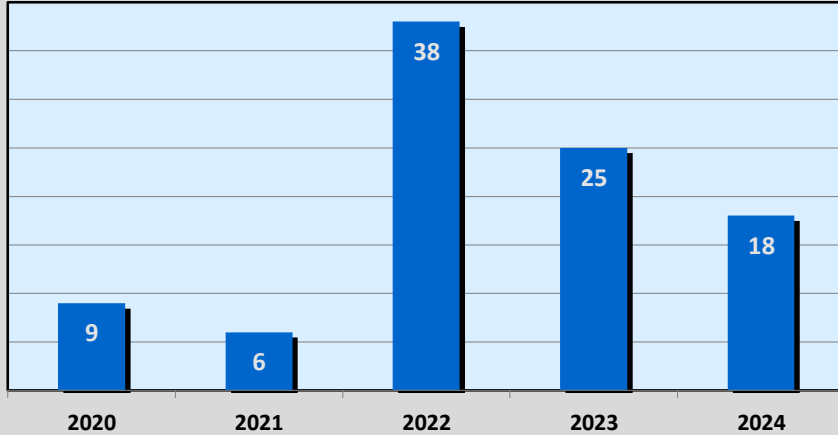


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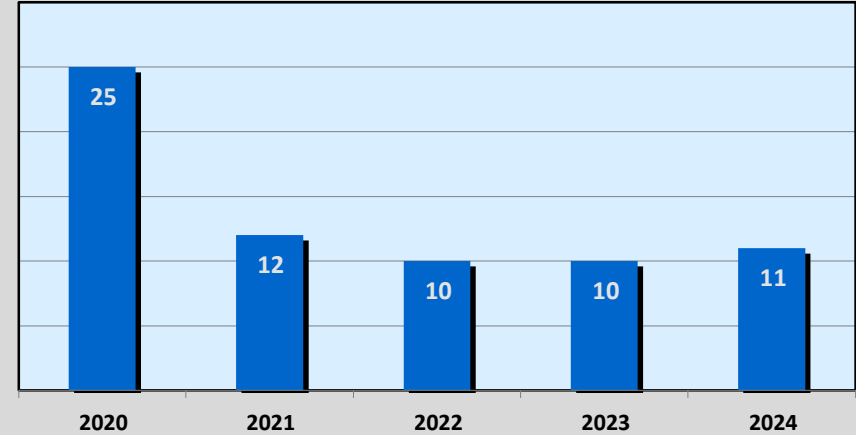


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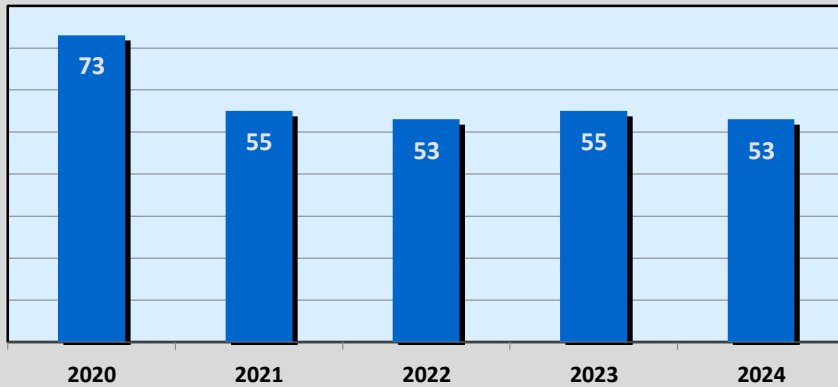
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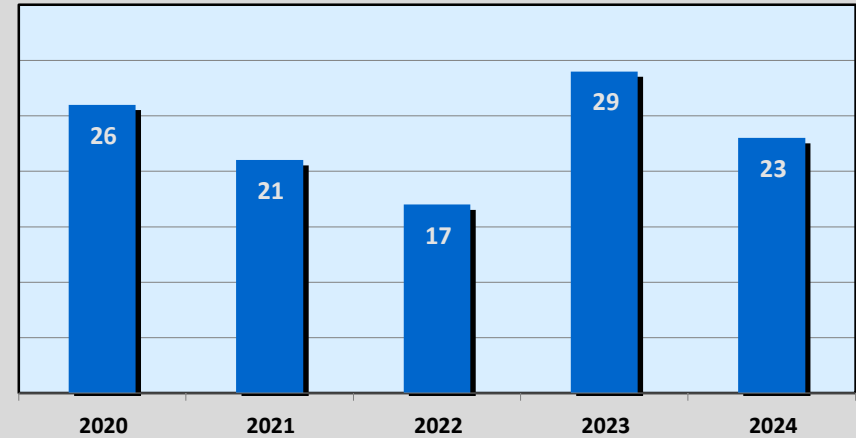
July Assault Comparison



July Domestic Calls for Service Comparison



July Arrest Comparison

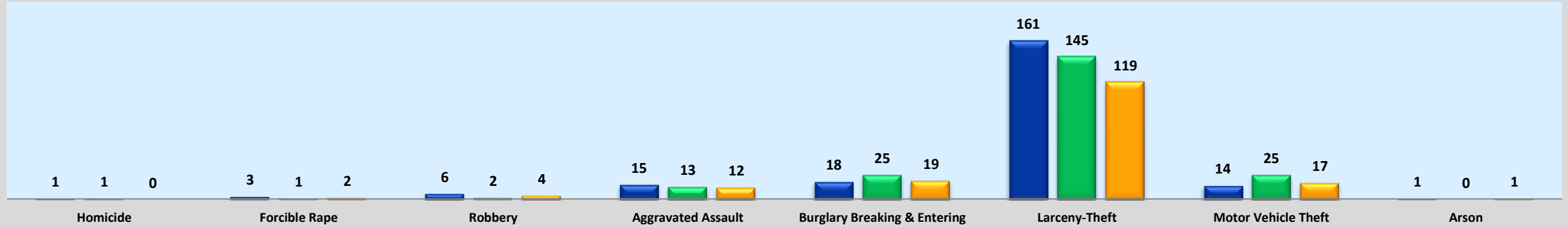


DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year-to-Date
July

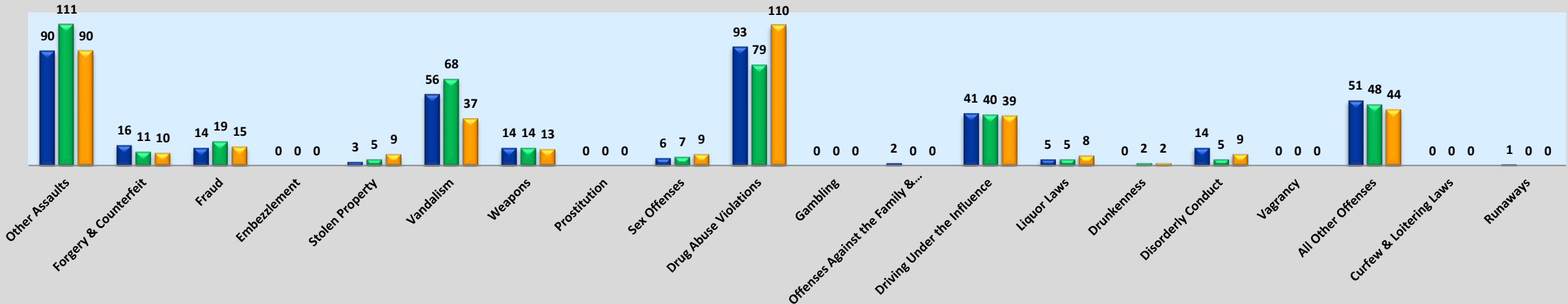
Part I Crimes

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Part II Crimes

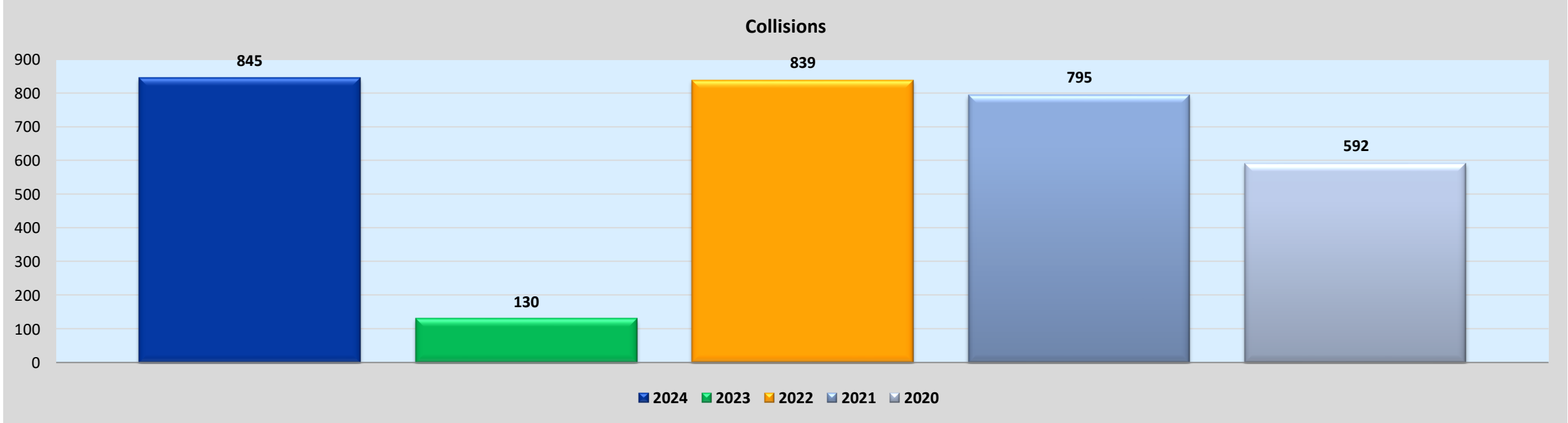
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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year-to-Date
July

Collisions



DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Law Enforcement Advisory Committee

- Review of Department Policies – Internal Affairs Investigation, Juveniles and Missing Persons
- 2024 Life Saving Awards
- Cypress Ridge – community meeting and future plans

Meetings Attended by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz

Every Wednesday – Senior Staff Communications Meeting

Every Wednesday – Commanders Meeting

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

Jul 1st – Attend Police Candidate testing

Jul 2nd – Zoom meeting with CPSM

Jul 2nd – Attend Legal Meeting with Town Attorney

Jul 2nd – Met with Student donating stuff animals

Jul 8th – Attend End of Phase 2 meeting for Police Recruit King

Jul 9th – Meeting with Town Attorney

Jul 9th – Attend End of Phase 2 meeting for Police Recruit Lopez

Jul 11th – Meeting with Head Chaplain Ring

Jul 11th – Attend Abandoned Boats Discussion

Jul 11th – Attend LECAC meeting

Jul 12th – Attend COPS grant meeting

Jul 23rd – Meeting with Town Manager and Mayor

Jul 23rd – Attend Brims of the Bluff Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Jul 24th – Meeting with Town Manager

Jul 24th – Attend Enterprise meeting

Jul 25th – Attend SCCJA Hearing

Jul 26th – Attend TC Backer Construction Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Jul 29th – Command Staff Meeting

Jul 30th – LEC Tour for Wright Family Directions

Jul 31st – Meeting with CPSM (on-site)

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Commendations -	Jul 1st – Commendation letter from Congress of the US, Rep Nancy Mace – Extraordinary Accomplishments for Officer Kate Cooler
Complaints -	None

Police Department Demographics as of July 31, 2024

DEPARTMENT	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	1	4	1	18	24
Male	6	6	3	35	50
Grand Total	7	10	4	53	74

SWORN OFFICERS	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	1	1		10	12
Male	5	6	3	32	46
Grand Total	6	7	3	42	58

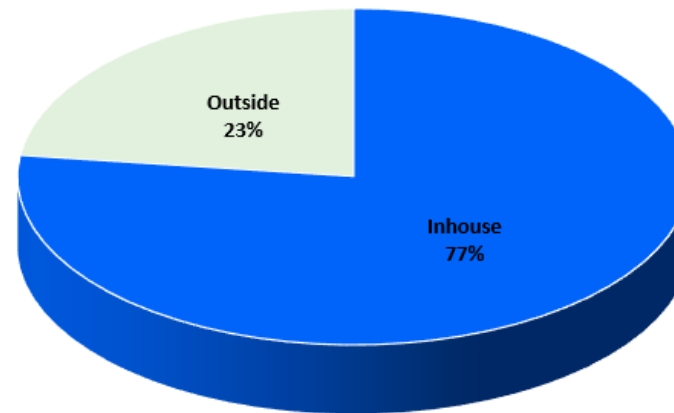
July Officer Training

Inhouse

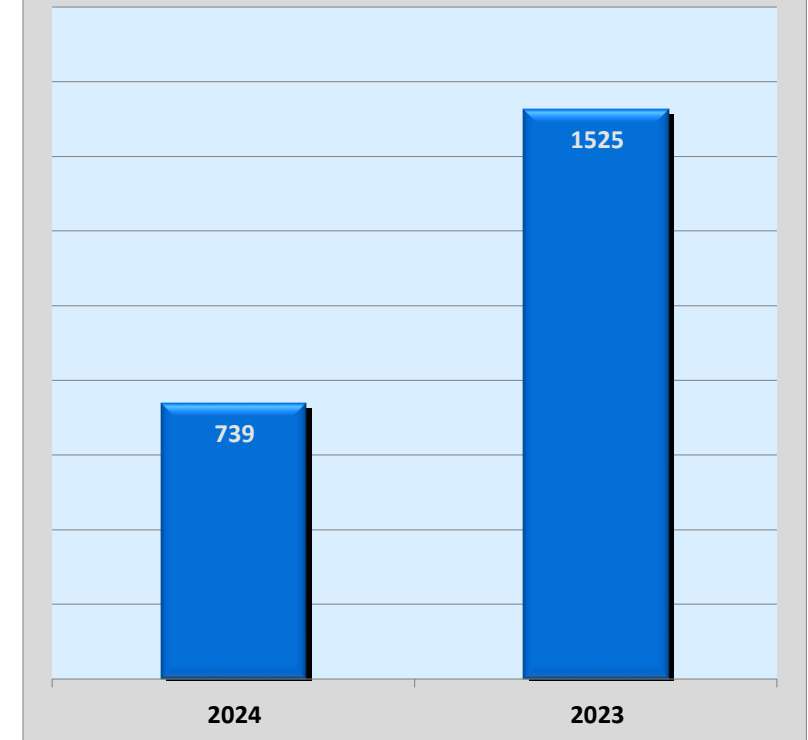
Hazmat First Responder Awareness (FRA) Level 1 – 2 officers
Bloodborne Pathogens for First Responders – 2 officers
DMT Operator Recertification – 3 officers
Line-Up July – August – 15 officers
Line-Up May – June – 1 officer
Studio - Alzheimer's & Dementia Law Enforcement
Training – 5 officers
Pre-Academy Training - 3 Recruits
Legal Update 2024 - Part 2 – 24 officers
DUI/SFST Recertification – 1 officer

Outside

ARIDE 2024 – 1 officer
NASRO Conference – 1 officer
Gracie Survival Tactics - Level II – 1 officer
FBINAA National Conference – 1 officer
Guest Instructor - Practical Problems – 1 officer



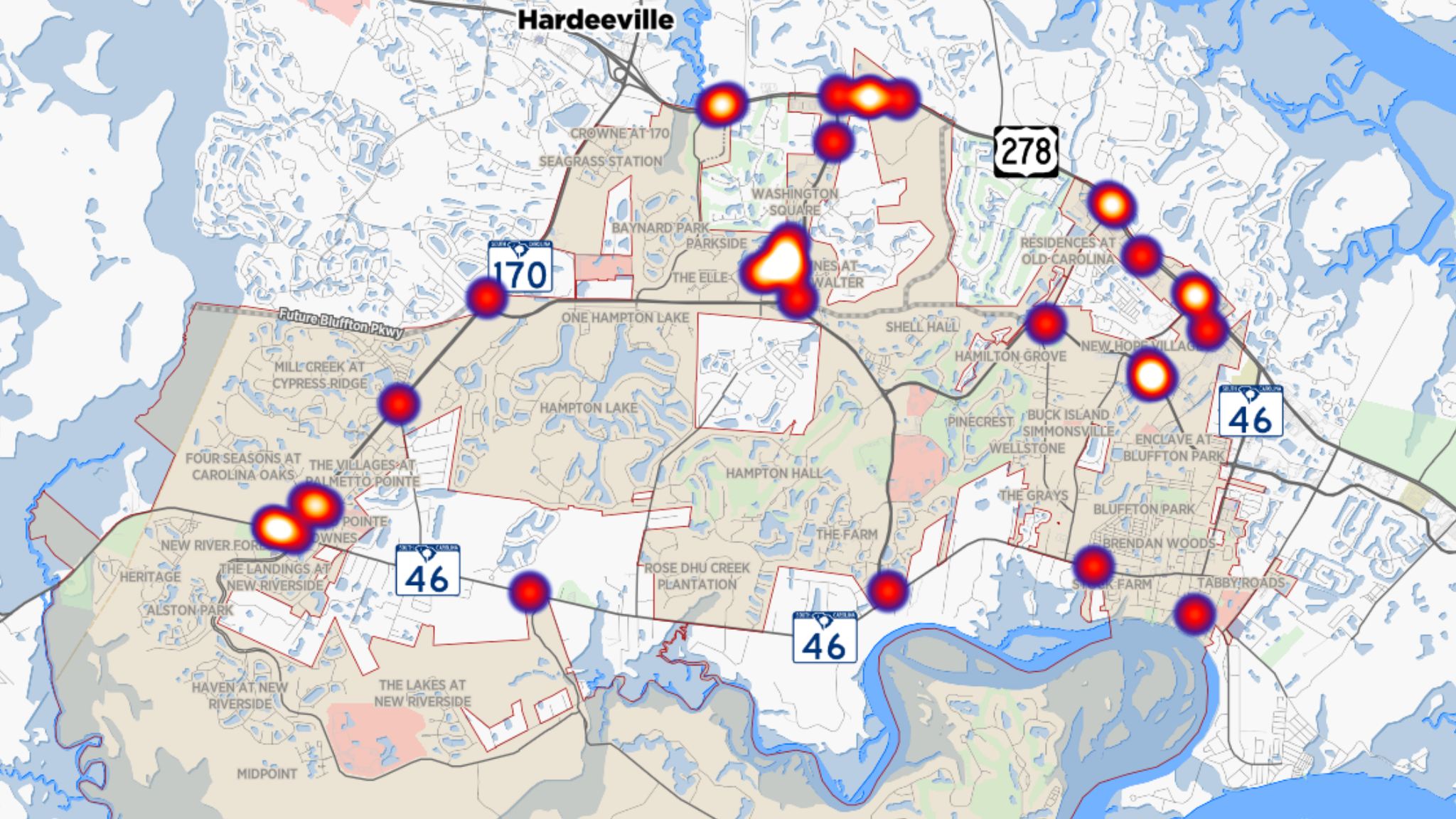
July 2024 / 2023 Training Hours
Comparison



COLLISIONS (41) July 2024

This map displays the geographic distribution of 41 collisions in Hardeeville, South Carolina, for July 2024. The collisions are represented by red and yellow heat spots, indicating areas with higher concentrations of incidents. The map includes major roads such as US-170, US-46, and SC-278, and various residential areas including Seagrass Station, Washington Square, and Bluffton Park. The location is labeled 'Hardeeville' in the top left corner.

COLLISIONS (41) July 2024



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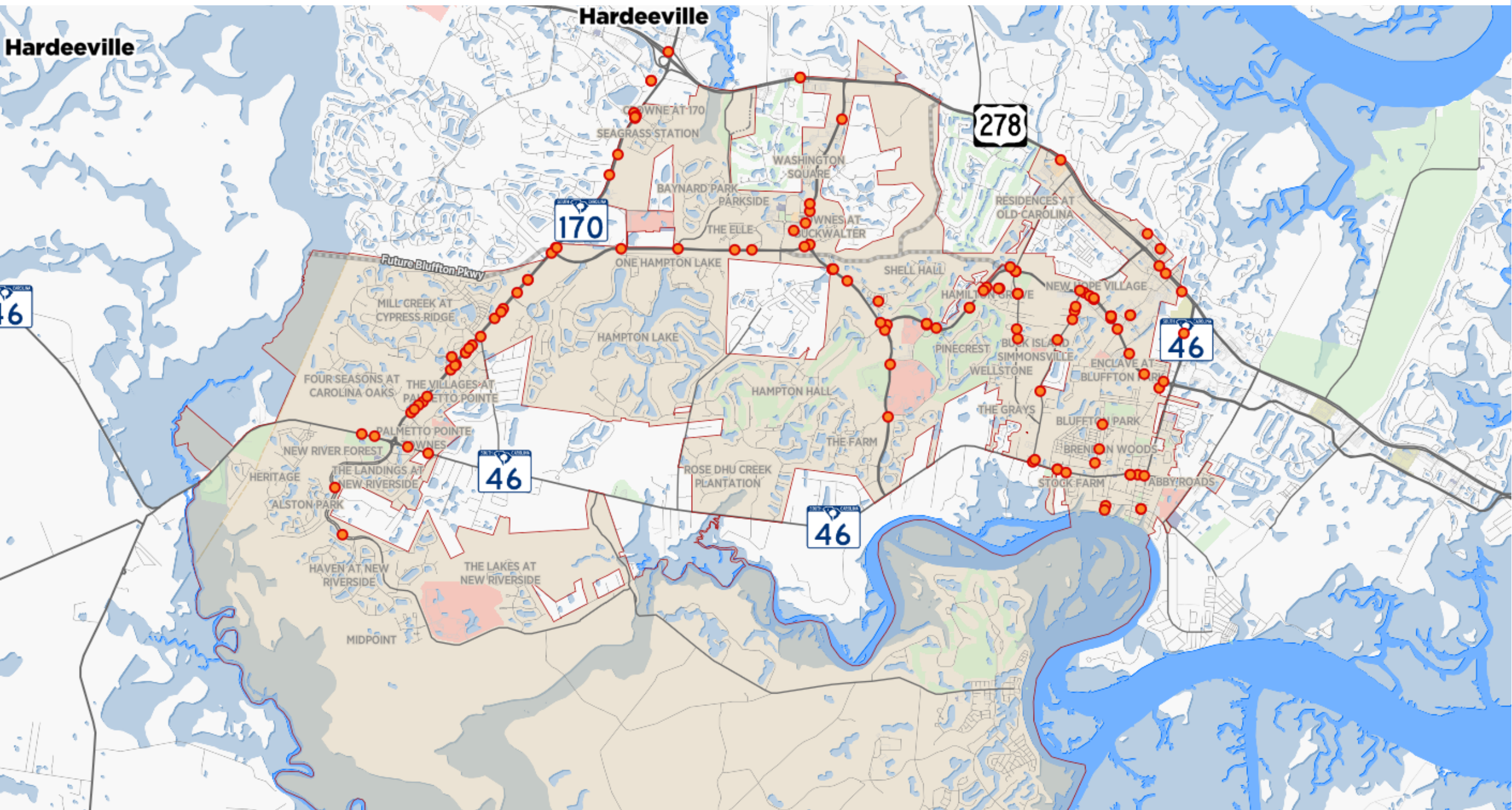
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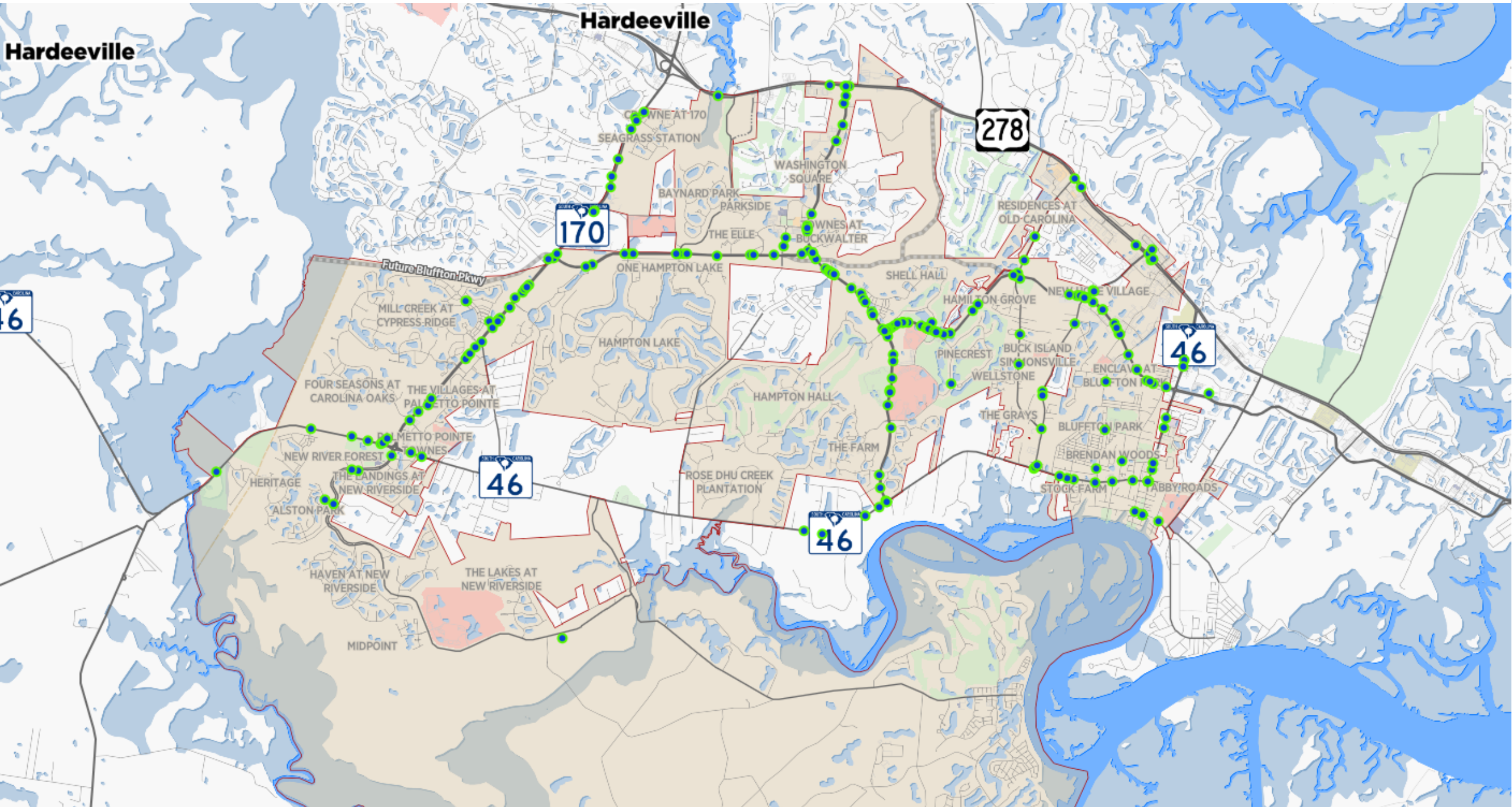
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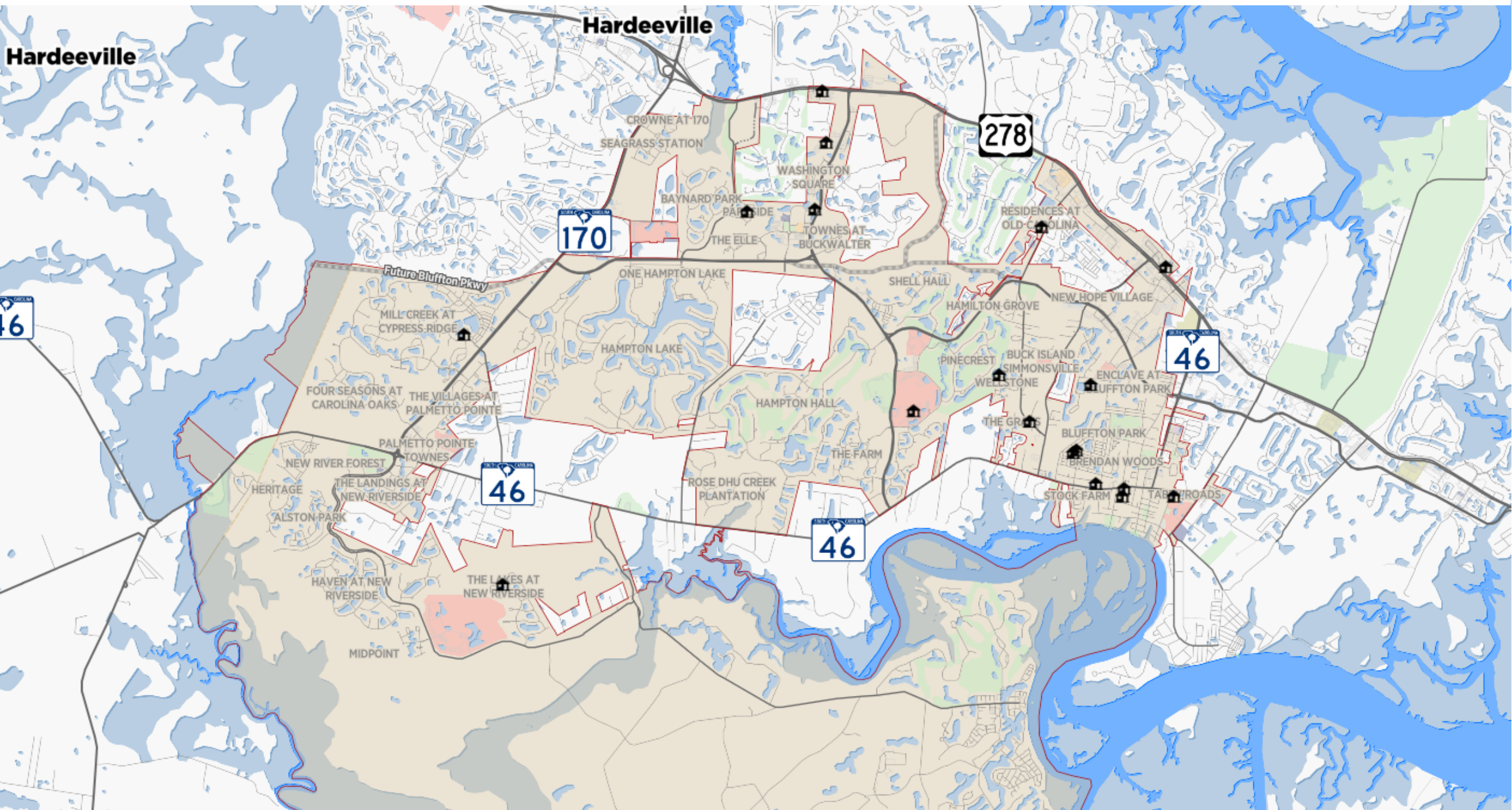
CITATIONS ISSUED (128) July 2024



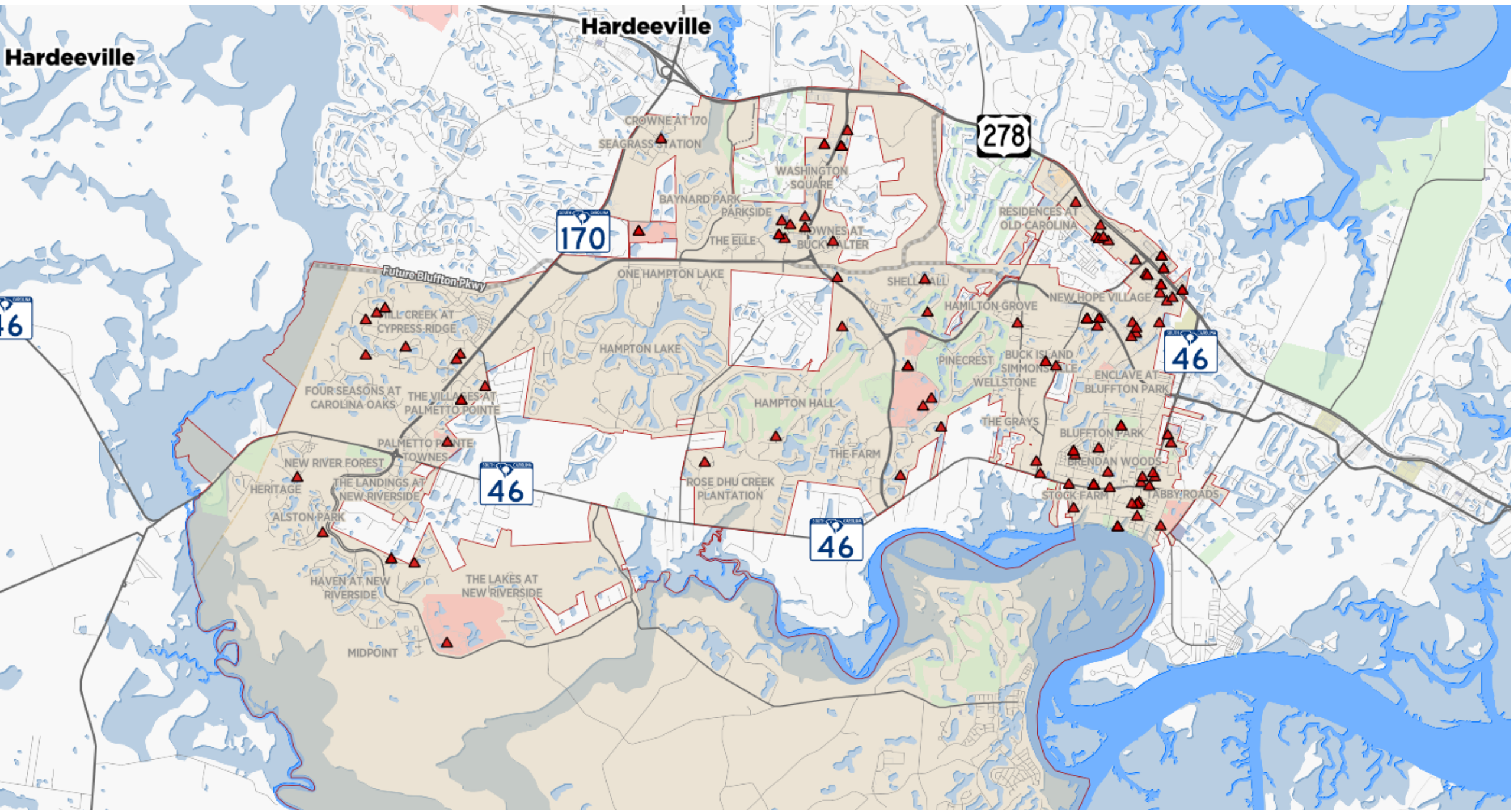
WARNINGS ISSUED (252) July 2024



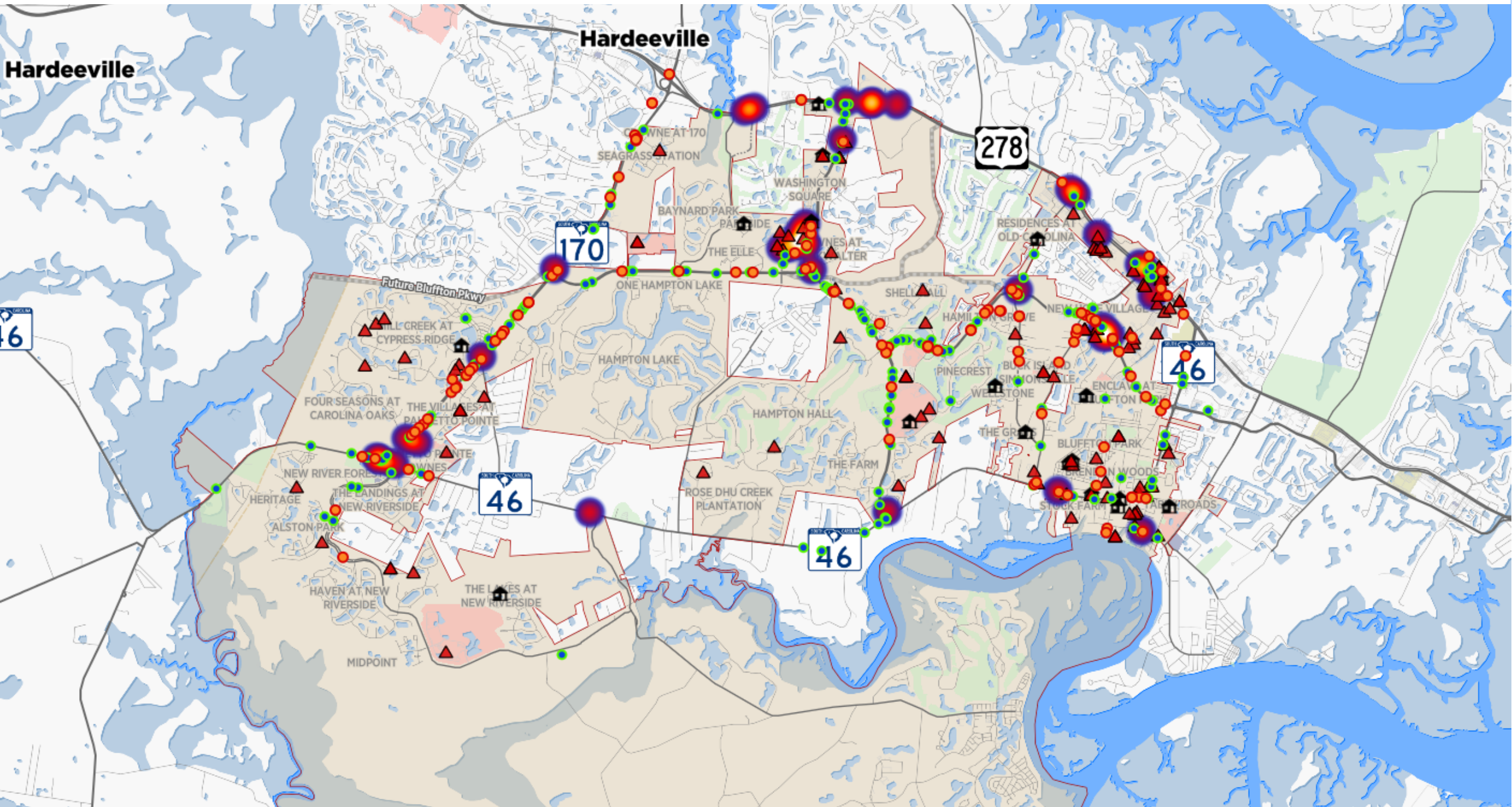
THEFTS (18) July 2024



#1 CALL TYPE – Activated Alarm (138) July 2024



COLLISIONS, CITATIONS, WARNINGS, THEFTS AND ACTIVATED ALARMS – July 2024



PATROL DIVISION

CALLS FOR SERVICE TOP 10 CALL TYPES	
Activated Alarm	138
Case Follow Up	118
911 Hang-Up	110
Disturbance	96
Accident	71
Reckless Driving	53
Domestic	49
Assist Motorist	31
Stolen Property	25
Health Welfare	24

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE 1092

AVERAGE PER DAY 38

PRO-ACTIVE PATROLS	
Extra Patrol - Business	1012
Extra Patrol - Residence	534
Traffic Stop	361
Traffic Enforcement	15

PATROL DIVISION

UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATIONS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Driving without a License	30
Operating Vehicle While License/Registration Expired	19
Driving Under Suspension	19
Driving Under the Influence	8
Poss. of 28G (1 oz) or less of Marijuana	8
Speeding 15mph-24mph over Speed Limit	6
Reckless Driving	4
Failure to Maintain Proof of Insurance	4
Speeding 11mph-15mph over Speed Limit	3
Speeding 25mph over Speed Limit	3

TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED: 128

AVERAGE PER DAY: 4

UNIFORM TRAFFIC WARNINGS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Defective Equipment	46
Speeding	46
Vehicle License Violation	38
Other	22
Changing Lanes Unlawfully	13
Defective Equipment & more	13
Disregarding Stop Sign	13
Improper Lane Use	13
Speeding & more	11
Improper Turn	6

TOTAL WARNINGS ISSUED: 252

AVERAGE PER DAY: 9

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	
Cases Assigned	9
Incident Reports	1
Supplemental Reports	40
Cases Closed	23
Arrests Made	1
Arrest Warrants	4
Bond Court	4
Case Call Outs	5
Search Warrants	11

Case Call Outs:

1. 24BP17615 – Stabbing/Attempt Murder.
2. 24BP17620 – Stabbing/Attempt Murder.
3. 24BP19597 – Stolen Vehicle

Bond Court:

1. 24BP17691 – Assault & Battery 3rd
2. 24BP10239 – CSC
3. 24BP17615 – Stabbing/Attempt Murder.
4. 24BP17620 – Stabbing/Attempt Murder.

Mental Health Advocate:

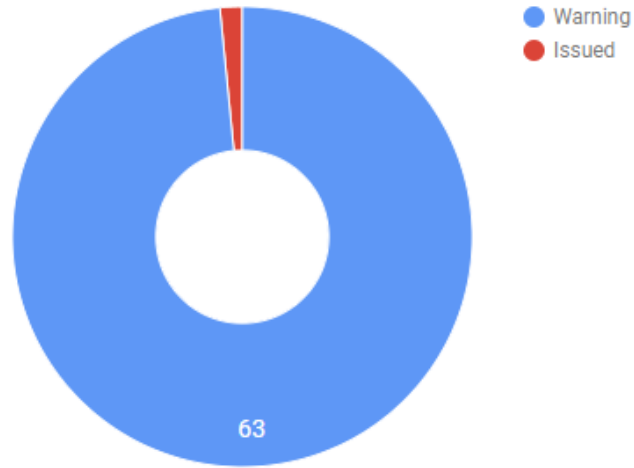
- 0 – Calls for Service
- 4 – Referrals
- 10 – Follow Ups
- 9 – Supplemental Reports

Victim Advocate:

- 0 – Case Call Out
- 4 – Incident Report
- 7 – Case Closed
- 1 – Bond Court
- 15 – Supplemental Reports

COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSISTANTS

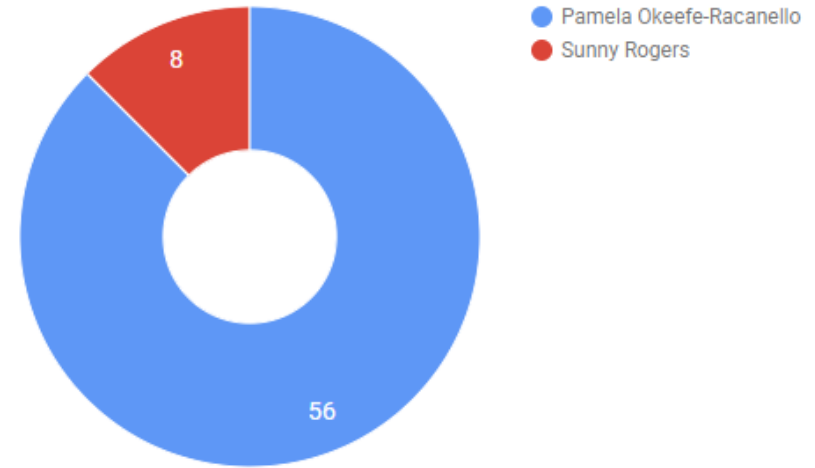
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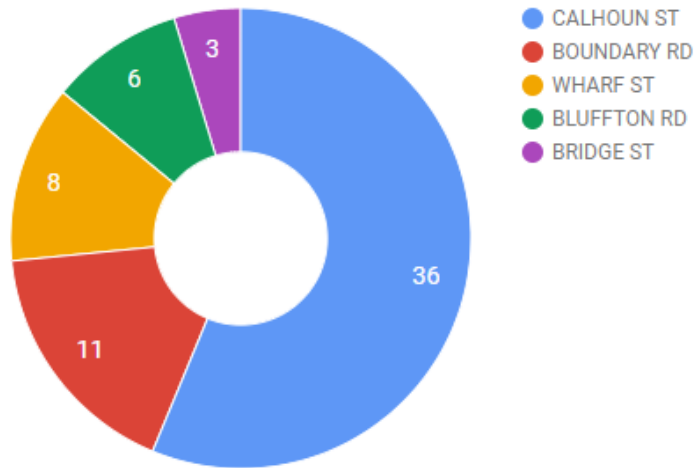
Tickets By Officer Last 30 Days



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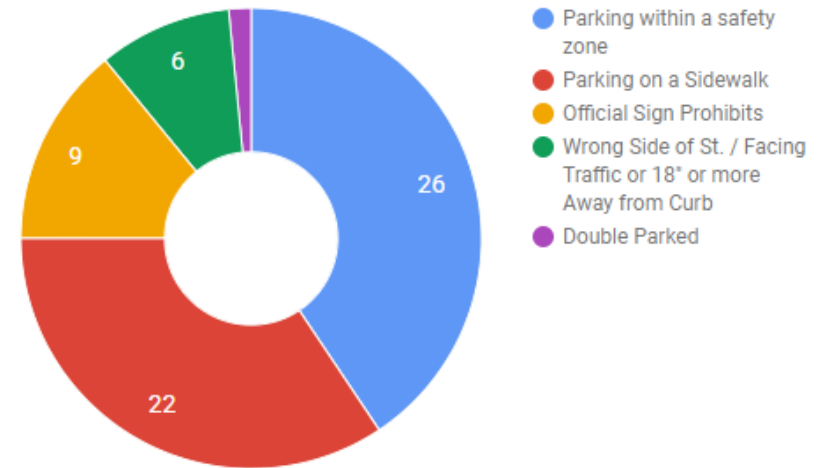
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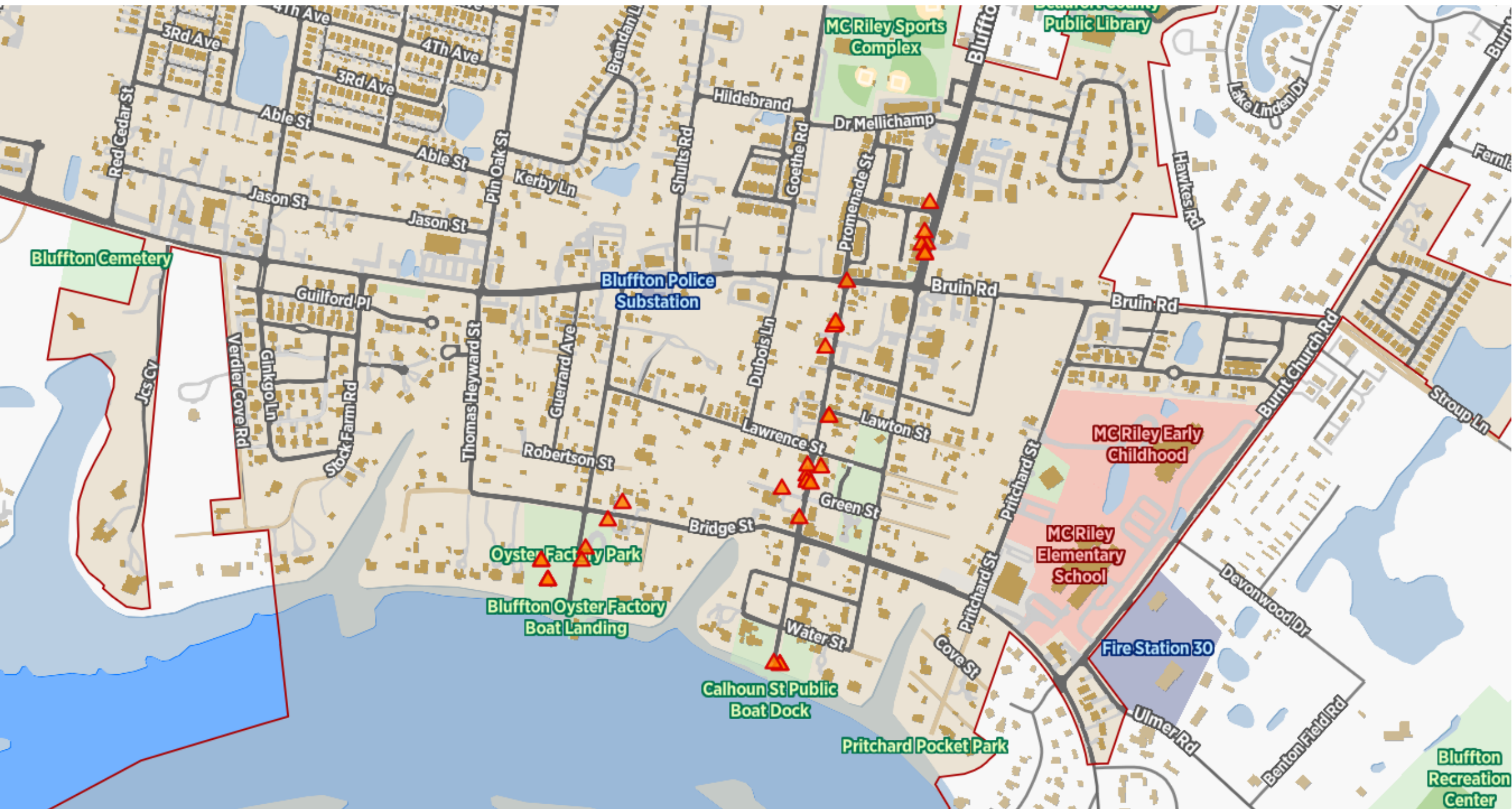
Tickets By Violation Last 30 Days



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DOWNTOWN CITATIONS (64) – July 2024



CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement:

William Bonhag

Signs

- Multiple Business advertisement signs removed from Old Town and various locations throughout Bluffton.
- *Presently working on mailing and delivering letters from codes for businesses that have been delinquent with their license renewals, a few hundred so far. Ongoing until completed.

Expired Business License, Notice of Violations

The following businesses received NOV's 7/11/24 for compliance by 7/16/24:

- Rose Dhu Equestrian Center, Spartina, LLC, EthniCity Food Mart, May River BJJ, LLC, Denise Company LLC, Cottage Group, Be Assured Builders, Silas Construction, LLC, Acosta Carpentry.
- Letter(s) sent via certified to businesses operating with expired business license.
- 1/8/24 2 tickets were issued to Justin Meister of Streamline Moving and Cleaning for operating w/o a business license and placement of signs (approximately 30+) around the town. The court matter is scheduled for 1/23/24 at 9am. **7/30/24 Jury selection for April Trial.**
- Hampton Pkwy storage containers on site complaint, Building Safety says ok due to property ongoing work. Possible business being operated from this location, spoke with property owner 7/10/24, containers are for personal items awaiting garage build.
- 7/15/24 issued 2 NOV'S for 1238 May River Road for illegal dumping and running business from location with building materials need to be removed

Complaints / Property Checks / Follow-ups / Ordinance Letters

- 1236 & 1238 May River Road, working with this group as they are cleaning up these locations that have been longtime neglected. Status ongoing progress.
- 160 Simmonsville, 158 & 156 Building Safety as we have several violations for this location. This is a Frazier property with occupants failing to leave is our understanding. Codes Team along with PD to visit soon.
- Chief Babkiewicz notified me via the town manager that Hats on The Bluff (New Business) placed signs around old town, asked that I pick them up. Signs were removed and verbal warning to the new owner was relayed for an understanding of ordinance.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement continued:

218 Buck Island Rd./ owner John Flood

- August 7, 2023 was another 30 days given deadline for clean-up of property and removal of all RV occupants in accordance with town codes. (non-compliant)
- The property is sold 6/6/24 to Norberto Angeles.
- All motor vehicles are off property.
- Mr. Todd is no longer residing on site.
- The new owner once purchased has an extended 60 days to remove all items and clean-up property, approximately August 6th, 2024.

75 Goethe Road

- Residents complained about this location's abundance of tires, vehicles not registered on location and needs to be cleaned-up. Spoke to son Jonathan as he advised me that he will clean up this location. Indicated he is having his tire machines fixed to open back up his tire business, unfortunately, he does not fully comprehend that this area is zoned residential only and the town will not issue a license for this place. Vehicles covered at this time; scattered tires are being addressed.
- This will be placed on a must visit with Codes Team and PD; they have no business license; this is also a residential zone, and all commercial containers need to be removed

131 Goethe Road

- Claudia Gomez Aguilar was issued letters pertaining to her blatant display of party chairs, 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 issuance of summons when owner available at home.

200 Simmonsville Road

- Lizette Fernandez was visited on 2/5/24 by our TEAM of Bill Baugher (watershed), me (CODES), Marcus Noe (Building Safety) and (Fire Inspector) Jason Lee due to multiple violation with outside bathroom created, 5 RV violations, multiple non licensed vehicles.
- Trees removed for expansion of property (not theirs).
- Pending a site plan that they said was surveyed. (we never received).
- This matter has concluded, will continue to monitor for compliance.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement continued:

218 Simmonsville Road

- 3/14/24 Due to several violations, this location was boarded up.
- Viewed the property from 220 Simmonsville Road noticed and took photo as backdoor board was removed for illegal entry.
- Vehicle on site w/o plates as of 3/25/24
- 5/15/24 second notice issued from Building Safety allocating 30 Days to repair all or demolish. 6/15/24 next step for a hearing in front of Building Board.
- This matter is pending actions by Building Safety upon receipt of property ownership email or contact by Mrs. Mitchell to Robert Cullen.

2155 Blakers Blvd.

- Short term rental advertising on Airbnb, no license and not allowable inside this development.
- Letters were sent to the owner in Georgia, pending response.
- Complainant is next door neighbor.

Palmetto Bluff

- 7/10/24 - 322 Waterfowl Road was visited due to the request for assistance as the neighbor at 318 Waterfowl Road complained about their neighbor's loud annoying HVAC system.
- 7/12/24 met at 2pm on location at 322 Waterfowl Road, North Point HVAC company, along with homeowner Phyllis, Tony Charron (POA Field and Compliance Manager).
- North Point fixed the matter by adjusting the units piping that was vibrating.
- Decibel readings were taken and by the hedge's property line were approximately 48. Matter resolved.

96 Goethe

- 7/24/24 Meeting conducted with Beaufort County School District Security South Director Stewart Cunningham regarding a student's father and son claiming they live in a camper at this location. Mr. Cunningham stated that they are trying to use this address, so the son could attend Bluffton High School to play football.
- Note the family has a home across town in the May River District.
- A site visit was conducted with Sgt. Lancaster to check the site for anyone residing here, no people were found.
- Watershed to be contacted to check this location next week, due to water connection and possible illegal discharge as it was found to have PVC piping going into the ground.

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

TOB Bluffton Movie Night

Cookout with Cops Cypress Ridge

SRO Supervisor Meeting

Met with Babbie Guscio

Attended Command Staff Meeting

Wright Family Directions Tour of BPD

Met with CPSM regarding on-site audit

COMMENDATIONS

NANCY MACE
1ST DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

HOUSE ARMED SERVICES
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COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT
AND ACCOUNTABILITY

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS



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July 1, 2024

Detective Kate Cooler
101 Progressive Street
Bluffton, SC 29910

Dear Detective Cooler,

We wanted to take a moment to extend our heartfelt congratulations to you on your extraordinary accomplishments and dedicated service to our Lowcountry through law enforcement and victim advocacy.

Learning about your journey from Connecticut to the Lowcountry, showcases your drive and passion for justice and is truly inspiring. Since joining the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office and later the Bluffton Police Department, you have made a significant impact as both a patrol officer and detective. Your commitment to investigating criminal cases and supporting victims of domestic violence reflects your deep empathy and unwavering dedication to making a difference in people's lives.

The contributions you've made to our lowcountry community does not go unnoticed. Your tireless efforts in tackling difficult cases, including child abuse, assault, and homicide, exemplify your resilience and commitment to justice. You are a true role model, not only in your professional endeavors but also in your advocacy for survivors and your proactive approach to law enforcement.

We thank you, Detective Cooler, for your service and dedication to keeping our Lowcountry safe and supporting those in need. Wishing you continued success and fulfillment in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Nancy Mace
Member of Congress