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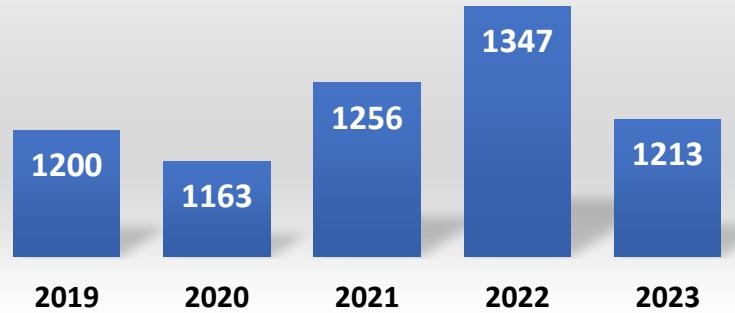
# BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 31, 2023

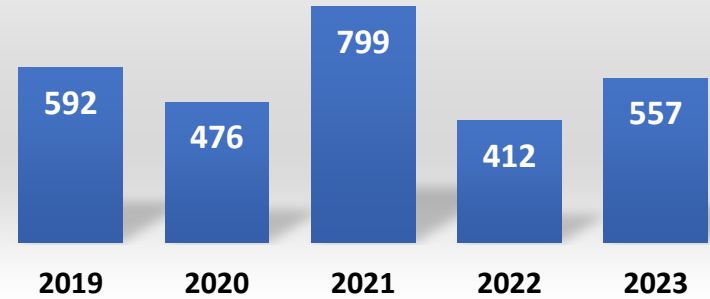
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# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

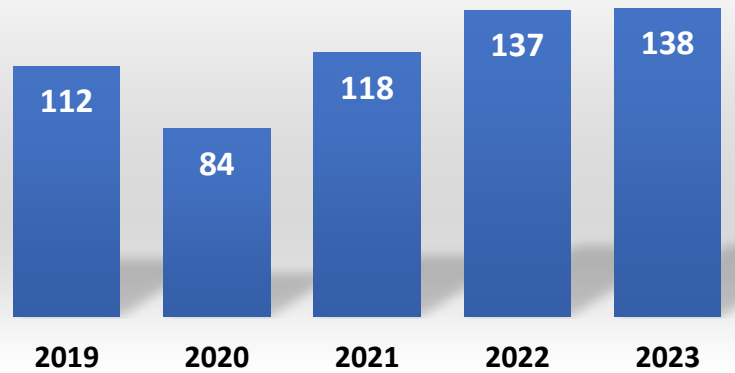
## March Calls for Service Comparison



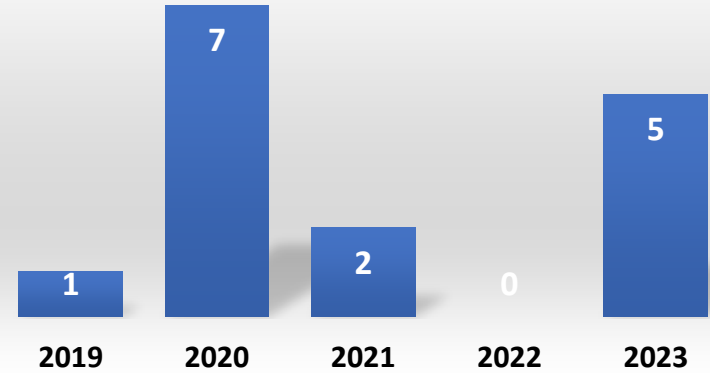
## March Traffic Citation Comparison



## March Collision Comparison

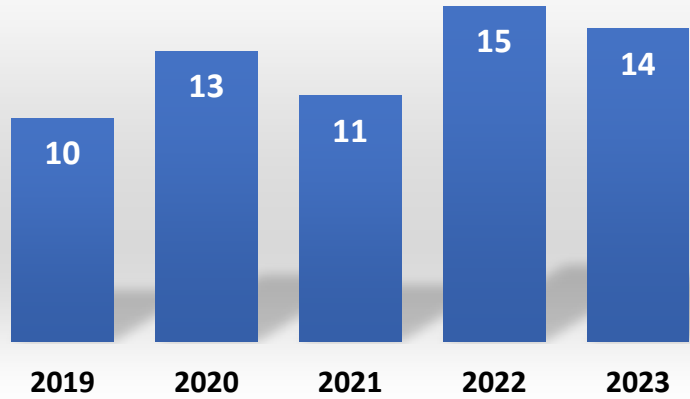


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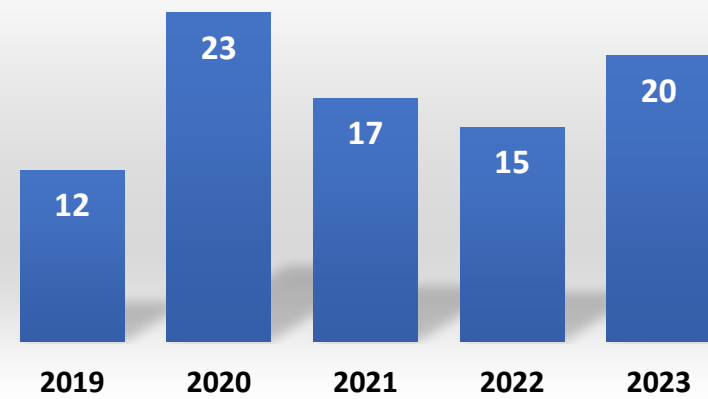


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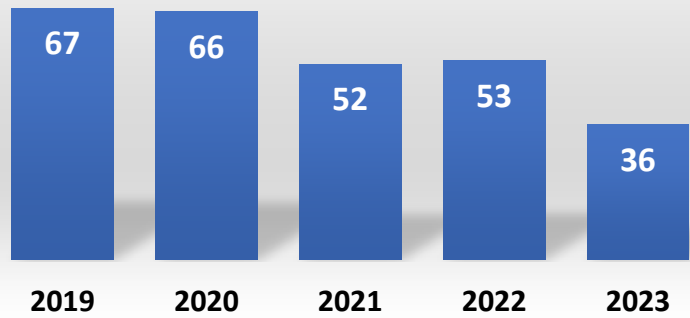
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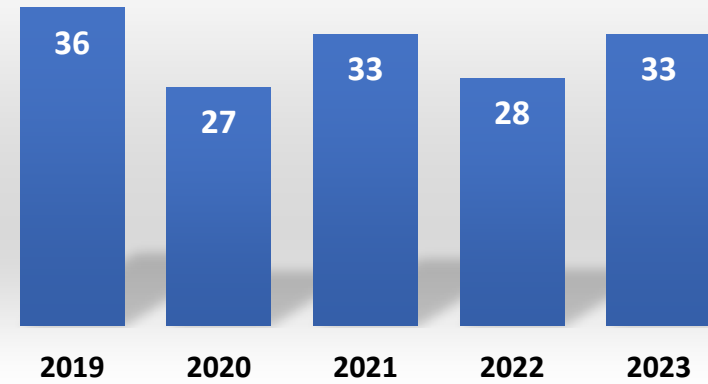
## March Assault Comparison



## March Domestic Calls for Service Comparison



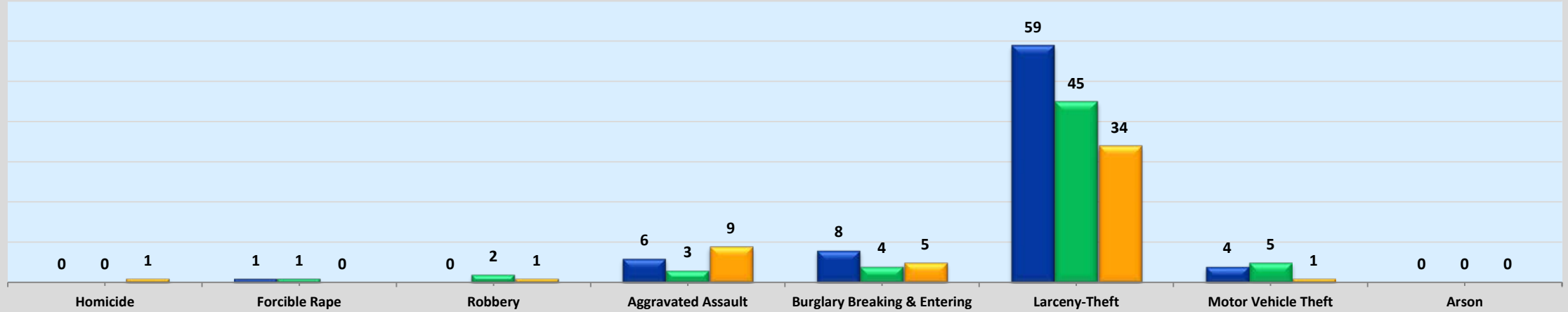
## March Arrest Comparison



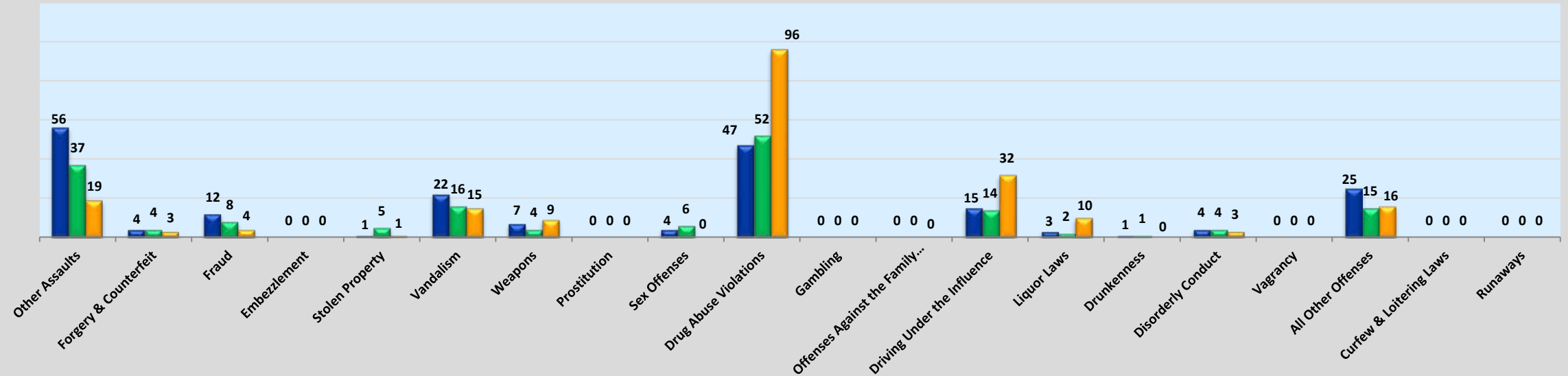
# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year-to-Date  
January - March

■ 2023 ■ 2022 ■ 2021



■ 2023 ■ 2022 ■ 2021



# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## Law Enforcement Advisory Committee

- No meeting due to lack of quorum.

## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### Meetings Attended by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz

**Every Wednesday** – Senior Staff Communications Meeting

**Every Wednesday** – Commanders Meeting

**Mar 1<sup>st</sup>** – Budget Meeting

**Mar 1<sup>st</sup>** – Attend meeting @ Palmetto Electric

**Mar 1<sup>st</sup>** – WEBEX meeting

**Mar 1<sup>st</sup>** – Corporals Meeting

**Mar 1<sup>st</sup>** – Sergeants Meeting

**Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Meeting with Citizen

**Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Attend meeting with Bluffton Fire Chief

**Mar 6<sup>th</sup>** – Attend lunch meeting with Assistant Town Manager

**Mar 7<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Mayor and Town Manager

**Mar 7<sup>th</sup>** – Attending meeting with BHS JV Coach

**Mar 7<sup>th</sup>** – Tour of LEC for SOLOCO

**Mar 7<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with new client

**Mar 7<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Awards Committee Meeting

**Mar 7<sup>th</sup>** – Attend FTO meeting

**Mar 8<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Beaufort County Senior Leadership meeting

**Mar 8<sup>th</sup>** – Lutzie 43 donation from the Kiwanis Club of Bluffton

**Mar 9<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Emergency Manager

**Mar 9<sup>th</sup>** – 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Auditors teams meeting

## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### Meetings Attended by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz cont.

**Mar 9<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Monkees of Bluffton

**Mar 9<sup>th</sup>** – BPD Family Night

**Mar 10<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Community Service Assistant

**Mar 10<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Ma Daisy's Porch

**Mar 10<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Wine Time Bluffton

**Mar 10<sup>th</sup>** – Lunch meeting with Retired FBI Agent

**Mar 13<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with IT

**Mar 14<sup>th</sup>** – Attend MASC 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Audit Training

**Mar 14<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Communications and Community Outreach Director

**Mar 15<sup>th</sup>** – Attend meeting with Town Manager

**Mar 15<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Pre-Termination Hearing

**Mar 15<sup>th</sup>** – WEBEX meeting

**Mar 16<sup>th</sup>** – Meet with kindergarten student @ McRiley

**Mar 17<sup>th</sup>** – Attend meeting with Low Country Crusaders

**Mar 17<sup>th</sup>** – Attend meeting with Town Manager

**Mar 17<sup>th</sup>** – Attend meeting with St. Gregory the Great Principal

**Mar 21<sup>st</sup>** – Attend Strategic Planning meeting

**Mar 21<sup>st</sup>** – Attend Boys and Girls Club meeting

**Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Attend Security Directors meeting

**Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Attend Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Kelly Caron Curated

**Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Sergeant Promotion Ceremony

## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### Meetings Attended by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz cont.

**Mar 24<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Bible Missionary Baptist Church Men's meeting

**Mar 28<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with BC School District Superintendent

**Mar 28<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Command Staff Interviews (2)

**Mar 29<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Hilton Head Christian Academy meeting

**Mar 29<sup>th</sup>** – Weekly WEBEX meeting

**Mar 30<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Church of the Cross Meet and Greet

**Mar 30<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Prom Promise at Bluffton High School

**Mar 30<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Dillard-Jones Builders

**Mar 30<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Touch a Truck and Maker Faire Event at Red Cedar Elementary

**Mar 31<sup>st</sup>** – Attend SC Criminal Justice Academy Graduation



## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Commendations -	none
Complaints -	none

Police Department Demographics as of March 31, 2023

DEPARTMENT	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	1	4	1	13	19
Male	5	4	2	35	46
Grand Total	6	8	3	48	65

SWORN OFFICERS	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	1	2		6	9
Male	5	4	2	30	41
Grand Total	6	6	2	36	50

## March Officer Training

### **Inhouse (434 hours)**

Advanced Defensive Driving Techniques - 3 officers  
Ambush Awareness and Preparation - 1 Officer  
Answer the Phone - 1 Officer  
Arm Lock to Wrist Lock - 1 Officer  
Baton Power Development - 1 Officer  
Baton Use in Close Quarters - 1 Officer  
Bloodborne Pathogens for First Responders - 1 Officer  
Chokes and Releases - 1 Officer  
Combining Baton and Empty Hand Control Strikes - 1 Officer  
Crowd Control 3 - 34 Officers  
De-Escalation and Minimizing Use of Force - 1 Officer  
Defensive Driving Basics - 2 Officers  
Escape from the Mount Using the Backdoor Escape - 1 Officer  
Legal Update 2023 - 6 Officers  
Line-Up 2023 - 21 Officers  
MediAlert: Community Policing Support - 1 Officer  
Pre-Academy Training - 2 Recruits  
Pursuit Driving - 2 Officers  
Questions to Ask During a Drug Interdiction Stop - 1 Officer  
Reality Training: Field Sobriety Test - 1 Officer  
Temporary Holding Facilities - 32 Officers

### **Outside (403 hours)**

FBI Command College - 1 Officer  
FBI LEEDA IA - 1 Officer  
Patrol Rifle Instructor Class - 2 Officers  
SCCJA Basic Law Enforcement Training – 1 Officer



# PATROL DIVISION

CALLS FOR SERVICE TOP 10 CALL TYPES	
911 Hang-Up	136
Activated Alarm	120
Case Follow Up	118
Disturbance	103
Accident	89
Reckless Drving	61
Assist Motorist	44
Misc Call	33
Susp Vehicle	32
Accident W/Injuries	30

**TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 1213**

**AVERAGE PER DAY: 39**

PRO-ACTIVE PATROLS	
Extra Pat Business	1770
Extra Pat Residence	1036
Traffic Stop	544
Traffic Enforcement	101

# PATROL DIVISION

UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATIONS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
OPERATING VEHICLE WHILE LICENSE/REGISTRATION EXPIRED	48
SPEEDING 15MPH-24MPH OVER	31
SPEEDING: 10 MPH OR LESS	23
DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENSE	21
SPEEDING:11MPH-15MPH OVER	13
DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION;	13
SPEEDING 25MPH OVER THE SPEED LIMIT	12
DISREGARDING STOP SIGN	8
UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLE	6
POSS. OF 28G (1 OZ) OR LESS OF MARIJUANA	5

TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED: 200

AVERAGE PER DAY: 6

UNIFORM TRAFFIC WARNINGS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Speeding	104
Vehicle License Violation	65
Defective Equipment	48
Defective Equipment & more	23
Speeding & more	12
Vehicle License Violation & more	9
Disregarding Stop Sign	8
Disregarding Traffic Signal	8
Improper Turn	7
Change Lane Unlawfully	6

TOTAL WARNINGS ISSUED: 333

AVERAGE PER DAY: 11

# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	
Cases Assigned	20
Incident Reports	1
Supplemental Reports	20
Cases Closed	19
Arrests Made	1
Arrest Warrants	5
Bond Court	7
Case Call Outs	0
Search Warrants	0

## Case Call Outs:

1. 23BP11945 – Domestic
2. 23BP14496 - Domestic

## Bond Court:

1. 23BP11068 – DV HAN
2. 23BP09017 – DV 3<sup>rd</sup>
3. 23BP11945 – DV HAN

## Mental Health Advocate:

3 – Crisis Intervention Calls  
0 – Mental Health Calls  
6 – Officer Referrals  
8 – Case Follow-Ups  
6 – Supplemental Reports  
40 – Ride Along Hours  
2 – Training Hours

## Training:

Police One  
DV

No Data Available for month of March

# 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**

- **Spoke with John Ohea of 10 Guerrard Ave**
  - Discussed his concerns regarding commercial trailers on street and parked at private property.
  - Stated the vehicles are tearing up the street.
  - Appears No such Code Violation appears related to this matter.  
Will continue to monitor for resolution regarding matter.
- **Complaint via Heather Collin from Carly Bedington from Treewisemen regarding commercial operation at 241 Buck Island Rd.**
  - Possible Operating without Business License
    - Reviewed matter with Kevin Icard and appears no law s relating to commercial vehicles on private property.
    - Note: not commercial zoned / residential area.
    - Continue to monitor.

# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## Code Enforcement continued:

- **218 Buck Island Rd./ owner John Flood**
- 3/9/23 Site visit to 218 Buck Island Road, with Sgt. Karafa
  - Numerous violations of town ordinances.
    - Spoke with the property owner, Mr. John Todd and another person currently living on the property.
    - Gave verbal instructions on what would take place after the site visit
      - Notice of Violation Letter was drafted giving a timeline to correct the biggest violation as a phase one plan
    - We will continue to monitor and have discussions with the owner to ensure compliance is being worked towards
    - Seeking available options to assist in the cleaning of this property along with the removal of junk items and abandoned RV homes and vehicles to assist BPD to avoid any further calls to this property.
    - Boarders living here need to vacate the premises.
- **Spoke with Sheryl Bergman at Bluffton Village Townhomes stating 78A Cassandra LN running a commercial business from home.**
  - She identified several commercial vehicles belonging to Camarena Construction, LLC
  - Upon arriving at this location and identified by my photos taken; several of Camarena Construction vehicles parked in this location.
  - 3/8/23 met with Rhonda Durham and Doug Skelly from High Tide Associates (property managers for Bluffton Village) we walked the property, and she took photos and identified the vehicles belonging to Camarena Construction.
  - Rhonda Durham had 2 vehicles (one w/flat tired and 2<sup>nd</sup> abandoned) towed from location via her security company Coastal Security.
  - Maria Camarena /owner rents 78A & 64A for her workers.
  - Maria's BL is registered for a HHI address and not here in Bluffton as her mailing address was 78A Cassandra LN (photo taken) she is going to licensing to change.
  - Spoke with Sharon White from licensing and made her aware of situation regarding this matter. Sharon will not issue a license for this location as it is not commercial zoned, residential only. Sharon will keep me updated.
- **Complaint by Town of Bluffton with regards to 2 business license applications for AIM / Real-estate leasing office on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## Code Enforcement continued:

- **Spoke with Lee/Don at Choo-Choo Express for compliance and agreed.**
  - Landscapers starting early morning 6am
  - Blowing rocks at fence and loud equipment noise.
  - Garrett Wood of 5 Branch Way in The Walk/ complainant.
  - Continue to monitor for compliance.
- **Complaint from Hidden Lakes resident Christine Price 24 Waterway Dr**
  - 3/20 received from business licensing Sharon White via email.
  - Gran Centenario Social & Lounge 4484 Bluffton Crescent #102, loud music on Sunday morning 3/19 at 1:35am
    - Spoke with Ms. Price, stated that it happens several weekends and she is getting notified from residents as well due to being part of their HOA.
    - Checking to identify police reporting's for this location.
    - Ongoing investigation.
- **3/15 Complaint by Neumann Enterprise Inc. / Justin Neumann former owner sold his business on 4/1/22 to Beaufort Restoration, LLC d/b/a ServPro at 22 Scott Way Bluffton.**
  - On 3/15 I visited this location spoke to JT Martin new owner and asked him to please visit the licensing department to update his business license.
  - JT Martin is presently working with Kristy at BL to bring his license up to date. Once completed she will notify me.
- **3/15 Complaint by Rogers M. Clifford Peninsula Property Management Services, LLC 1 Mallet Way ste.103 PO Box 3798 Bluffton, this matter is regarding land clearing behind Builtmart.**
  - Jordan Holloway from Growth Management is responding via email to Mr. Clifford.
  - Jordan will be contacting me pending further actions to be discussed.  
Email concern via Kim Jones for 300 Buck Island Rd.

# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## Code Enforcement continued:

- Kim's email went to Bill Baugher for watershed compliance as she wants to be prepared as a complainant signed onto speak at the April town council meeting.
- Watershed inspection responded back to Kim as Kim stated from a stormwater perspective they were in compliance.
- Mr. Baugher noted on his response, Code/BL will need to ensure that truck repair is allowable for this property.
- Codes researched the BL which they have none (South Carolina Trucking, LLC owned by Oscar Cubias) and was Denied by the town on 9/12/22 The property is residential zoned. The next action is identified as In Town Review.
- **Received phone complaint from Bill Hicks from "The Walk" residential section.**
  - Landscapers starting too early, I asked him to identify company and am awaiting his information.
  - Trucks at 4am going down Stroup Lane. Going to talk with owner.

## COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

<b>Bluffton Childrens Academy Meet and Greet</b>	<b>Monthly Firearms Meeting</b>
<b>Bluffton High School SRO Coverage (Two Weeks)</b>	<b>PoliceOne Training</b>
<b>BPD Family Night</b>	<b>Provided Security for Court on Tuesdays.</b>
<b>Church of the Cross Kindergarten Meet and Greet</b>	<b>Reviewed reports for approval.</b>
<b>Crossing Guard Interviews</b>	<b>School K9 Searches</b>
<b>CSA Interviews</b>	<b>School Lock Down Drills</b>
<b>Explorer Program</b>	<b>Sergeants Meeting</b>
<b>Help Assist Setup of Prom Promise</b>	<b>Set Up Cook Out with Cops (June-Baynard Park)</b>
<b>KnowBe4 Training</b>	<b>Touch a Truck Event (RCE)</b>
<b>Mayfest Meeting</b>	

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

**218 Buck Island Road – Property Issue**

**241 Buck Island Road – Illegal Business**

**10 Guerrard Ave – Illegal Vehicle Operation on Roadway**

**78a/64a Cassandra Ln – Illegal Business**

**4484b Bluffton Park Crescent #102 – Noise Complaint**

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

ALPR STATS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH	
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.	2

## **Downtown Traffic Stats:**

Tickets: 9

Warnings: 13

Truck Route: 0

Parking Tickets: 0

## **Traffic Officers:**

Cpl. Dickson

Tickets: 64

Warnings: 7

Collision Reports: 2

Incident Reports: 0

Ofc. Harden

Tickets: 39

Warnings: 44

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.

- March 30<sup>th</sup> – Bluffton High School Prom Promise
  - Lutzie 43 Pledge Forms
- March 31<sup>st</sup> – Cross Schools
  - Lutzie 43 Presentation for Teachers