



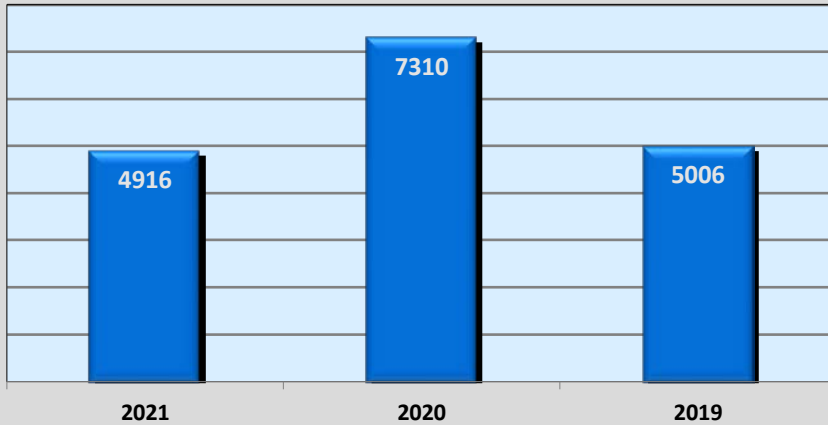
Bluffton Police Department May 2021 Statistical Information

Presented by:
Chief Stephenie Price

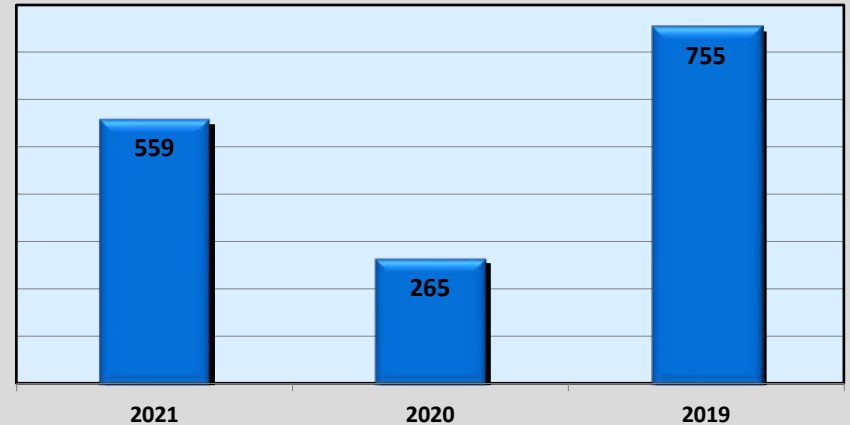
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May Trends

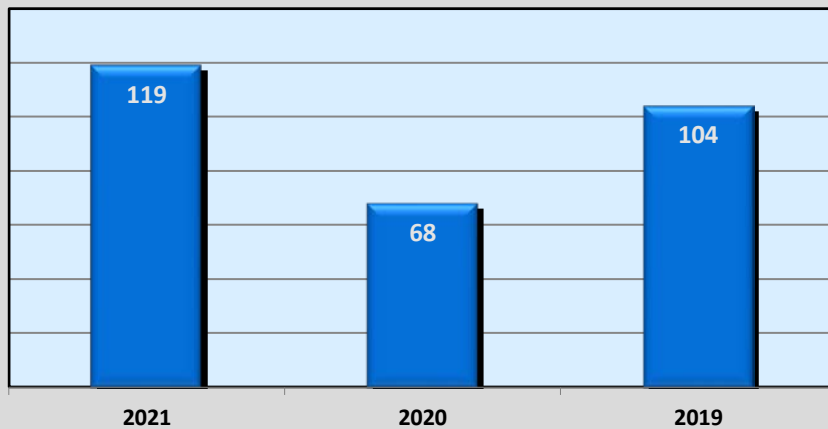
May Calls for Service Comparison



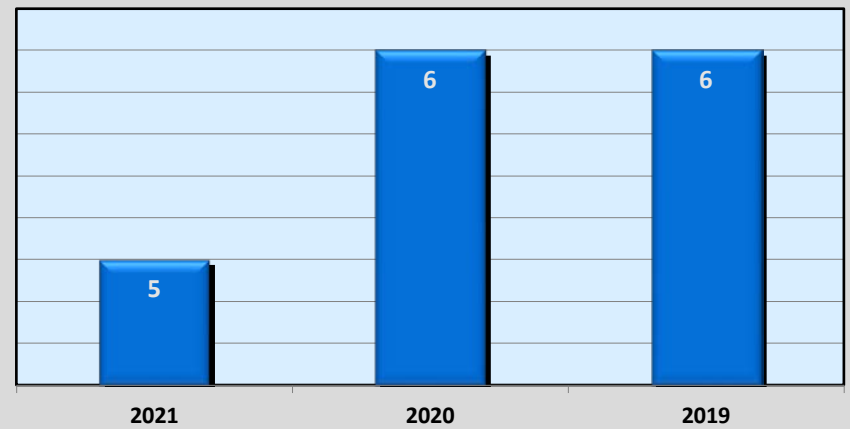
May Traffic Citation Comparison



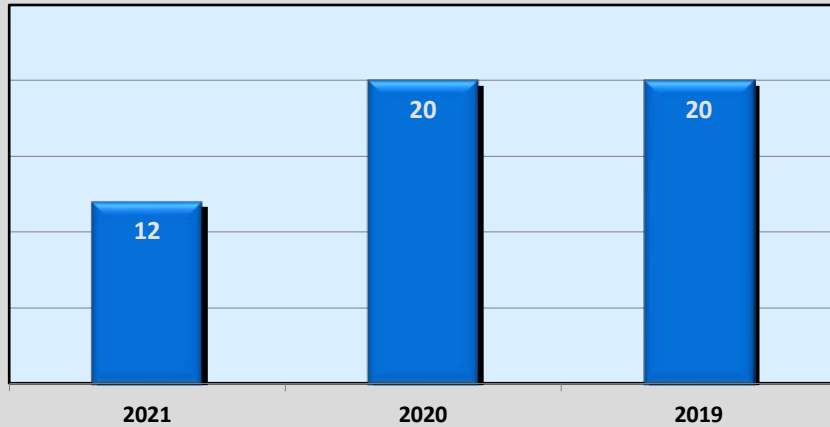
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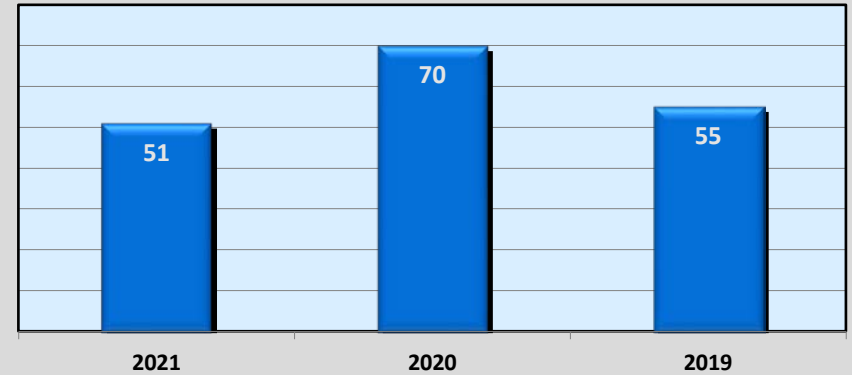
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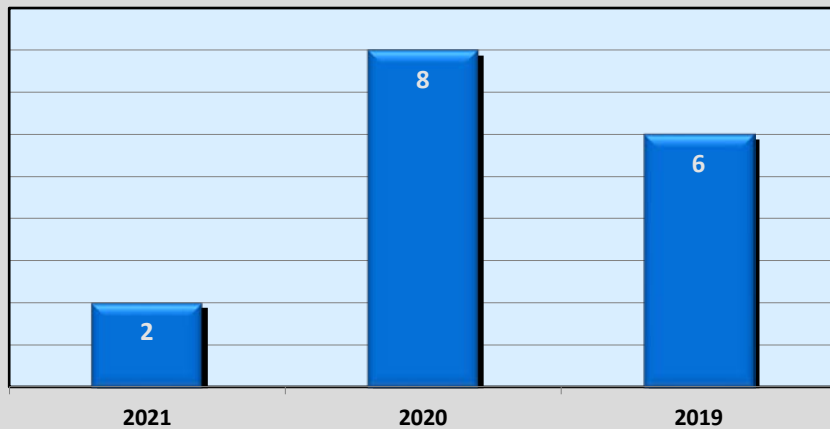
May Theft Comparison



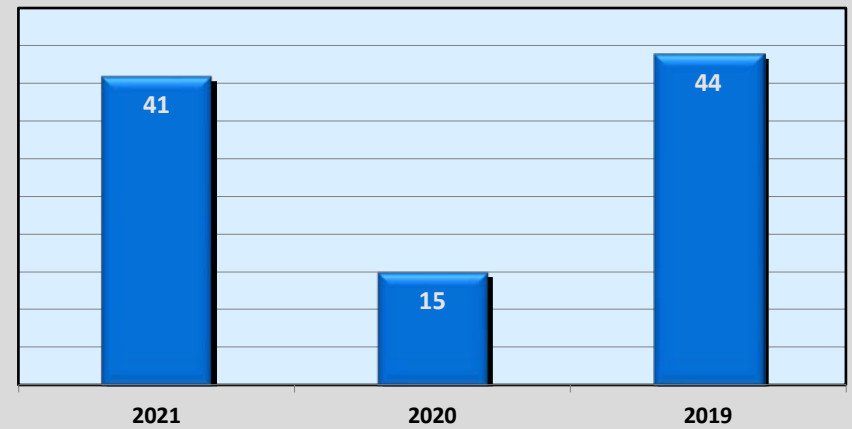
May Domestic Calls for Service Comparison



May Assault Comparison



May Arrest Comparison



Part I and Part II Offenses

This data is not available at this time due to technical issues with the RMS system.

Department Highlights

Arrests

Adult Felony: 5

Adult Misdemeanor: 17

Juvenile: 10

DUI: 9

Complaints

No complaints received in the month of May.

Commendations

None



Marine Patrol

May 29th – 0730 – 1530 – Grant/Robson

May 30th - 0730 – 1530 – Grant/Brown

May 31st – 0800 – 1800 – Grant (Memorial Day Holiday)

Total Community Hours: 20

Total Man hours Operator and Crew: 26 hours

Community Contacts: 100

Extra Patrols of Area Landings: 30

Safety Checks: 4

Vessel Stops: 0

Stranded Boaters Assist: 0

Pounds of Trash removed from May River: 5



Department Highlights



Policy Committee (no changes)

Final Review:

- SOP 066 – Body Worn Camera – final review completed
- SOP 002 – Biased Based Profiling – final review completed
- SOP 001 – Emergency and Pursuit Operation of Police Vehicles
- SOP 032 – Internal Affairs Investigations

In Progress:

- SOP 006 – Departmental Weapons
- SOP 007 – Response to Resistance

Police Initiatives:

- **Community Connections Program** – Command Staff and Patrol Officers teamed up to visit area businesses. This project will be on-going. We have received many positive responses internally and externally.
- **Multi-Jurisdictional Hiring Expo** – All area law enforcement agencies are combining their recruitment efforts and holding a Lowcountry law enforcement hiring event. All area agencies have committed to participate in a condensed area event including physical agility testing and written exam. Participating agencies will showcase the highlights and benefits of their individual agency. This is an innovative solution to staff not only Bluffton Police, but combat the recruiting and retention crisis within Law Enforcement. This has been postponed until September due to logistics.
- **Less-Lethal Training** – Officers and Sergeants have received bean bag certification and re-certification to provide less-lethal options for volatile scenarios. We are currently ensuring all field sergeants have this capability and are certified in the use of bean-bag munitions.
- **Crisis Intervention Training** – Officers attended Crisis Intervention training which is a top priority. Bluffton Police Departments goal of 50% of operational personnel trained in CIT will be completed by the end of 2021.
- **TI Simulator** – provides officers with a highly inter-active learning experience. It enables instructors to control scenarios based on officer's responses. And it provides real time feedback while simultaneously controlling the learning environment. This innovation allows officers to practice de-escalation techniques while reviewing departmental policies and law enforcement best practices

Department Highlights

TOWN OF BLUFFTON LAW ENFORCEMENT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, May 13, 2021

Members Present: Tabor Vaux, Jennifer Morrow, Lawrence Ruocco, George Bailey, Mayra Rivera-Vazquez, Michael Frazier, and Reggie Howard
Members Not Present: Bill O'Toole, Ron Davies, and Harry Lutz
Member no longer on committee: Rosette El Sahlani

Staff Present: Captain Chandler, and Officer Harden

Chairman Tabor Vaux called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to amend the minutes from April was presented and Jennifer Morrow seconded the motion.

Old Business:

There was not any "old" business that needed to be addressed.

New Business:

- It was brought up that Rosette El Sahlani is no longer an active member of the committee and that the committee will be looking to replace her position in the near future.
- Lawrence Ruocco stated that due to personal reasons that he will no longer be available to serve on the committee. A motion was made to move the meeting to a different day to accommodate Lawrence Ruocco's schedule however, Mr. Ruocco advised that he would not be available any day throughout the week.

Bluffton Police Department Update:

Captain Chandler provided the committee with an update on the status of the Bluffton Police Department.

- Bike day was held at River Ridge Academy and Officers provided safe travels for children riding their bicycles to and from school. Officers targeted high traffic areas and provided motivation and safe travels to all pedestrians.
- "Tweet Along" The department's PIO implemented a new program called "Tweet Along" where she conducts a ride-along with an officer. The PIO rode with one member of the Traffic Unit and their focus was conducting traffic control within several school zones within the jurisdiction. Several traffic stops were conducted on Buckwalter Pkwy and HE McCracken during the morning school zone activation.
- Officers provided traffic control for the Home and Garden event located behind Southern Barrel.
- Officers provided traffic control for the May Day 5K.
- Officers provided assistance for a local Boy Scout troop for the collection of worn and tattered American Flags.
- May 22, 2021 there will be a safety day held on the side parking lot near the Oyster Factory on Wharf Street.
- Boat Patrol will commence operations on Memorial Day weekend and throughout the summer.
- Cookout with the Cops event will be held at the Baynard Park community on June 11, 2021. Time of the event will be determined at a later date.
- The department currently has one officer on FTO and one graduating the academy on Friday. There has been four offers sent out to qualified applicants. There will be additional offers sent in June.

- School is ending soon and all of the SRO will be temporarily re-assigned positions to augment patrol and other divisions.

Discussion:

- Michael Frazier stated that he was present during the Bike Day and he stated that the public really appreciated having officers present to provide safety for the children.
- A question was presented in reference to speeding on Fording Island Rd. Captain Chandler responded with that the department is actively conducting research in speed reduction methods. Captain Chandler stated that there might be some environmental additions that may be implemented such as additional signs, etc... Captain Chandler stated that the department is looking at possibly adding a motorcycle unit. Captain Chandler stated that the speeding is a "Human nature issue," and that as long as people continue to drive on Fording Island Rd we will continue to have people speeding. Officers continue to enforce traffic violations.
- Lawrence Ruocco asked if there was a way to place additional "parking pads" where Officers have a safe place to run stationary RADAR. Captain Chandler stated that he will look into it however, there are many factors involved. Jurisdiction is one factor that creates an issue as well as ownership. For example, certain roads are state, county, and city jurisdiction and each has a unique set of rules.
- A question was asked about the gender and ethnicity of the applicants who received an offer. Captain Chandler stated that at least one female received an offer and that her ethnicity is Hispanic.
- Captain Chandler also stated that the BPD is currently in the process of reviewing several policies within the BPD SOP. These policies have been reviewed by a policy review committee. Once each policy has been reviewed, it is sent to the Chief of Police for final review. Once the Chief reviews and approves the updated policy it is then sent to the town lawyer and then to council.
- Jennifer Morrow asked about the current issues in regards to policing on the National level and how that affects the BPD. Captain Chandler answered that the BPD continues to monitor issues on the National level and states that the BPD has already mandated policies such as "duty to intervene" before this issue was identified on the National level. Captain Chandler emphasizes that education among the department is of high priority and that implementation of policy review is necessary to address changes in the law and changes on procedures.
- Captain Chandler stated that the simulator may be up and operational possibly in July and that he will notify council and invite them to observe the advantages of having this useful equipment.
- Larry Ruocco asked the question about if there is anything in place to help educate the citizens on proper "behavior" while on a traffic stop. Captain Chandler stated that young drivers are being educated by the SRO at the high school level. Larry suggested that perhaps the information could be given to local driving schools as well.

A motion to adjourn was made at 1833 and several members seconded the motion.

Officer Terry Harden

Secretary



Department Highlights

Meetings Attended by Chief Stephenie Price

Every Tuesday – Weekly meeting with Interim Town Manager

Every Wednesday – Attended Senior Staff Communications Meeting

Bi-Weekly – Town Update Zoom Meeting

Every Monday – Commanders Meeting

May 3rd – Attend 3rd Annual Blessing of the Animals @ LowCountry Presbyterian Church

May 3rd – Command Staff Interviews – 3 applicants

May 3rd – Meeting with Human Resource

May 3rd – Meeting with ROCIC representative

May 4th – Lunch Meeting with Beaufort City Police Chief

May 5th – Meeting with Town Manager, Human Resource and Attorneys

May 5th – Speaker for the Explorers Class

May 17th – Meeting with Town Manager and Mayor

May 17th – Meeting with Finance Director

May 18th – Attend EOC Training

May 18th – Attending Town of Bluffton Budget Workshop

May 19th – Attend Microsoft Teams Meeting - Mental Health & Wellness Grant

May 20th – Meeting with Town Manager and Town Council Representative

May 20th – Lunch meeting with Robert Vaux

May 20th – Attend HEROES Launch Event

May 22nd – Attend Bluffton Safety Day and Hurricane Expo

May 24th – Meeting with DRCI

May 24th – Meeting with Town Manager

May 25th – Attend Town Council Budget Meeting

May 26th – Attend Microsoft Teams Meeting – Senior Staff

May 26th – Attending Rotary Club meeting

May 26th – Attend Lowcountry Fresh Market Grand Opening

May 26th – Attending Mayor's Award Ceremony @ Wright Family Park

May 24th thru May 27th – Attend Executive Leaders Program virtual training

May 31st – Attend Sun City Veterans Association Memorial Day Event

May 31st – Attend Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park



DO THE FIVE

Help stop coronavirus

- 1 HANDS** Wash them often
- 2 ELBOW** Cough into it
- 3 FACE** Don't touch it
- 4 SPACE** Keep safe distance
- 5 HOME** Stay if you can

United States: as of 6/3/21

Cases Confirmed: 33,735,766

Deaths: 604,526

Vaccines: 366,977,535

South Carolina:

Cases Confirmed: 593,533

Deaths: 9,747

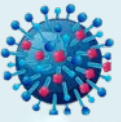
Vaccines: 5,084,965

Beaufort County:

Cases Confirmed: 17,066

Deaths: 209

Vaccines: 75,303

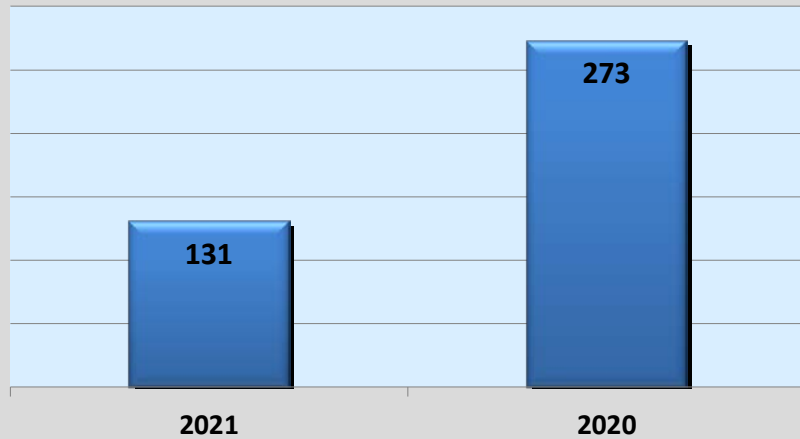


COVID-19 Pandemic

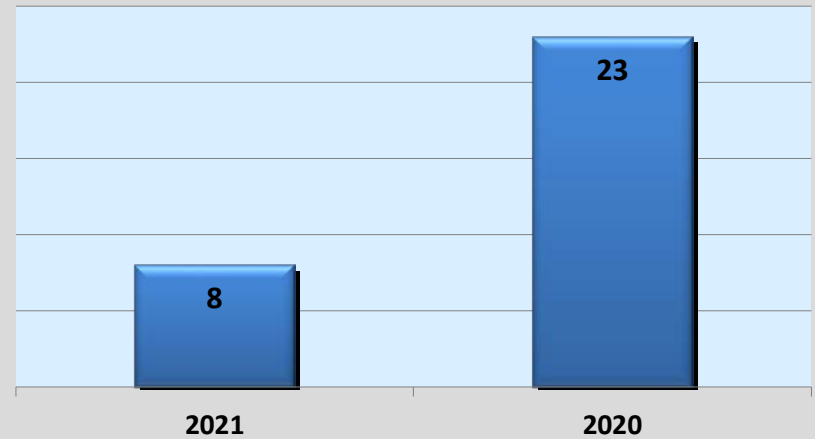
Calls for Service Comparison Charts

January - May

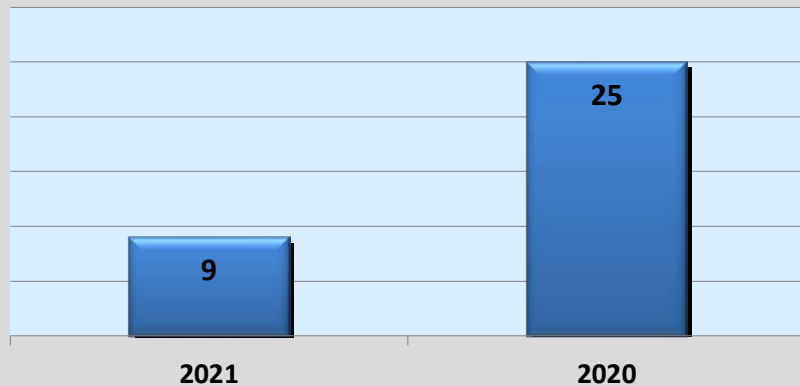
Domestic Comparison



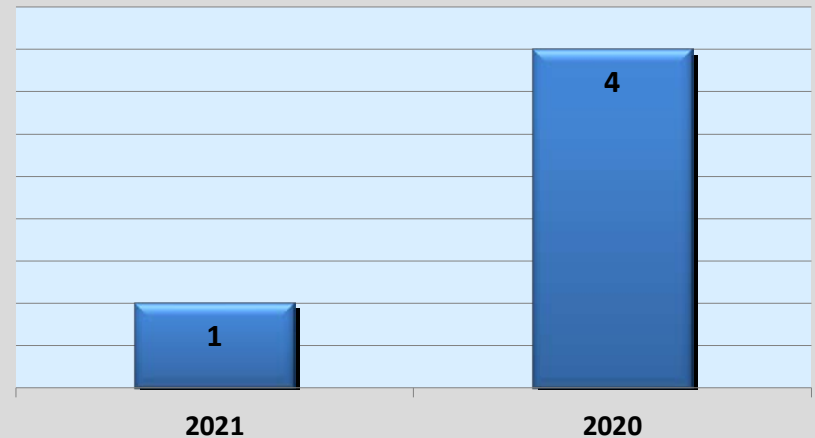
Assault & Battery Comparison



Mental Subject Transports Comparison



Armed Robbery Comparison



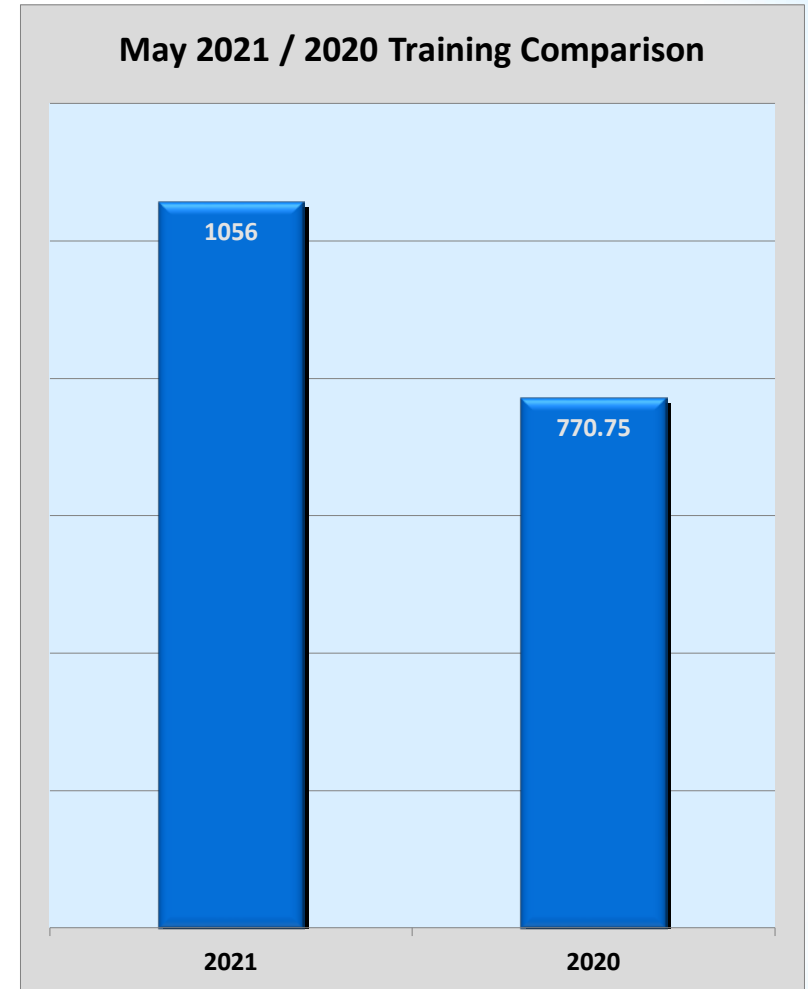
Department Highlights

Training – In-House

PoliceOne Training - 1 Officer
The Line Up - 15 Officers
SFST Re-Certification - 2 Officers
Field Training Officer - 2 Officers
Pre-Academy - 2 Officers
TI Training - 4 Officers

Training – Outside

Basic Law Enforcement Academy - 2 Officers
Crisis Intervention Training - 3 Officers
Spillman Conference - 4 Officers/Civilians



Patrol Division

CALLS FOR SERVICE TOP 10 CALL TYPES	
Extra Pat Busin	1973
Extra Pat Resid	987
Traffic Stop	543
911 Hang-Up	193
Activated Alarm	177
Community Relat	102
Disturbance	86
Case Follow Up	77
Misc Call	76
Accident	67

Total Calls for Service: 4916
Avg per day: 159

UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATION TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Speeding15mph-24mph & mor	40
Speeding 11mph-15mph & mo	20
Driving without a License	13
Exp or Unreg Lice Plate &	13
DUS/notsuspfDUI-1st & m	12
Speeding10MphOrLess & mor	11
Speeding25MphOrMore & mor	10
DUI/1st Offense & More &	6
Simple Possession & more	3
Uninsured Vehicle & more	3

Total Traffic Citations Issued: 160
Avg per day: 5

UNIFORM TRAFFIC WARNINGS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Speeding	147
Defective Equipmnt	78
Speeding & more	34
Improper Lane Use	25
Vehcle Licnse Viol	17
Disregrd Stop Sign	16
Defective Equipmnt & more	16
Chnge Lane Unlawfl	14
Disrgrd Traf Signl	6
Improper Turn	5

Total Warning Citations Issued: 399
Avg per day: 13

Criminal Investigation Division

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	
Cases Assigned	12
Incident Reports	3
Supplemental Reports	19
Cases Closed	9
Arrests Made	1
Arrest Warrants	0
Bond Court	4
Case Call Outs	3
Search Warrants	6

Case Call Outs:

21BP24748 Overdose
 21BP24517 Recovered Stolen Vehicle
 21BP23973 CSC w/minor

Bond Court:

21BP26646 Domestic Violence
 16BP14841 Financial Identity Fraud x 9
 21BP24064 Hit & Run
 21BP27037 Malicious Injury to Property

Extradition:

Jason Raymond Peters – Fulton County Jail / Atlanta Georgia

Training:

NAMI Crisis Intervention – 40 hrs
 Spillman – 9 hrs
 Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events Instructor—4 hrs
 WMD/Terrorism Awareness for Emergency Responders—8 hrs
 DSS New Policies and Protocol – 1

Patrol / SRO Coverage:

Det. Nass / FTO Carnicelli 5/24 – 5/31 Patrol
 Det. Lancaster 5/27/21 River Ridge Academy
 Lt. McCauley 5/28/21 River Ridge Academy

Community Action Team - May 2021

Code Enforcement:

Sign Violations: Multiple Business advertisement signs removed from Old Town and various locations throughout Bluffton

Business License Renewal / H-Tax / A-Tax:

Prepared return labels and U.S. Postal Service Certified Mail Receipts for letters to be sent regarding expired In-Town & Out of Town Business Licenses.

Complaints/Property Checks/Follow-Ups:

- Spoke with Katie @ Bluffton Village regarding H.O.A not having dumpsters emptied on the property grounds.
- Certified and Regular Mail to Russo's Seafood regarding unapproved signage advertising the business.
- Re-Inspection report for Brother's Tacos and La Quetzalteca food trucks. Report sent to Chief Price, Captain Chandler and Sgt. DeStasio. Original letters sent for trucks not moving at the end of their workday.
- Spoke with Andrea @ Watershed Management regarding manure piling up at 11 Grassey Lane. We discussed information; initial letter was sent by storm water.
- Spoke with Morganne @ Town Hall regarding a mobile home situated on the wrong lot previously approved by Will in Planning. Lots are located off of Little Possum Road. Initial letter sent by Planning with possible follow-up from Code if compliance is not met.
- Reviewed the following contractor license information based off recently issued building permits; Balfre Villalobos Hammer Hub, Island Improvements, TCI Contracting, Tillotson Plumbing, Innovative Electric, Pye-Barker and H&H Concrete.
- Spoke with Lisa, Jacksonville FL, regarding Summer Breeze Outdoors, LLC. Business is accepting money and "possibly" not delivering products. Also, this business is operating without a TOB business license. Letter was sent via certified and regular mail.
- Code letter sent to 11 Grassey Lane to the owner and occupant via regular and certified mail for accumulation of manure on the property. They were given time to remove prior to the issuance of a municipal citation.

Community Action Team - May 2021

Downtown Traffic Stats

Tickets: 5
Warnings: 4
Truck Route: 0
Parking Tickets: 33

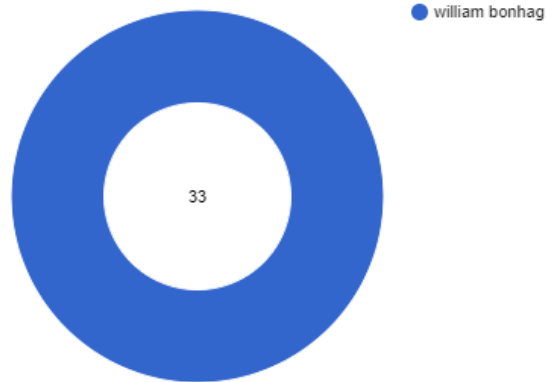
Traffic Officer(s)

Cpl. Dickson
Tickets: 76
Warnings: 11
Total Citations: 87
Collision Reports: 4
Incident Reports: 1

Officer. Harden
Tickets: 20
Warnings: 59
Total Citations: 79
Collision Reports: 7
Incident Reports: 1

Community Service Assistants - May 2021

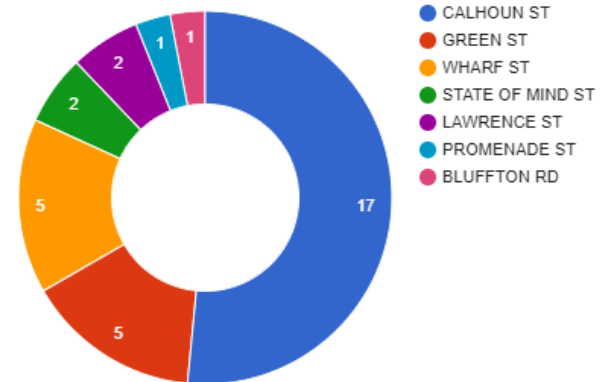
Tickets By Officer May. 2021



Total Count: 33

As of 6/1/2021, 12:00:00 AM

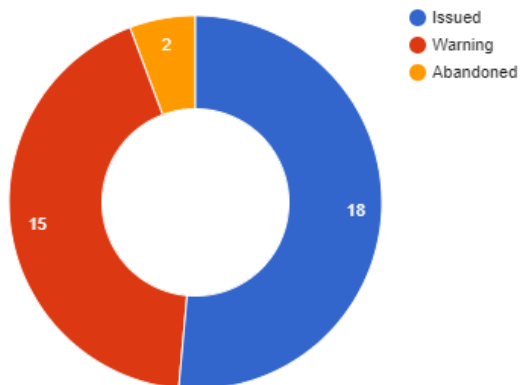
Tickets By Location May. 2021



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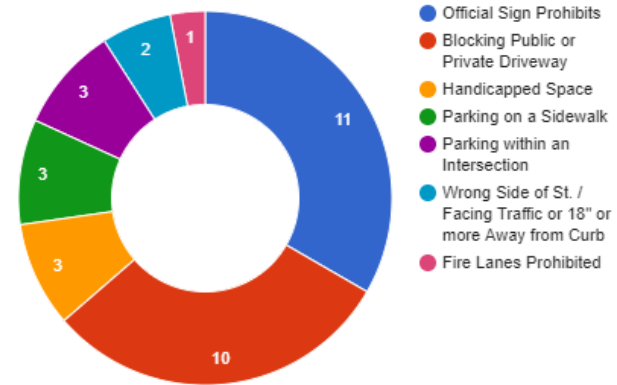
Tickets By Status May. 2021



Total Count: 35

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Tickets By Violation May. 2021



Total Count: 33

As of 6/1/2021, 12:00:00 AM

Lutzie 43 Actions

Lutzie 43 Classes:

- SRO Robinson
 - Bluffton Middle School – 2 classes
- SRO Frazier
 - Bluffton High School Prom Promise
- SRO Puryear
 - May River High School Prom Promise
- Sergeant Perez
 - Farmers Market – handed out Lutzie 43 lanyards

Take 43 Key Seconds to Complete the Safe Driving Checklist

- ✓ **Clear Head**
Ensure you have a clear head - one that is not affected by alcohol, drugs, emotions or fatigue.
- ✓ **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.**



In April 2019, the Town of Bluffton partnered with the Lutzie 43 Foundation. The objective - inspire all of us to make better decisions as drivers. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 3,166 lives were lost in 2017 as a result of distracted driving. Join the Town of Bluffton in its efforts to make the state of South Carolina a handsfree state. **#HandsFreeSC**

The 43 Key Seconds initiative aims to produce safe and successful lifelong drivers who will serve as ambassadors for change in their communities. This reminds each driver and passenger to **TAKE 43 KEY SECONDS TO STOP AND PRIORITIZE SAFETY** before driving. It's all in an effort to **END DISTRACTED DRIVING.**

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