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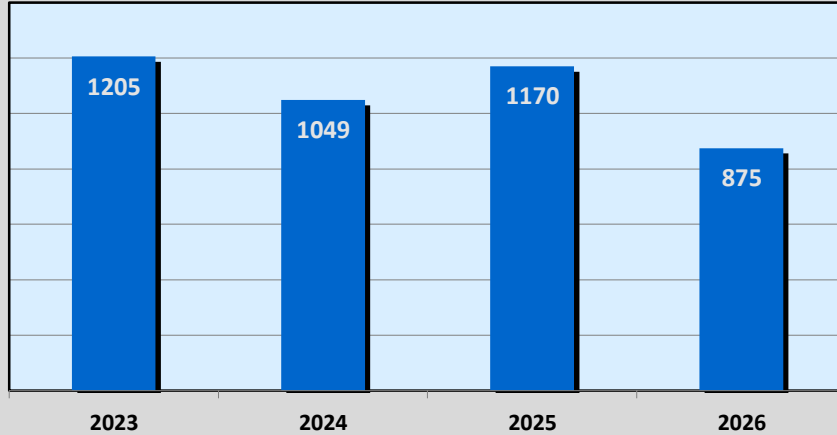
BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

February 28, 2026

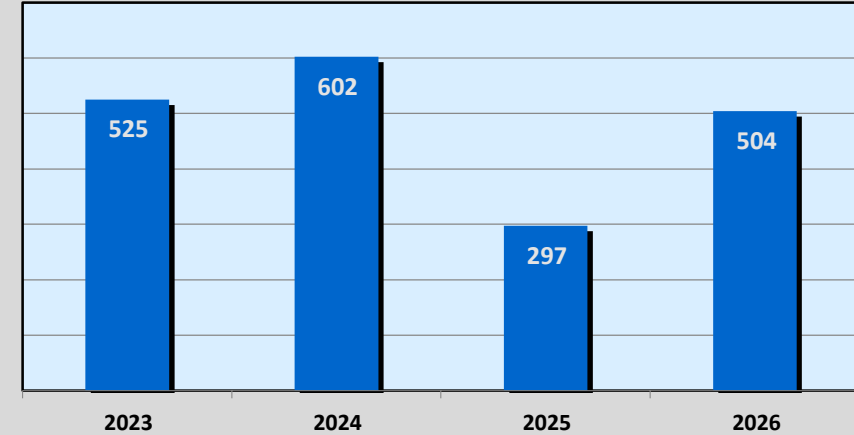
Presented by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

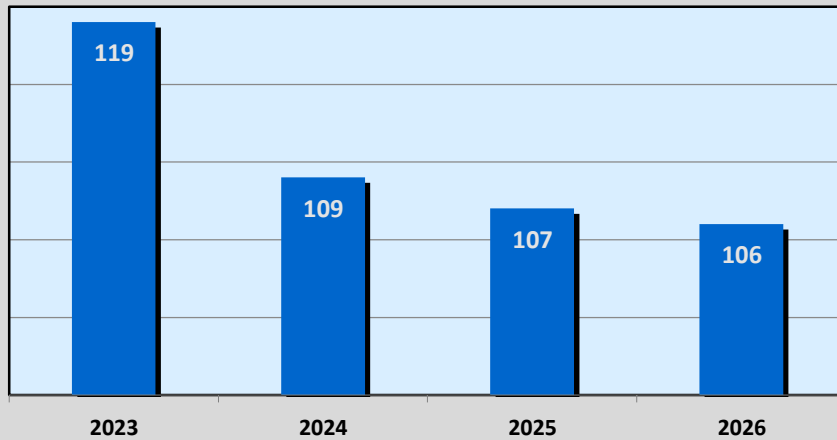
February Calls for Service Comparison



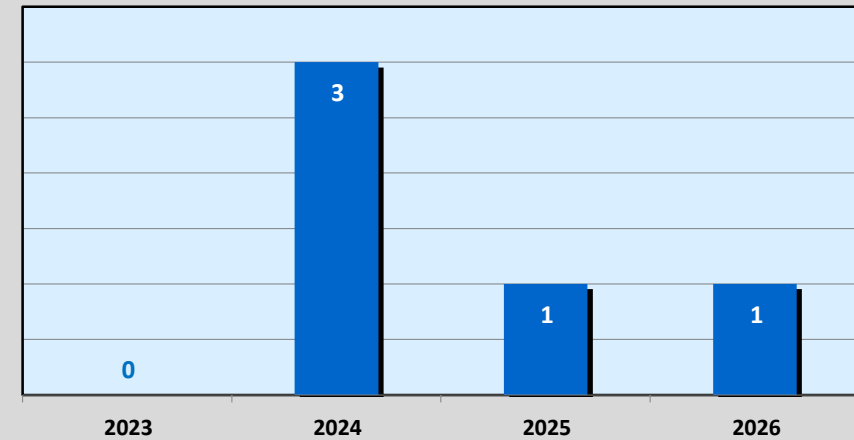
February Traffic Citation Comparison



February Collision Comparison

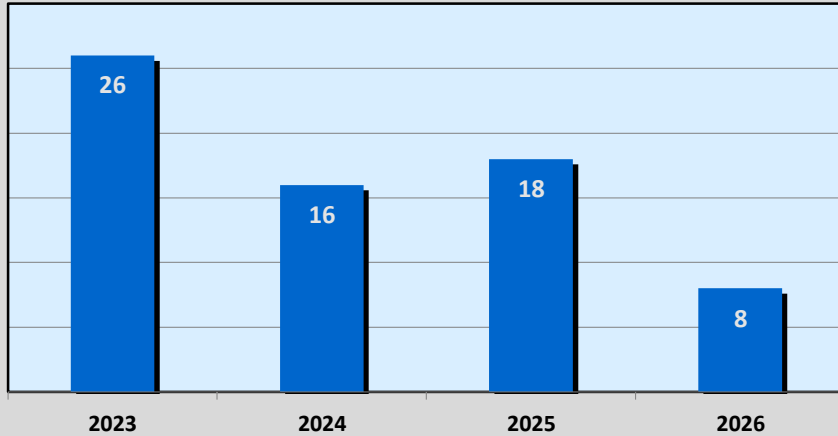


February Burglary Comparison

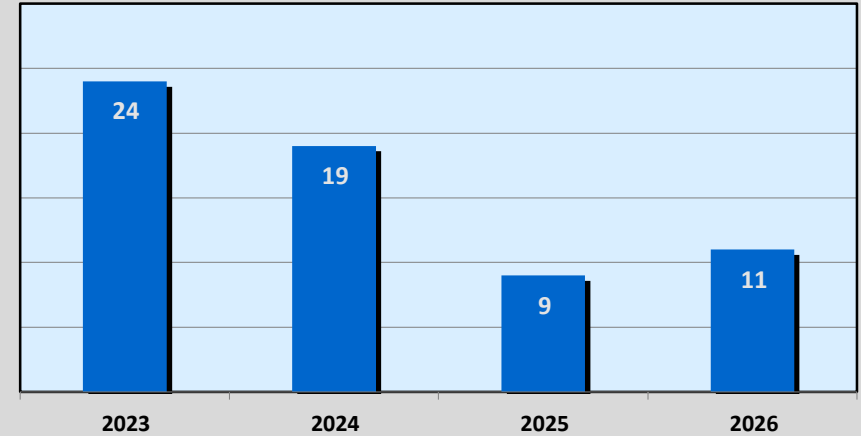


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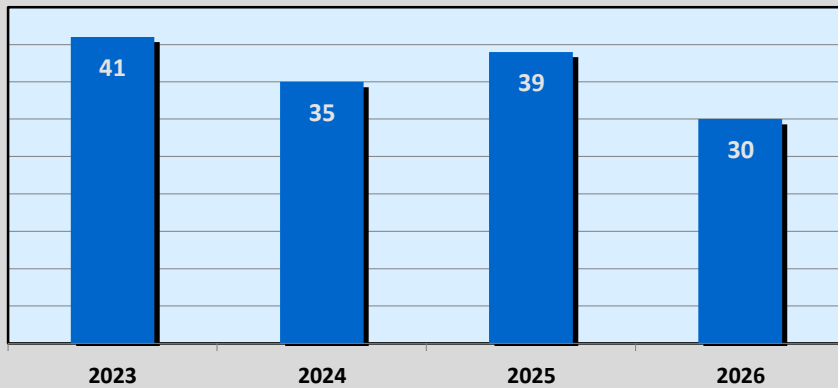
February Theft Comparison



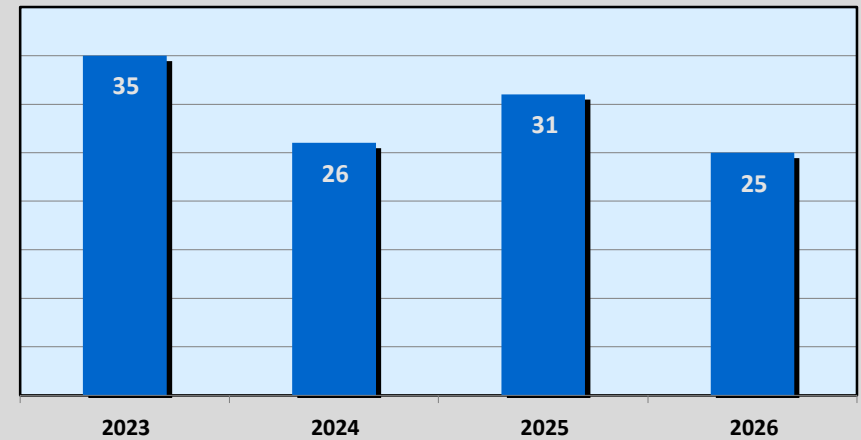
February Assault Comparison



February Domestic Calls for Service Comparison



February Arrest Comparison

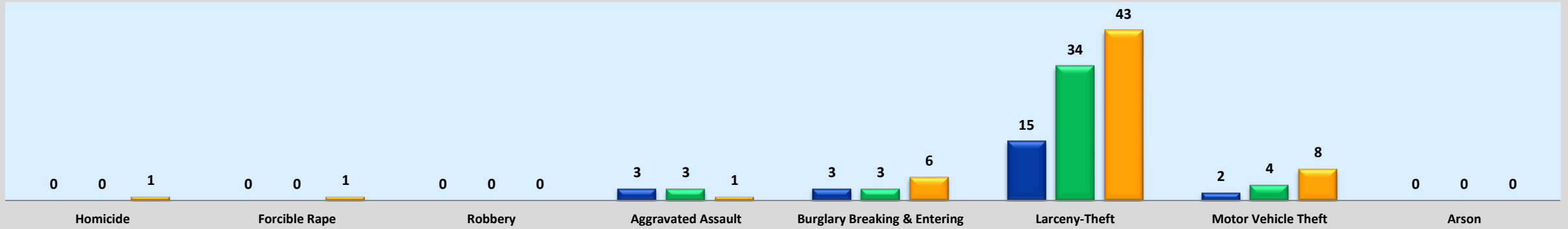


DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year-to-Date February

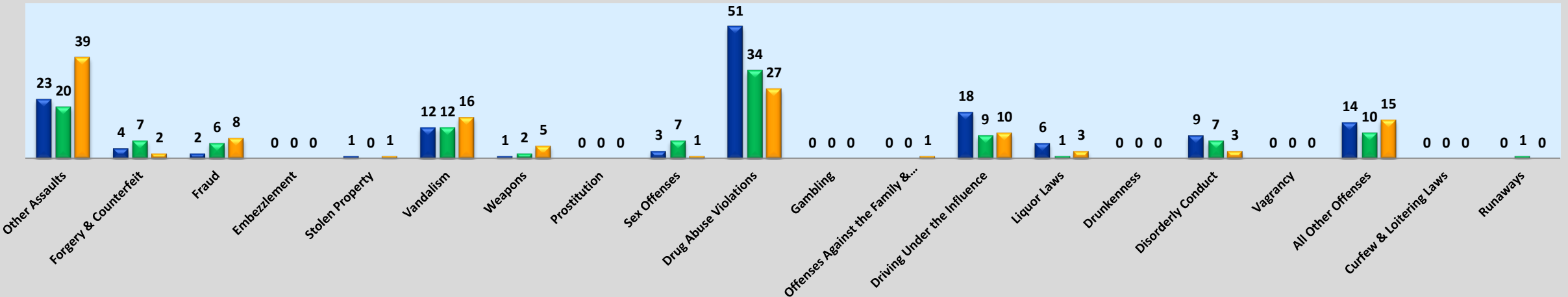
Part I Crimes

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Part II Crimes

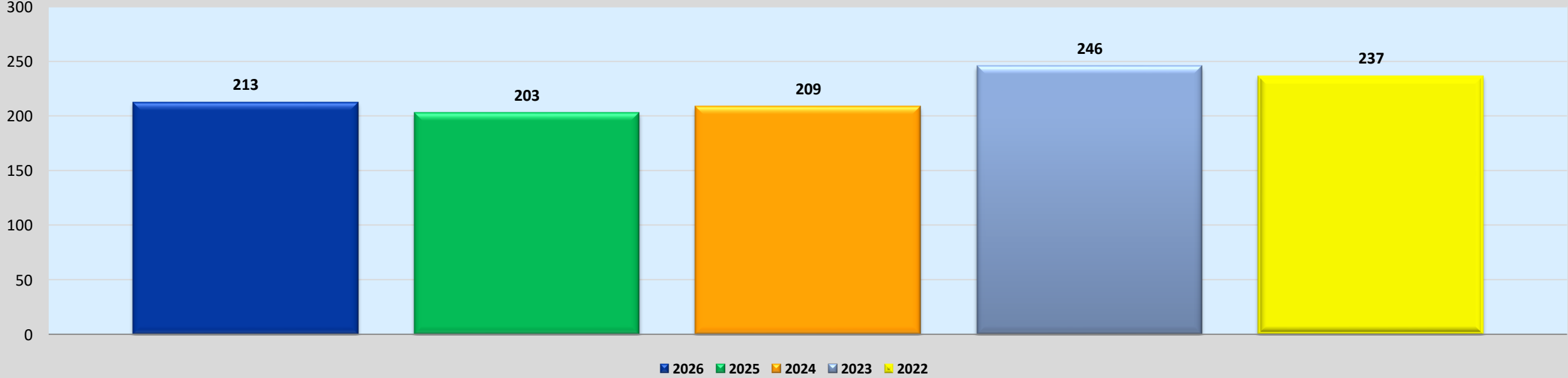
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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year-to-Date
February

Collisions



Law Enforcement Advisory Committee

- No meeting this month

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Meetings Attended by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz

Every Wednesday – Senior Staff Communications Meeting

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

Feb 3rd – Meeting with Mayor and Town Manager

Feb 3rd – LEC Tour for Programs for Exceptional People

Feb 3rd – Command Staff meeting

Feb 3rd – Meeting with IT Director

Feb 4th – Meeting with Finance Director regarding Vehicles

Feb 4th – Attend February Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations

Feb 4th – Meeting with NAACP

Feb 5th – Attend Legal meeting

Feb 5th – Meeting with Town Manager

Feb 6th – Attend New Riverside Barn Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Feb 6th – Attend Bright Beginnings Academy Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Feb 9th – Executive Staff meeting

Feb 9th – CALEA Assessment meeting and introductions

Feb 9th – Attend CIP meeting

Feb 10th – Attend Police Applicant PAT

Feb 10th – Attend Town Council meeting

Feb 11th – CALEA Assessment Exit Interview

Feb 11th – Attend End of Phase meeting – Officer Sandoval

Feb 11th – Attend End of Phase meeting – Officer Carter

Feb 12th – Command Staff meeting

Feb 13th – Attend Night to Shine / Touch a Truck @ Low Country Community Church

Meetings Attended by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz cont.

Feb 17th – Attend Budget meeting

Feb 18th – Attend Police Tech Grant meeting

Feb 18th – Attend Winter Olympic Party

Feb 18th – NAACP Presentation

Feb 19th – Attend 7th Annual Black History Month Luncheon

Feb 22nd – Executive Staff meeting

Feb 22nd – Attend CIP meeting

Feb 22nd – Attend Mobile Town Hall meeting

Feb 23rd – Attend Police Applicant PAT

Feb 24th – Attend Drug Seizure Discussion meeting

Feb 25th – Meeting with Town Manager

Feb 25th – Meeting with Civilian

Feb 26th – Meeting with Growth Management Director

Feb 27th – Meeting with Civilian

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Commendations -	Letter from Citizen commending Officer Christopher Cash
Complaints -	None

Police Department Demographics as of February 28, 2026

DEPARTMENT	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	2	2	1	17	22
Male	8	5	3	36	52
Grand Total	10	7	4	53	74

SWORN OFFICERS	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	1			9	10
Male	7	5	3	33	48
Grand Total	8	5	3	42	58

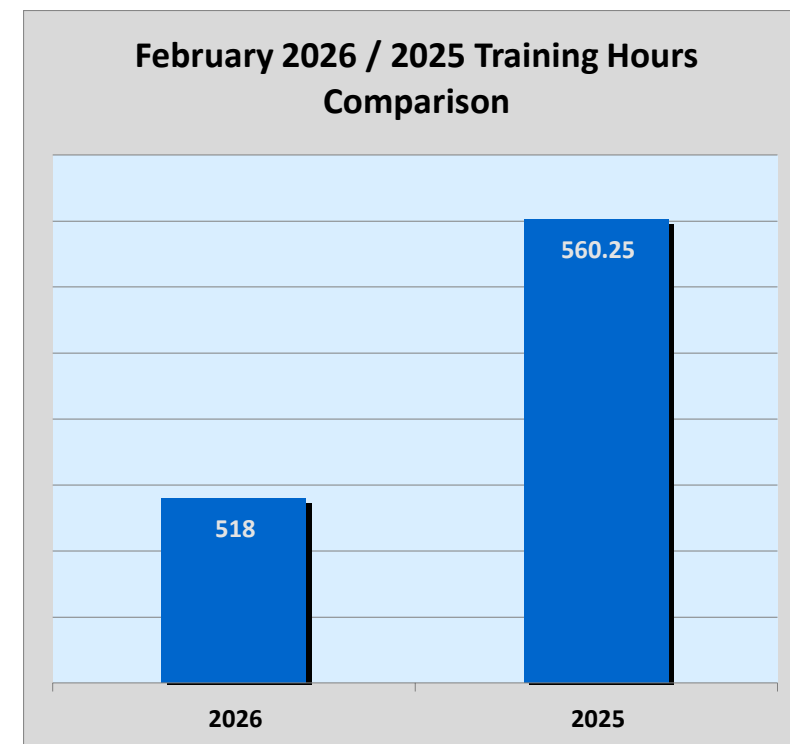
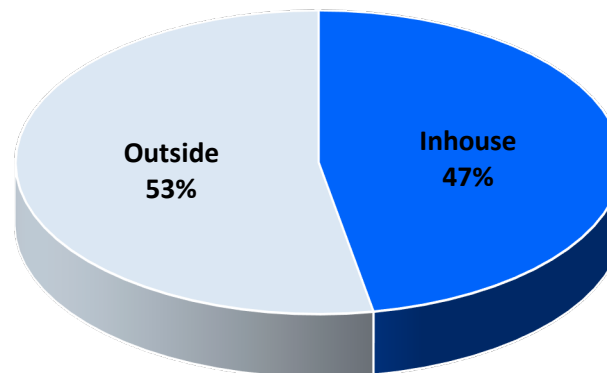
February Officer Training

In-House

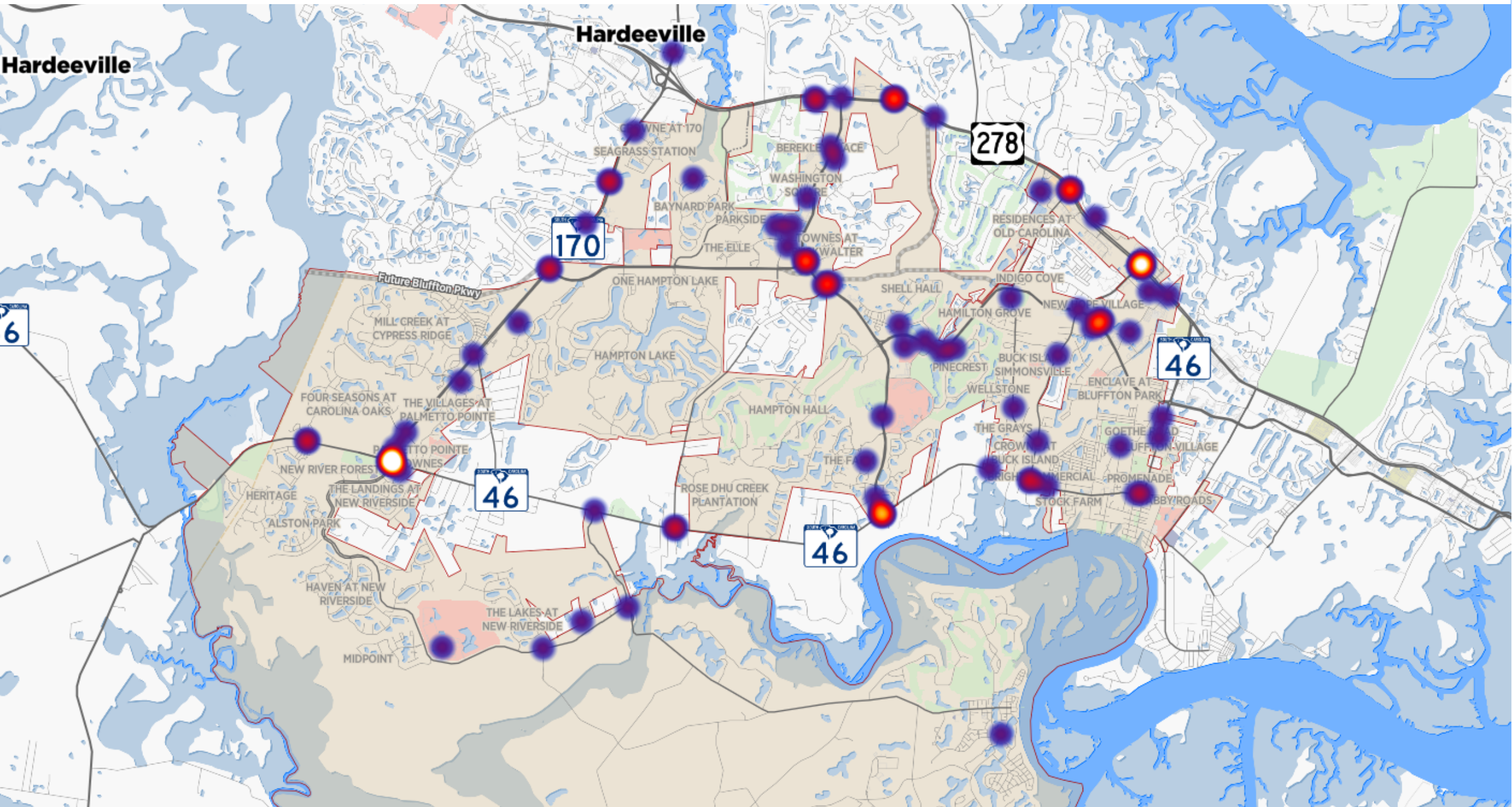
- Legal Update 2025 - Part 2 - 16 Officers
- CDV Annual DV 2025 - Cultural Humility - 3 Officers
- Glock 47 Qualifications - 20 Officers
- Studio - Mental Illness - 24 Officer
- Intox DMT Operator Recertification - 21 Officers
- Line Up 2026 - January-February - 9 Officers
- Studio - Autism Crisis Intervention Training - 13 Officers
- Datamaster DMT Recertification - 1 Officer
- Ambush Awareness and Preparation - 1 Officer
- Extreme Ownership Leadership Training 101 - 2 Officers
- Extreme Ownership Leadership Training 102 - 2 Officers
- Extreme Ownership Leadership Training 103 - 1 Officer
- Taser 10 Recertification - 6 Officers
- Baton Recertification - 6 Officers

Outside

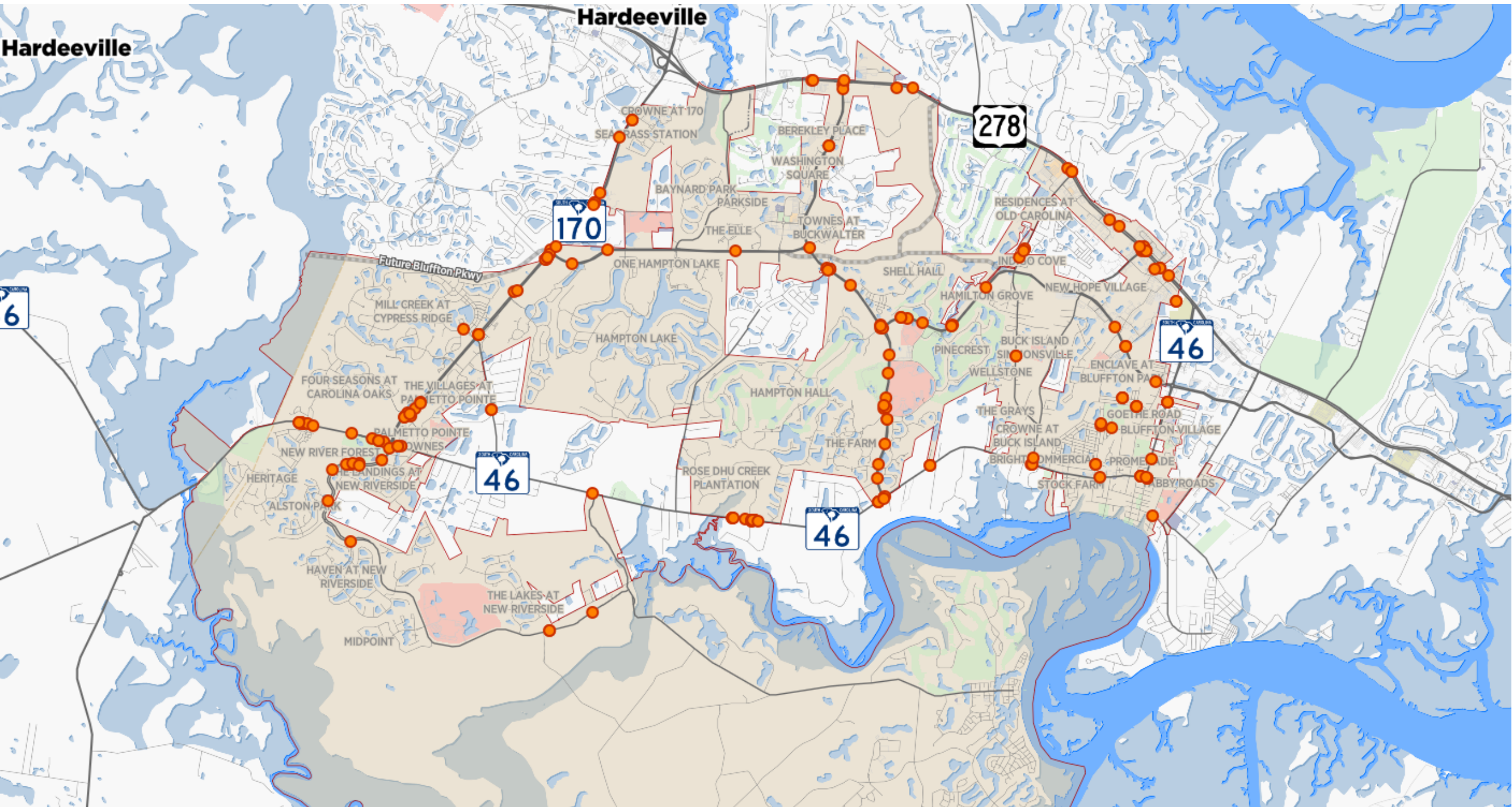
- AX200 Axiom Examination - 1 Officer
- Fleet Conference - 1 Civilian
- IPTM fto manager class - 1 Officer
- Burden of Command Training - 3 Officers
- Enterprise Fleet Management - 1 Civilian
- ASP / OC Instructor - 1 Officer
- RCTA Pro Active Criminal Patrol - 2 Officers
- FBI National SC Chapter Spring Conference - 1 Officer



COLLISIONS (106) February 2026



CITATIONS ISSUED (186) February 2026



Hardeeville

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170

278

46

46

46

6

Future Bluffton Pkwy

MILL CREEK AT CYPRESS RIDGE

FOUR SEASONS AT CAROLINA OAKS

THE VILLAGES AT PALMETTO POINTE

PALMETTO POINTE

NEW RIVER FOREST

HERITAGE

ALSTON PARK

HAVEN AT NEW RIVERSIDE

MIDPOINT

THE LAKES AT NEW RIVERSIDE

ONE HAMPTON LAKE

HAMPTON LAKE

HAMPTON HALL

ROSE DHU CREEK PLANTATION

THE FARM

SHELL HALL

HAMILTON GROVE

PINECREST

WELLSTONE

THE GRAYS

CROWNNE AT BUCK ISLAND

BRIGHT COMMERCIAL

STOCK FARM

BEREKLEY PLACE

WASHINGTON SQUARE

BAYNARD PARK

PARKSIDE

TOWNES AT BUCKWALTER

RESIDENCES AT OLD CAROLINA

INIGO COVE

HAMILTON GROVE

BUCK ISLAND

SIMONSVILLE

ENCLAVE AT BLUFFTON PARK

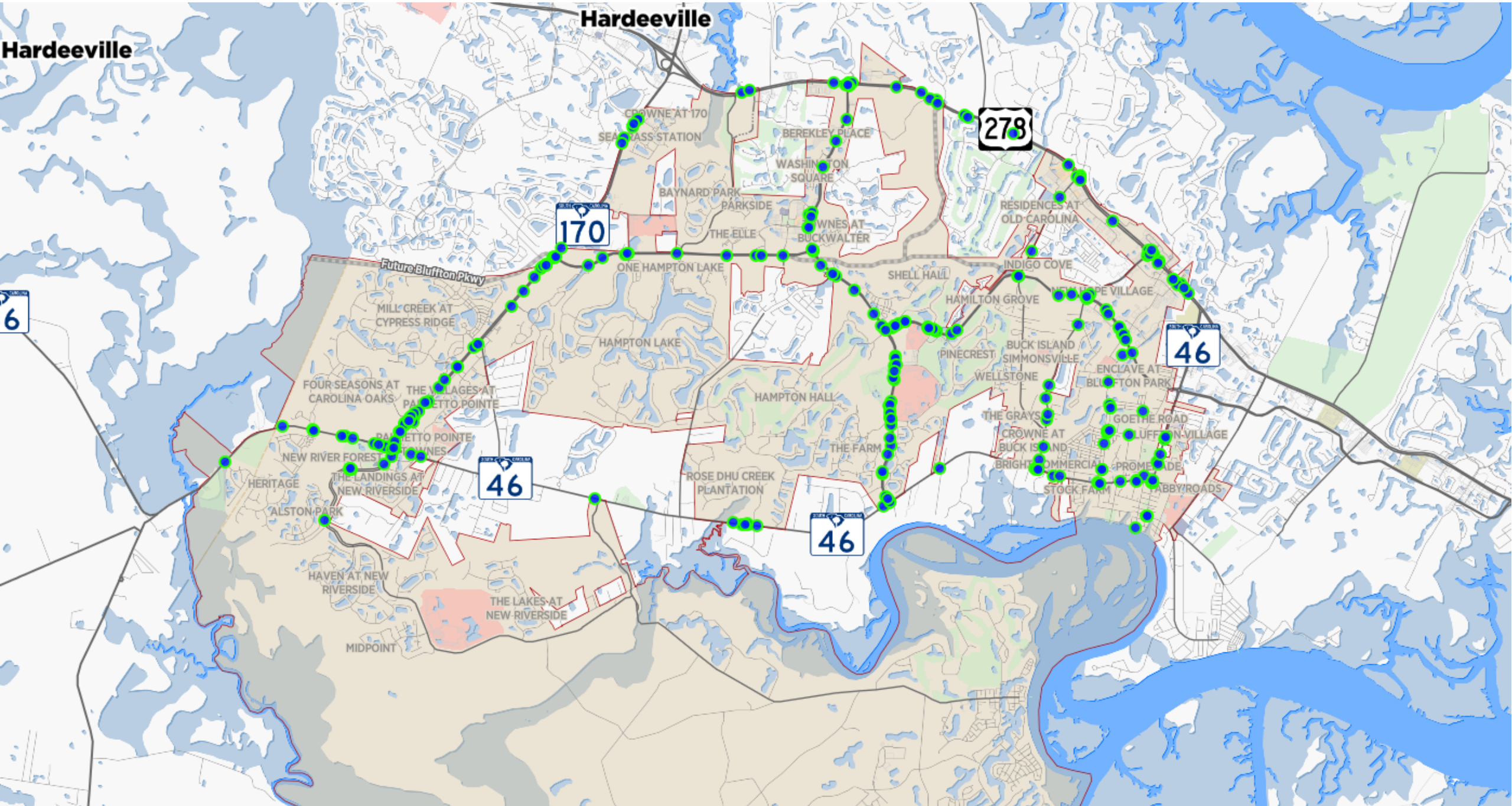
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BLUFFTON VILLAGE

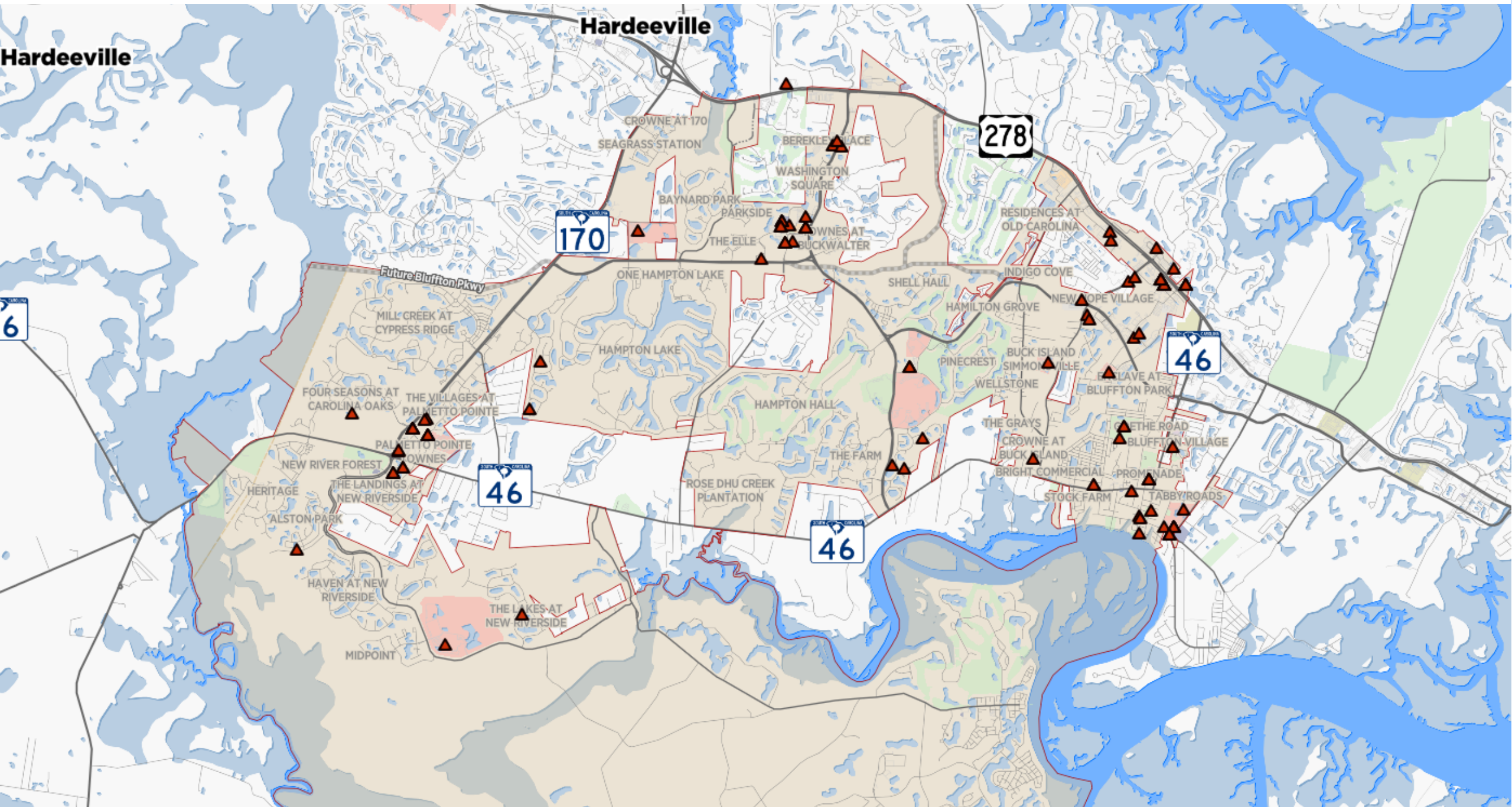
PROMENADE

ABBY ROADS

WARNINGS ISSUED (318) February 2026



#1 CALL TYPE – Activated Alarms (108) February 2026



PATROL DIVISION

CALLS FOR SERVICE TOP 10 CALL TYPES	
Activated Alarm	108
Accident	77
Disturbance	70
Case Follow Up	68
911 Hang-Up	59
Reckless Driving	38
Assist Motorist	35
Miscellaneous Call	28
Domestic	28
Noise Complaint	26

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 875

AVERAGE PER DAY: 34

PRO-ACTIVE PATROLS	
Extra Patrol - Business	2435
Traffic Stop	426
Extra Patrol - Residential	411
Traffic Enforcement	32

PATROL DIVISION

UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATIONS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Operating Vehicle While License/Registration Expired	31
Driving Under Suspension; License not Suspended for DUI	24
Speeding; Greater than 25 mph over the Speed Limit	21
Speeding; more than 15 but less than 25 mph over the Speed Limit	21
Driving without a SC License	16
Failure to Maintain Proof of Insurance in Motor Vehicle	11
Possession of 28g (1oz) or less of Marijuana	10
Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle	6
Open Container of Beer or Wine in Motor Vehicle	4
Failure to Return License Plate and Registration upon Loss of Insurance	4

TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED: 186

AVERAGE PER DAY: 7

UNIFORM TRAFFIC WARNINGS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Speeding	99
Vehicle License Violation	46
Defective Equipment	36
Other	30
Improper Lane Use	27
Changing Lanes Unlawfully	24
Improper Turn	17
Disregarding Stop Sign	14
Disregarding Traffic Signal	6
Drivers License Violation	4

TOTAL WARNING ISSUED: 318

AVERAGE PER DAY: 13

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	
Cases Assigned	4
Incident Reports	4
Supplemental Reports	52
Cases Closed	20
Arrests Made	2
Arrest Warrants	3
Juvenile Petitions	0
Bond Court	5
Case Call Outs	6
Search Warrants	9
Prelims/Grand Jury	3

Case Call Outs:

1. 26BP07322- Shots Fired at 138 Horizon Trail (2/16/2026) x3
2. 26BP07161 – (Suicide)
3. 26BP05099
4. 26BP07888/ 26S019206 – (Homicide -Suicide – BCSO) (Eisenmenger-Crime Scene Team)

Mental Health Advocate:

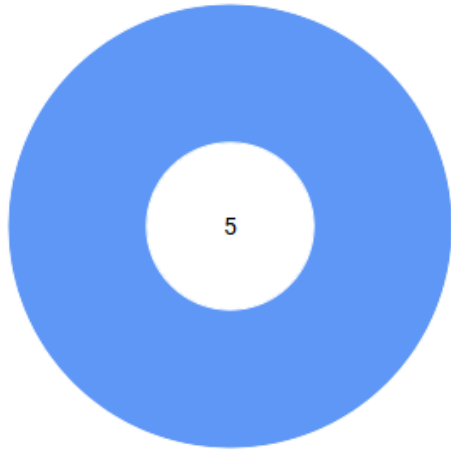
CIT: 1
Referrals - 11
Follow Ups - 38
Supplemental Reports - 17

Victim Advocate:

Case Call Outs: 1
Incident Reports: 1
Case Closed: 6
Bond Court: 1
Supplemental Reports: 11
ICAC Cases Assigned: 6

COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSISTANTS

Tickets By Status Last 30 Days

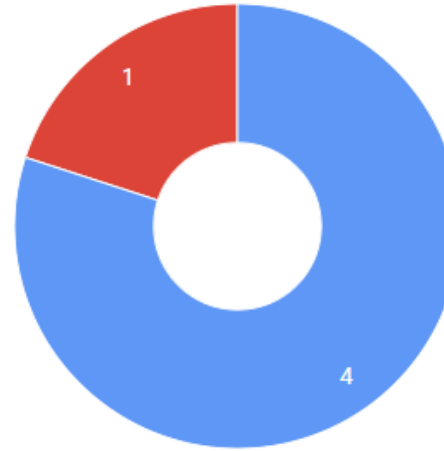


● Warning

Total Count: 5

As of 2/25/2026, 12:00:00 AM

Tickets By Officer Last 30 Days



● Sunny Rogers, R014
● Pamela Okeefe-Racanello, R8122

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As of 2/25/2026, 12:00:00 AM

Tickets By Location Last 30 Days

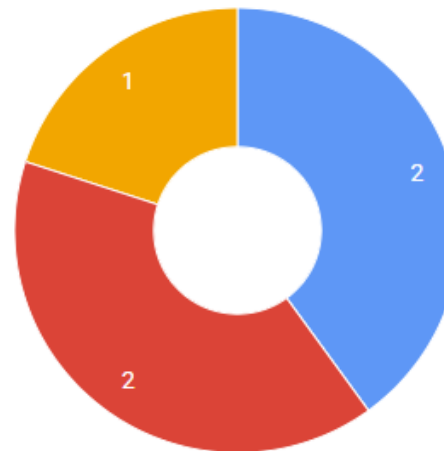


● WATER ST
● CALHOUN ST
● CHURCH ST
● BRIDGE ST

Total Count: 5

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Tickets By Violation Last 30 Days

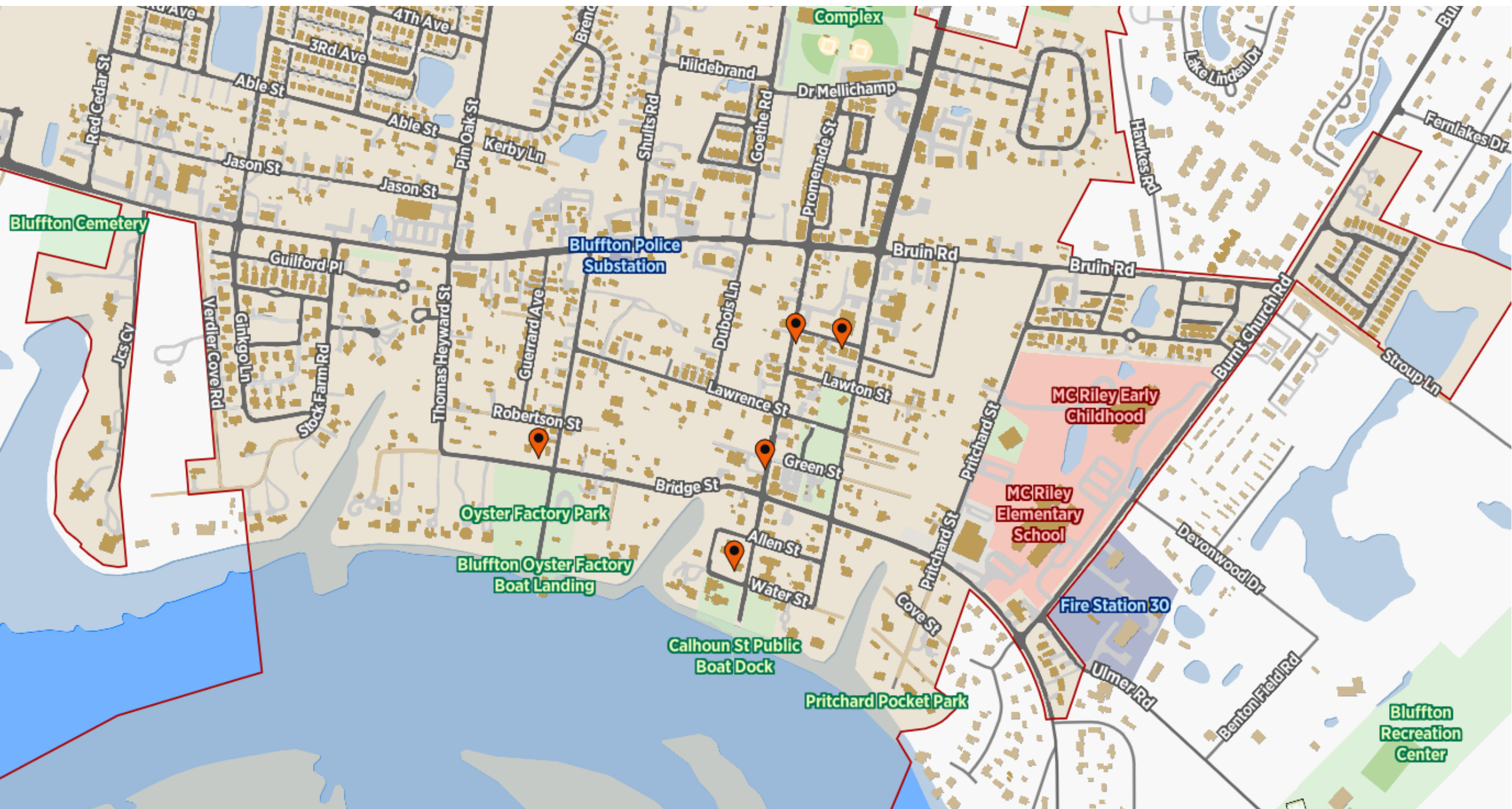


● Blocking Roadway or Alley
● Official Sign Prohibits
● Parking on a Sidewalk

Total Count: 5

As of 2/25/2026, 12:00:00 AM

DOWNTOWN CITATIONS (5) – February 2026



CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement:

William Bonhag

- Multiple business advertisement signs removed various location throughout Bluffton.

Complaints / Property Checks / Follow-ups / Ordinance Letters

- Kristy Carge and I met with Matt Cunningham on 11/4/25 to review his Bridge Collective operation as he needs to obtain a commercial Business license for his 1st floor businesses that are in operation, along with his second-floor apartment rentals. Matt's due date is January 15th, 2026 due to the taxes owed. On Tuesday 2/17/26 Matt appeared in court requesting a continuation, Court is now set for 3/10/26 at 9am
- Ian Duncan, owner of The Grind x 2 is scheduled for Court 1/20/26 as his lateness for tax payments continue to be late or failure to pay.
- Prior to court appearance Kristy Carge and I shall review any payments from Mr. Duncan.
- Mr. Duncan has caught up with his payments for now, his 2 tickets were Nole processed with the understanding any lateness moving forward shall result in future summons.

10 Buck Island

- Hull & Husk had constructed an oversized white tent in the parking lot of his located business to work on creating wood burning pellets without any permits or approval.
- Kevin Icard Director of Growth Management has been in a back-and-forth discussion with the owner Jared Jester, debating the usage of the exterior parking lot.
- NOV was issued on 12/1/25 with a compliance date of 12/22/25 due to ongoing discussions with Kevin Icard this date was postponed.
- Kevin Icard emailed Jared Jester on 12/18/25 with a 30-day extension as of this date.
- Jared has removed requested items at this time, will monitor for continued compliance going forward.

218 Simmonsville Road

- 3/14/24 Due to several violations, this location was boarded up.
- Property cleaned up, now pending information from Vicky Smalls and Rob Currall Building Official as to their next move regarding this structure.
- 12/26/25 This property is Heirs property, until this property is settled in court no actions can move forward.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement continued:

161 Buck Island Road

- This property is located behind Sharon Bowns house who has complained about the owner working on site w/o any permits.
- 6/25 Stop work order was placed at the site only to be removed by the owner with the sign being turned around where he placed his business license for land clearing w/o contacting water shed to answer his violations.
- 1/8/26, Bill Baugher and I met with Joaquin Costillo at Bill's office to explain his violations and the process for obtaining permits moving forward. Mr. Baugher has issued him 3 tickets and Codes issued 1 for his actions on site.
- Court is scheduled for 3/31/26 at 9am as Mr. Costillo retained the services of defense attorney Carol Miller.

1 Able Street

- Complaint filed with Kristy Carge regarding work being conducted at this location at all hours.
- Met with the property and business owner Veronica Jimenez for Talikas Trim Inc. that is licensed at 11 Sugary Drive not 1 Able Street.
- 11/5/25 Stop work Decal was placed on the house until all permits are obtained for the construction work being done.
- NOV was issued for NO BL at this location resulting in all construction materials and equipment needs to be removed due to Residential Zoned area.
- Returning to site by Wednesday 11/12/25 to review progress.
- As of 1/12/26 no permits or change of BL address have occurred
- 1/22/26 received a neighbor complaint from working late and toxic smells due to painting in and out of a tented area that was supposed to be removed after NOV issued 11/5/25 with a compliance date of 11/10/25
- On 1/22/25 2 tickets were issued: 1 for NO BL and 1 for unlawful continuance. Court matter for 2-17-26
- Tickets were paid in full \$2,175.00 with the understanding to stop all work, obtain permits and remove the trailer and painting tent.

214 Simmonsville Road

- On Thursday 2/5/26 , Jason Wagner contacted us regarding burning at this location by a landscape company and the residents, leading to extreme smoke resulting in his daughter requiring a breathing treatment prior to waiting for her bus.
- This is the second time we have been visiting for burning along with NO BL for any operations.
- 2 Summons were issued to Jennifer Velez along with an NOV for accumulations prohibited with a compliance date of Thursday 2/19/26. Possibly another citation to be issued.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement continued:

Four Seasons at Carolina Oaks / BACA Concrete & Construction

- 2/10/26 Tuesday, I received a complaint from David Swisher residing at 20 Brandywine Lane, an address towards the rear section where ongoing construction work is happening. Mr. Swisher and his wife fully understand ongoing construction.
- Monday morning 2/16/26 at approximately 5:50am BACA concrete was pouring concrete prior to the 7am working hour. Along with a pump truck disturbing the quiet of the residents.
- Contacted Tom from KHOV and then received a call from Miguel BACA owner of the company, to apologize for early work and will adhere to the 7am-7pm municipal ordinance, until daylight savings which is 7am-9pm M-S and noon to 7pm Sundays. Codes issued an NOV regarding the early start.
- 2/17/26 Tuesday, I received a second complaint from David Swisher residing at 20 Brandywine Lane, an address towards the rear section where ongoing construction work is happening. This time crews were working after 9pm with lights and creating lots of noise, disturbing the quiet for the residents. 7pm is the time limit to stop all work.
- This matter will be taken up with Miguel BACA at the site visit today 2/18/26. Phone call to the owner was not going through. Spoke with Steve site manager for KHOV, he will make sure times are adhered too moving forward.

STRATEGIC ACTION & FOCUSED ENFORCEMENT TEAM

S.A.F.E Team	
Conducted traffic enforcement in Bluffton Park, The Landings, Hwy 278, May River Rd (Old Town)	May River Montessori School visit
Responded to multiple calls for service	HE McCracken Middle School visit
Assisted S.L.E.D with security at the BC Republican Party Event (Downtown Deli)	Bluffton High School visit
Attended Bluffton Community Kitchen (Campbell AME Church)	Attended Cross Schools Family Chapel Day
Assisted CID with a DJJ transport from Bennettsville SC to Beaufort SC back to Bennettsville	Attended Town Council Meeting at Bluffton Municipal Court
Assisted with tour of Police Department for programs exceptional people	Attended Bluffton Farmers Market on Thursdays
Conducted Firearms training with the new Glock 47 at Lowcountry Guns and Range	Covered Bluffton Town Municipal Court security on Tuesdays
Cpl Laccesaglia completed peer support certification	Attended virtual meeting with Flock staff and CID at law enforcement center
Cpl Laccesaglia assisted with 2 Dive Team call outs 2-20 / 2-21	Conducted Surveillance in Heritage at New Riverside with (4 days)
Cpl Laccesaglia attended Dive Training	Attended the Corporal / Sergeant meeting at law enforcement center 2-24
Covered May River High School Basketball event	Police Substation Walk-ins February: 2
Covered Lowcountry Community Church student ministry	

TRAFFIC STATS:	
Tickets:	12
Warnings:	13
Warrants:	1
Incident Reports:	1
Arrest:	2