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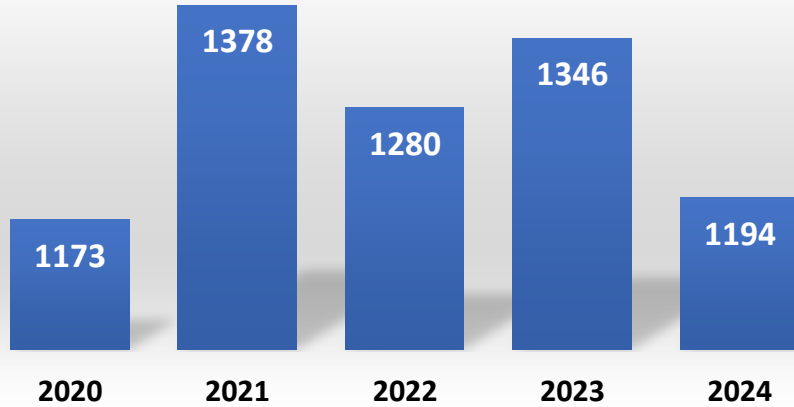
BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 31, 2024

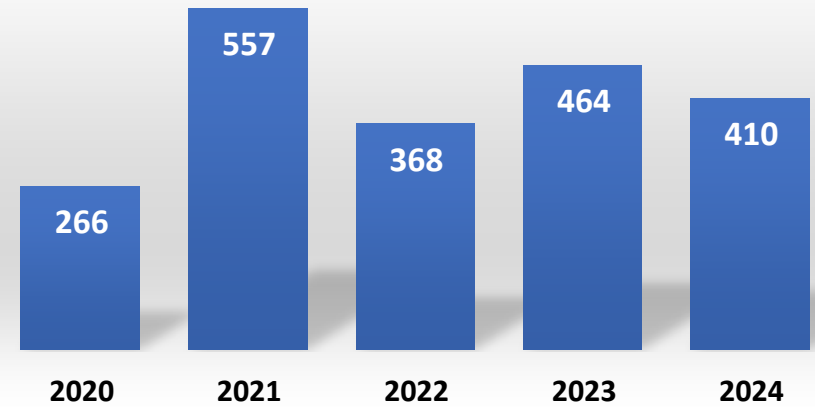
Presented by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

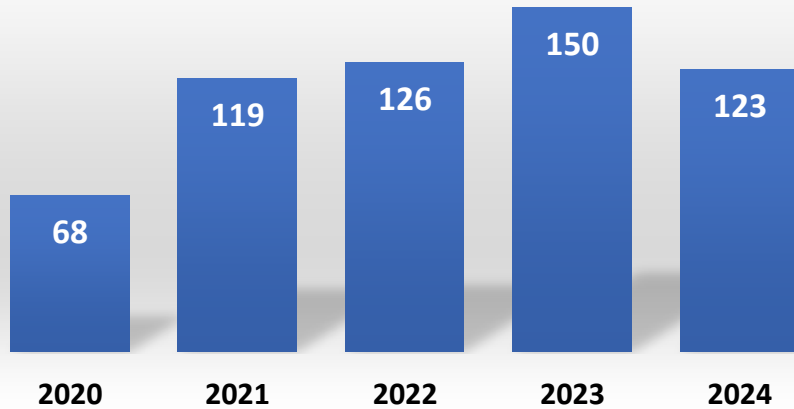
May Calls for Service Comparison



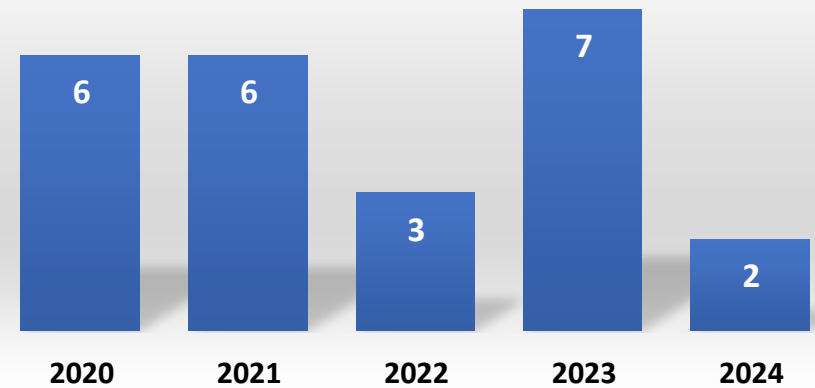
May Traffic Citation Comparison



May Collision Comparison

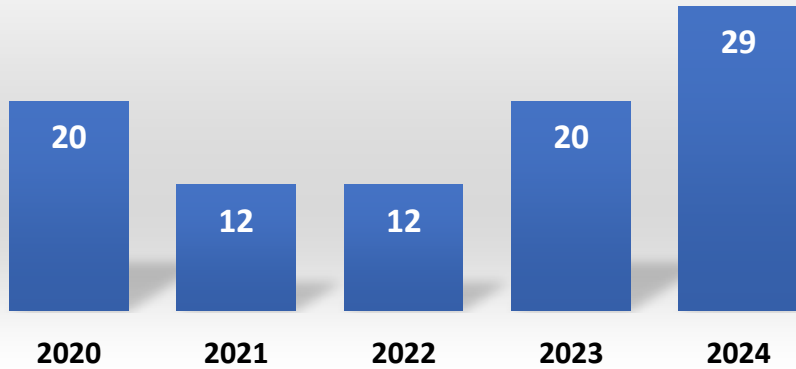


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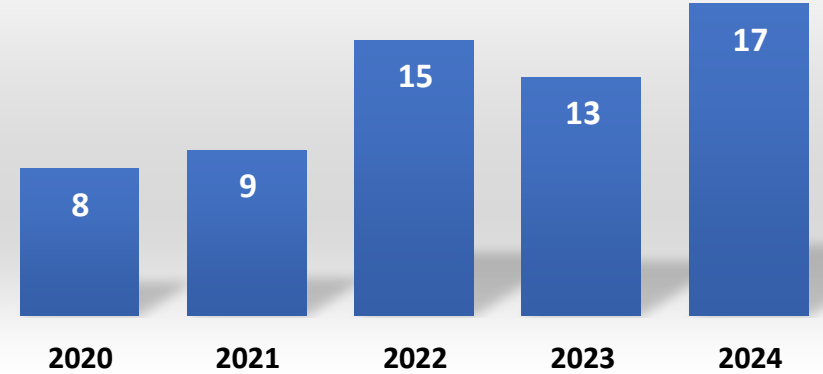


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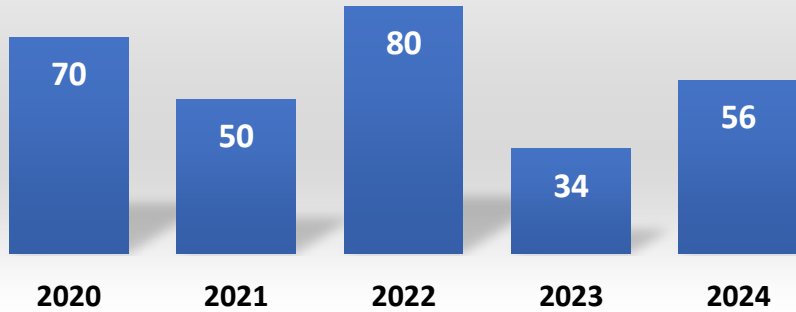
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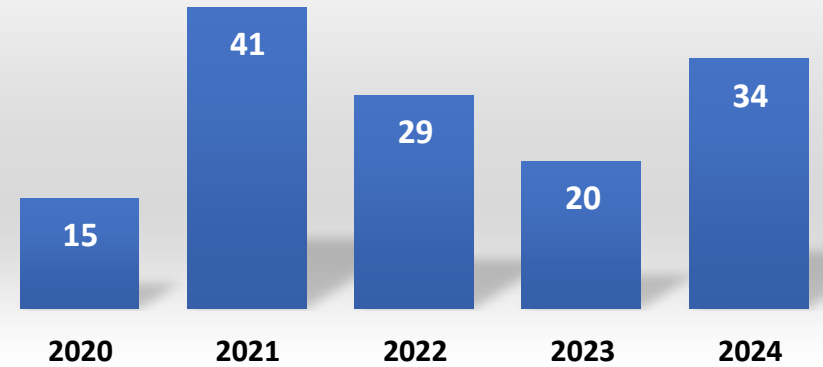
May Assault Comparison



May Domestic Calls for Service Comparison



May Arrest Comparison

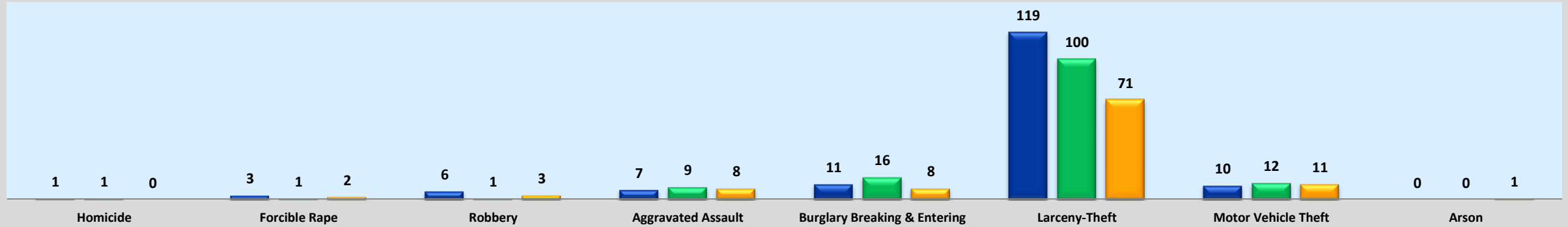


DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year-to-Date
May

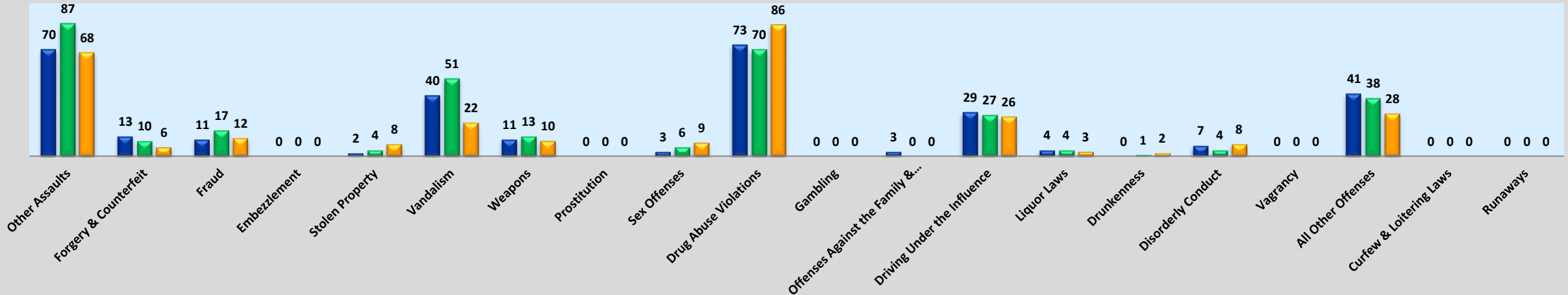
Part I Crimes

■ 2024 ■ 2023 ■ 2022



Part II Crimes

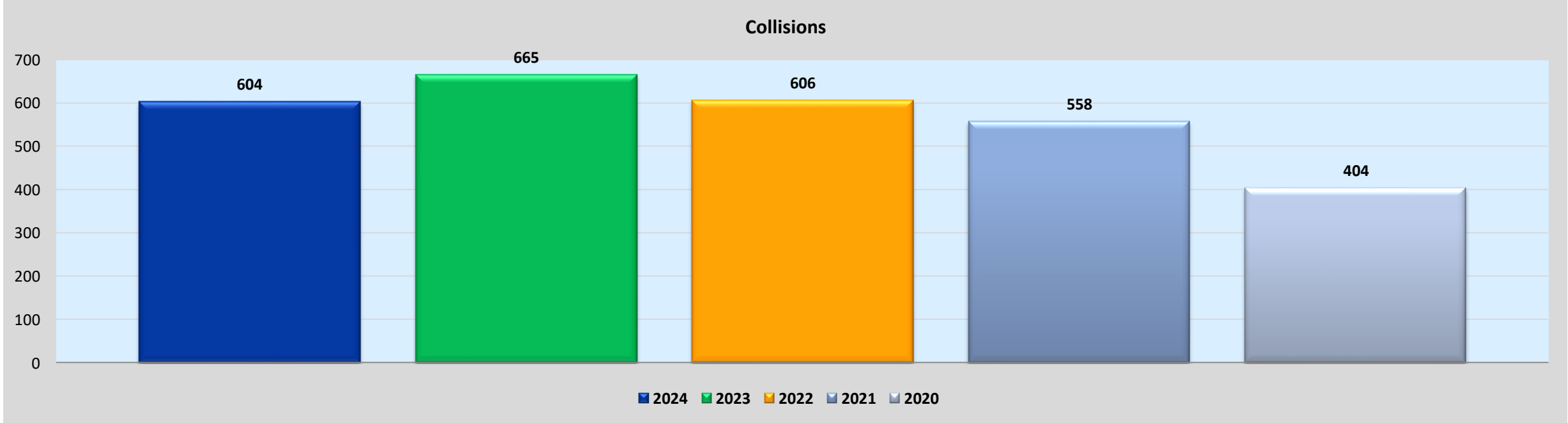
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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year-to-Date
May

Collisions



Law Enforcement Advisory Committee

- Meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum.

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

May 1st – Meeting with Citizen

May 1st – Zoom Meeting with CPSM

May 1st – Attend Traffic Calming Meeting @ Town Hall

May 1st – Attend Hampton Hall meeting

May 1st – Meeting with Finance Director

May 2nd – Meeting with Citizen

May 2nd – Meeting with Council Member E. Burden

May 4th – Attend Annual May River Cleanup Event

May 4th – Attend Entrepreneur Day for Kids Event @ Oscar Frazier Park

May 8th – Meeting with Citizen

May 8th – Attend Explorers Class

May 9th – Attend 2024 Employee Appreciation Event

May 9th – Command Staff meeting

May 10th – Meeting with Corporal

May 10th – Attend BC School District Annual Community Partners Safe Schools Luncheon

May 10th – Visit to Blume @ Belfair for Mothers Day celebration

May 11th – Attend Mayfest Festival

May 13th – Meeting with Police Applicant

May 13th – LowCountry Retired Officers Assoc Appreciation Lunch @ LEC

Meetings Attended by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz cont.

- May 14th** – Attend TemperaturePro Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- May 14th** – Command Staff meeting
- May 14th** – Attend Town Council meeting
- May 15th** – Attend May Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebration
- May 15th** – Corporals Meeting
- May 15th** – Sergeants Meeting
- May 16th** – Attend EE Zero LLC Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- May 17th** – Attend Retirement Party @ Rotary Community Center
- May 17th** – Attend Budget Workshop
- May 17th** – Meeting with St. Josephs Candler representative
- May 20th** – Attend Hampton Hall Wounded Heroes Charity Golf Event
- May 20th** – Meeting with Finance Director and Payroll
- May 21st** – Attend Mayor Service Awards
- May 22nd** – Attend Leadership Training
- May 22nd** – Mental Health Advocate Interview
- May 22nd** – Meeting with Town Manager
- May 23rd** – Mental Health Advocate Interviews
- May 24th** – Attend SC Criminal Justice Academy Graduation
- May 28th** – Meeting with Mayor and Town Manager
- May 28th** – Meeting with Citizen
- May 28th** – Meeting with Corporal
- May 28th** – Attend MC Riley for Coastal Kingdom Presentation
- May 28th** – Attend Hurricane Preparedness Meeting

Meetings Attended by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz cont.

May 29th – Town-Wide Hurricane Preparedness Meeting

May 29th - Meeting with IT Director

May 29th – Attend Disability Caravan Bus Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

May 30th – Attend New River Linear Trail Groundbreaking Ceremony

May 30th – Attend Budget Workshop

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Commendations -	May 5 th – Thank you email from First Citizens Bank – Officer Lindiakos, Corporal Laccesaglia and Officer Young.
Complaints -	None

Police Department Demographics as of May 31, 2024

DEPARTMENT	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	1	4	1	18	24
Male	5	5	3	33	46
Grand Total	6	9	4	51	70

SWORN OFFICERS	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	1	1		10	12
Male	5	5	3	30	43
Grand Total	6	6	3	40	55

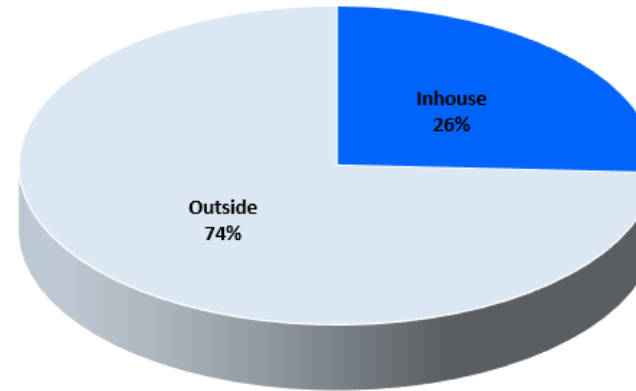
May Officer Training

Inhouse

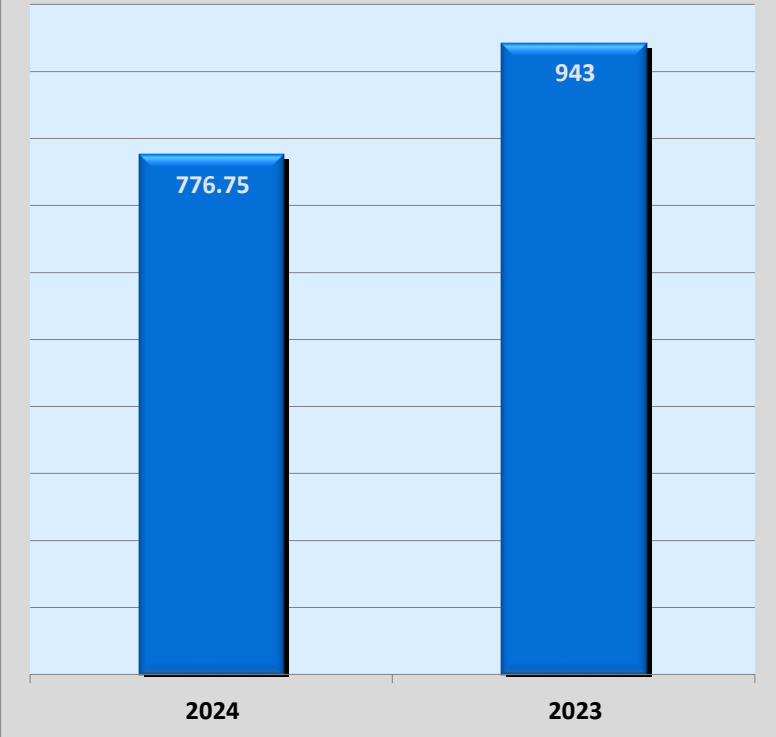
Hazmat First Responder Awareness (FRA) Level 1 - 6 Officers
 Bloodborne Pathogens for First Responders - 5 Officers
 Pre-Academy Training - 1 Officer
 Anti-Bias Training for Law Enforcement - 1 Officer
 Line-Up 2024 May-June - 15 Officers
 Alzheimer's & Dementia Law Enforcement Training - 9 Officers
 Line-Up 2022 July-August - 1 Officer
 Line-Up 2022 May-June - 1 Officer
 Line-Up 2022 November-December - 1 Officer
 Line-Up 2022 September - October - 1 Officer
 Mental Illness: Practical App of Mental Health for First Responders - 1 Officer

Outside

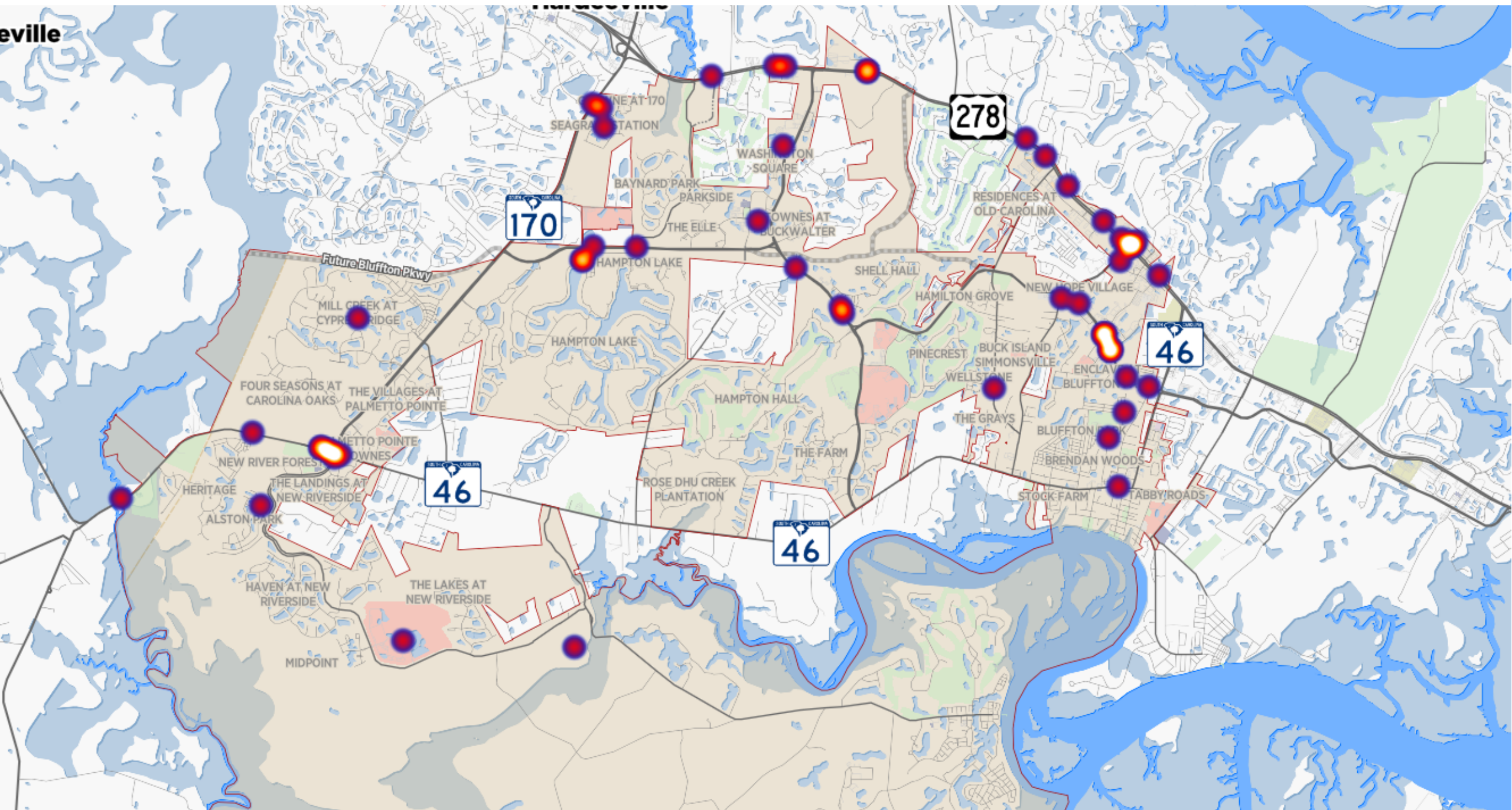
Traffic Collision Investigation Recon Phase 3 - 1 Officer
 SCCJA Basic Law Enforcement - 2 Recruits
 Guest Instructor / Firearms Recertification - 1 Officer
 CSI and Forensic Investigation +Photography - 3 Officers
 FBI LEEDA - 2 Officers
 SCLEAP Conference - 1 Officer
 Field Search Software Confiscation - 1 Officer



May 2024 / 2023 Training Hours Comparison

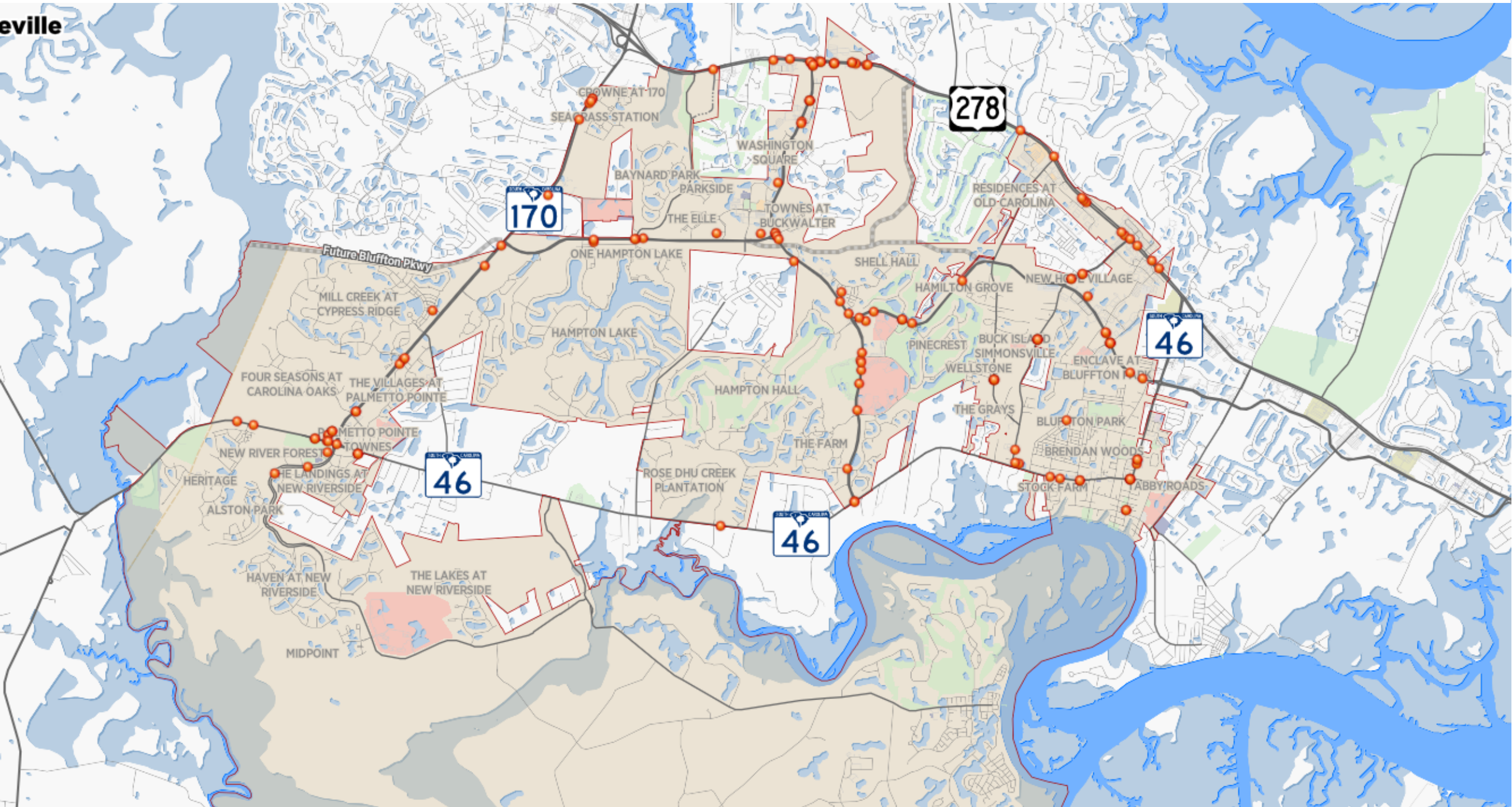


COLLISIONS (73) May 2024

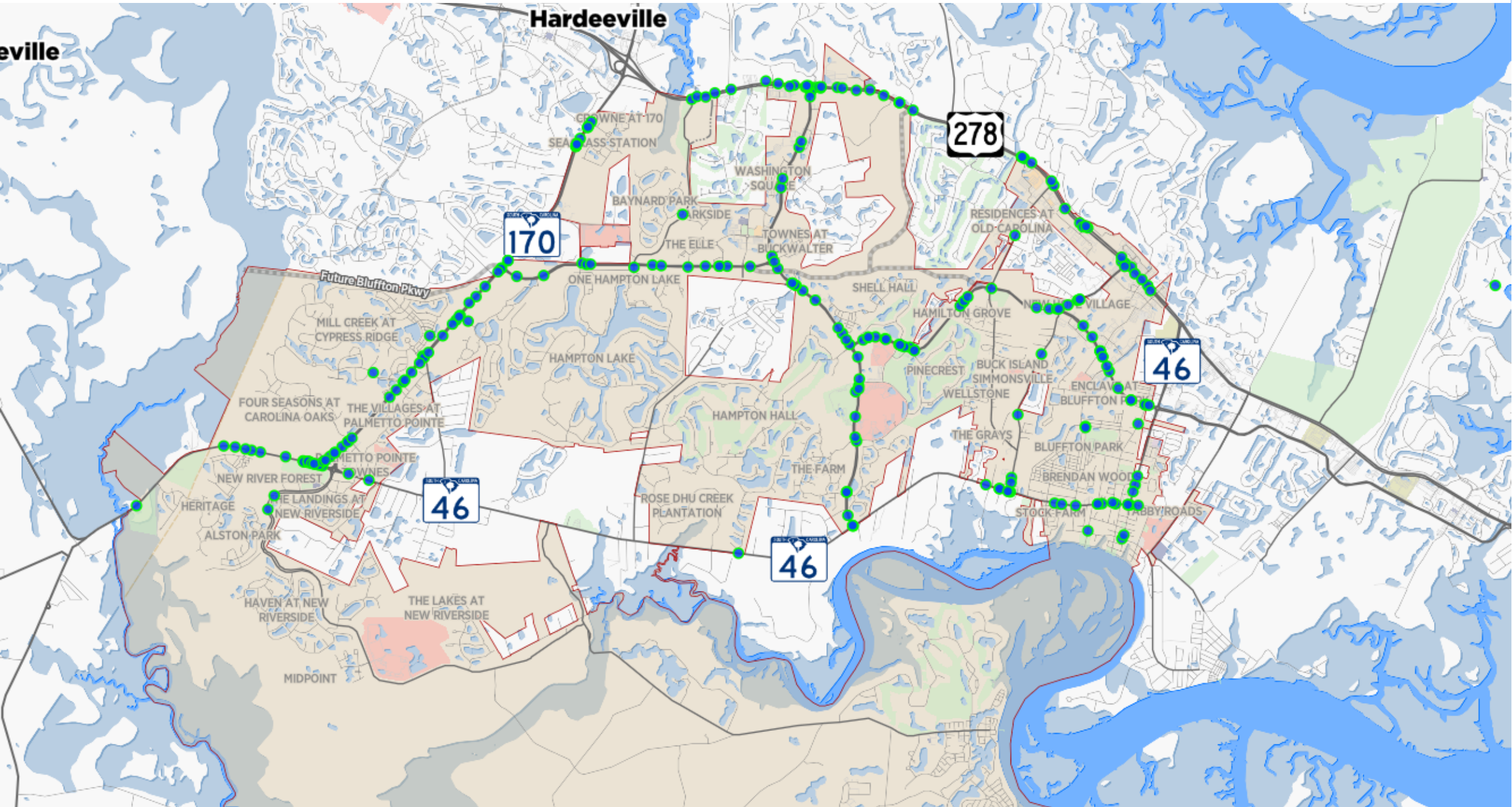


CITATIONS ISSUED (143) May 2024

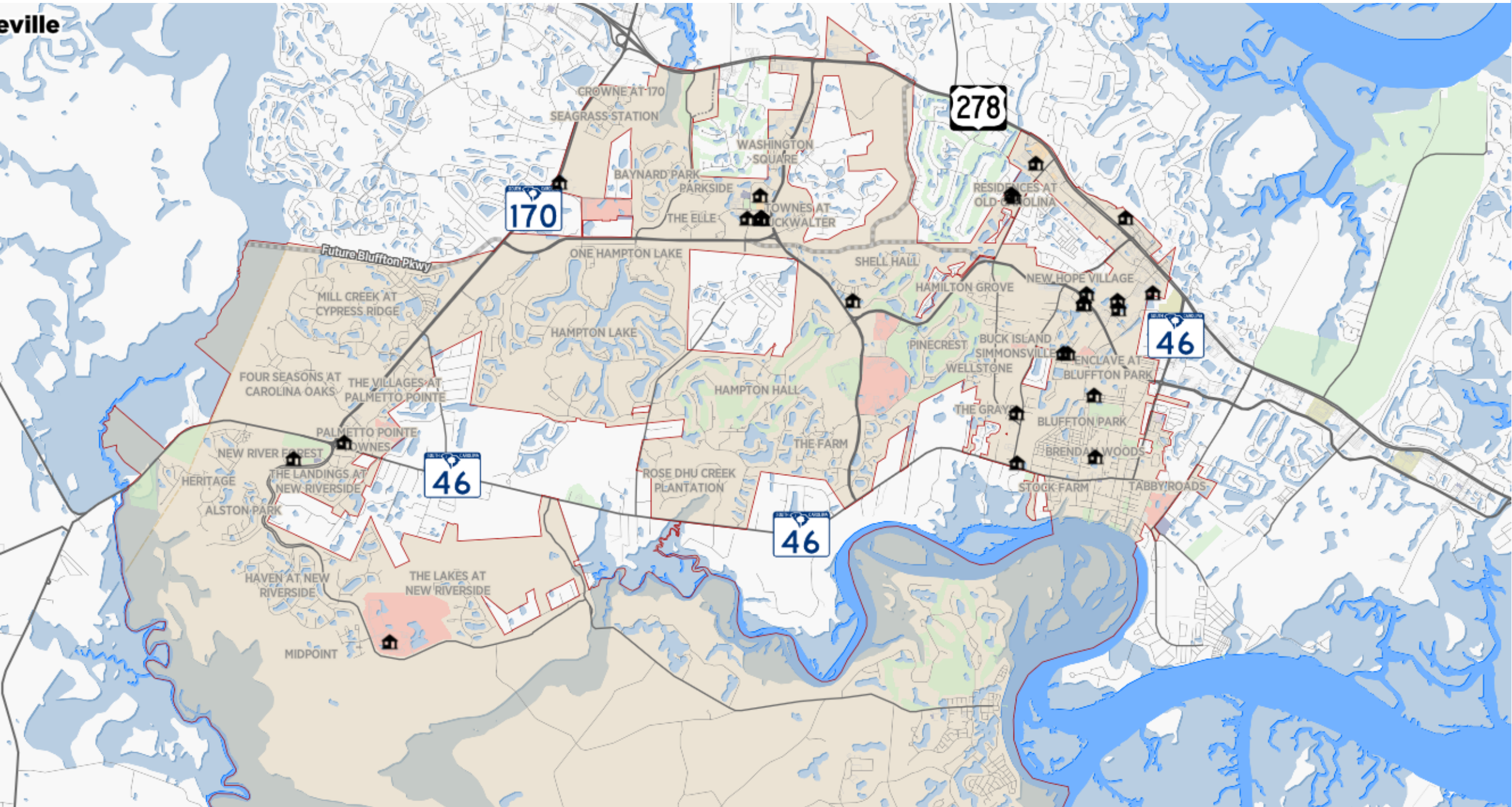
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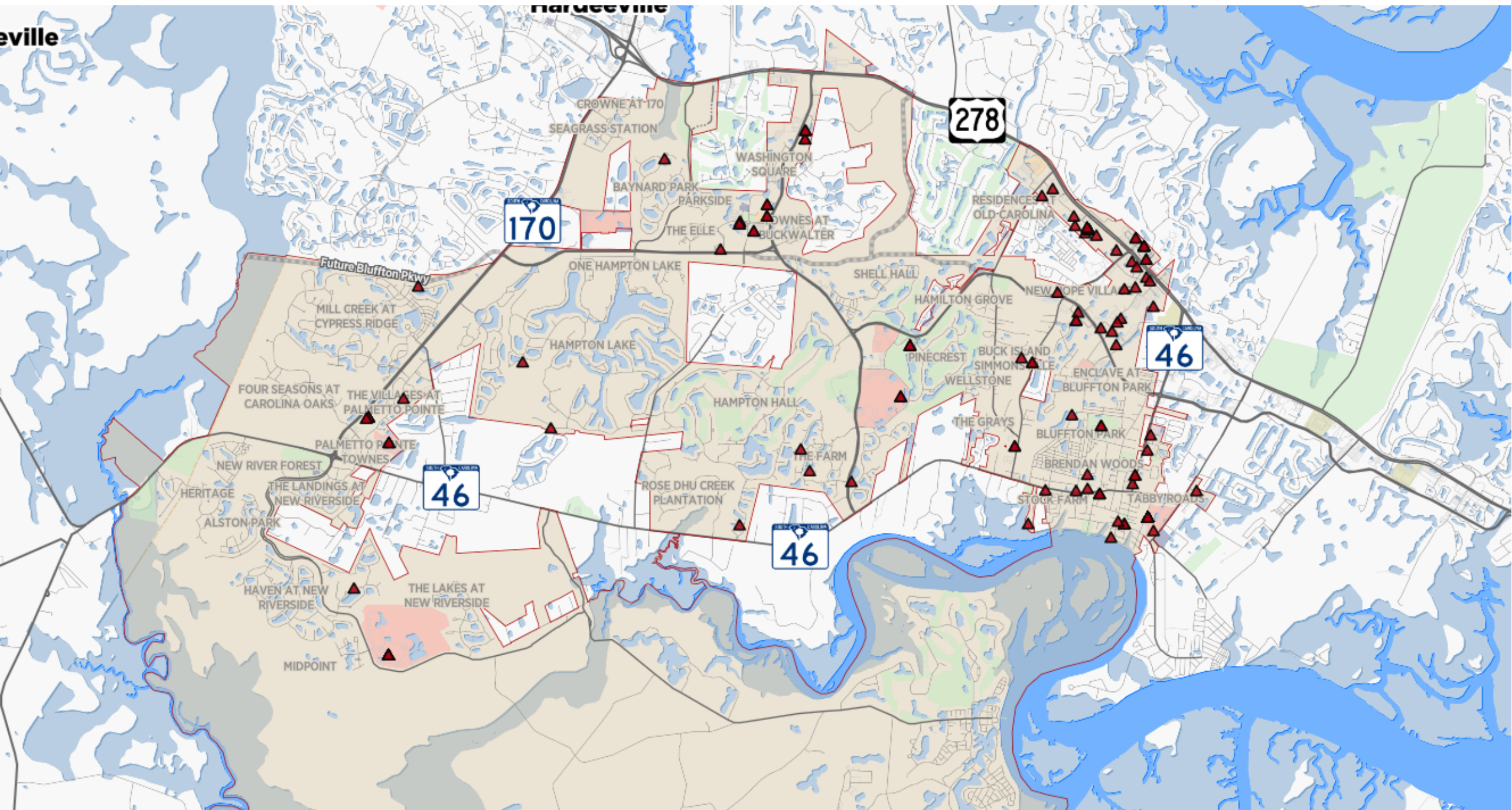
WARNINGS ISSUED (267) May 2024



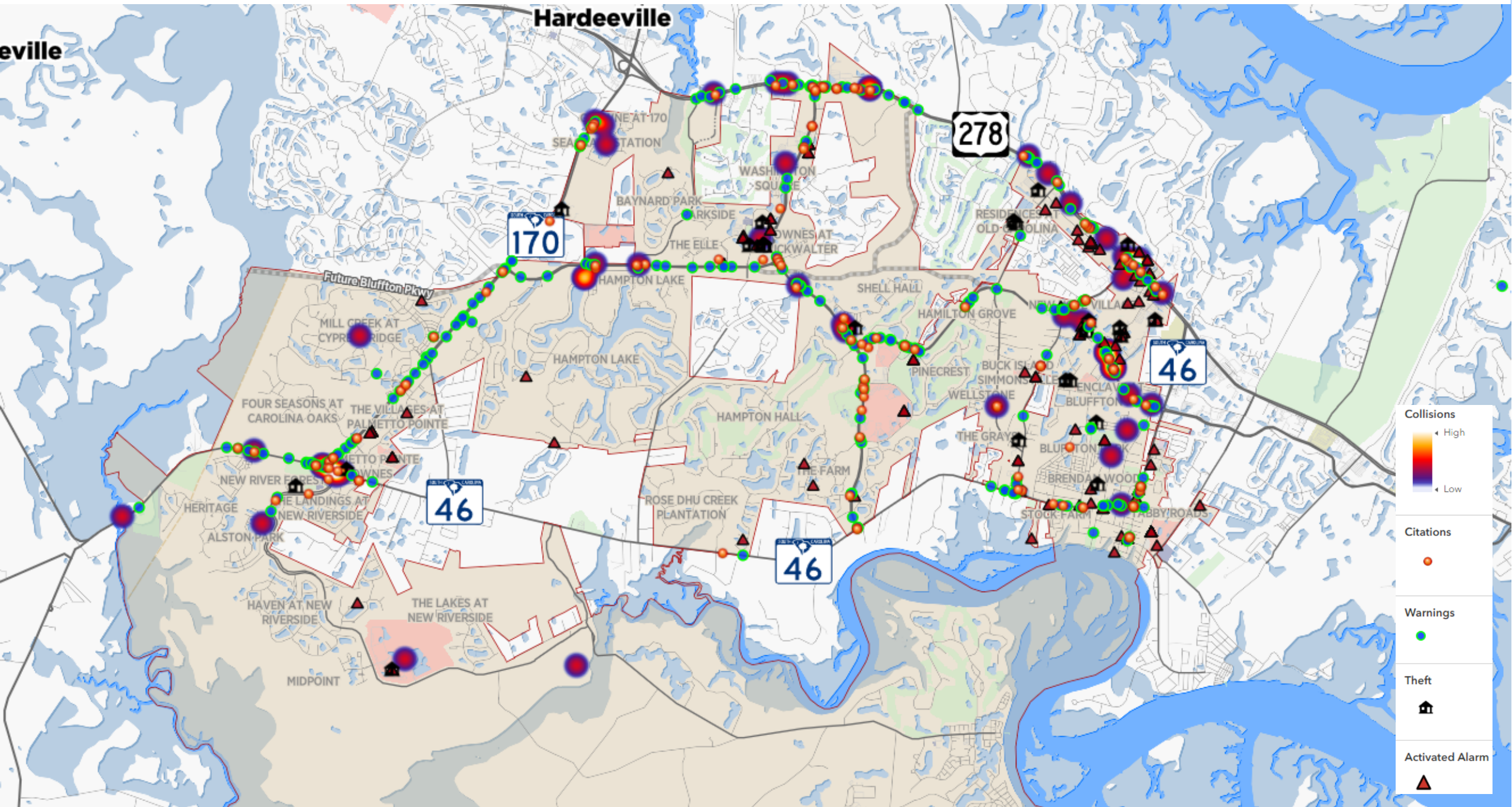
THEFTS (29) May 2024



#1 CALL TYPE – Activated Alarms (142) May 2024



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



PATROL DIVISION

CALLS FOR SERVICE TOP 10 CALL TYPES	
Case Follow Up	153
Activated Alarm	142
911 Hang-Up	103
Disturbance	92
Accident	83
Reckless Driving	49
Domestic	48
Misc Call	36
Health Welfare	29
Noise Complaint	27

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 1194

AVERAGE PER DAY: 43

PRO-ACTIVE PATROL	
Extra Patrol - Business	878
Traffic Stop	339
Extra Patrol - Residence	181
Traffic Enforcement	4

PATROL DIVISION

UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATIONS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Driving without a License	25
Operating Vehicle While License/Registration Expired	23
Driving Under Suspension	16
Failure to Maintain Proof of Insurance	13
Possession of 28g (1 oz) or less of Marijuana	9
Failure to Return License	8
Driving Under the Influence	7
Speeding 15 mph - 24 mph over the speed limit	6
Open Container of Beer or Wine	4
Speeding more than 24 mph over the speed limit	4

TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED: 142

AVERAGE PER DAY: 5

UNIFORM TRAFFIC WARNINGS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Defective Equipment	83
Speeding	62
Vehicle License Violation	22
Improper Lane Use	17
Speeding & more	15
Other	10
Changing Lanes Unlawfully	9
Disregarding Stop Sign	7
Disregarding Traffic Signal	6
Improper Lights	5

TOTAL WARNINGS ISSUED: 261

AVERAGE PER DAY: 9

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	
Cases Assigned	30
Incident Reports	4
Supplemental Reports	44
Cases Closed	35
Arrests Made	0
Arrest Warrants	3
Bond Court	5
Case Call Outs	7
Search Warrants	10

Case Call Outs:

1. 24BP12060 – Gunshot wound.
2. 24BP13096 – Death Scene
3. 24BP13391 – Kidnapping
4. 24BP12006 – Armed Robbery
5. 24BP13736 - Burglary

Bond Court:

1. 24BP13391 – Kidnapping/FTS for blue lights/PDC/Possession of a Weapon during Violent Crime
2. 24BP13706 – Domestic Violence 3rd Degree
3. 24BP10643 – Unlawful conduct towards child
4. 24BP11643 – DV High and Aggravated
5. 24BP12672 – Domestic Violence 3rd Degree

Mental Health Advocate:

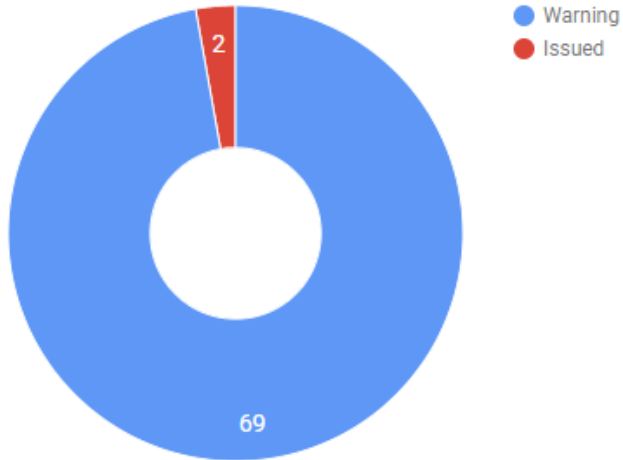
- 0 – Calls for Service
- 5 – Referrals
- 14 – Follow Ups
- 6 – Supplemental Reports

Victim Advocate:

- 1 – Case Call Out
- 3 – Incident Report
- 10 – Case Closed
- 3 – Bond Court
- 12 – Supplemental Reports

COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSISTANTS

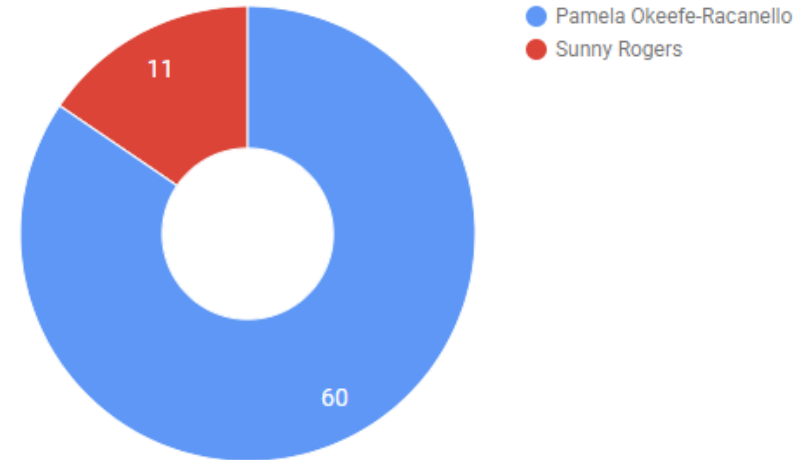
Tickets By Status Month To Date ▾



Total Count: 71

As of 5/28/2024, 12:00:00 AM

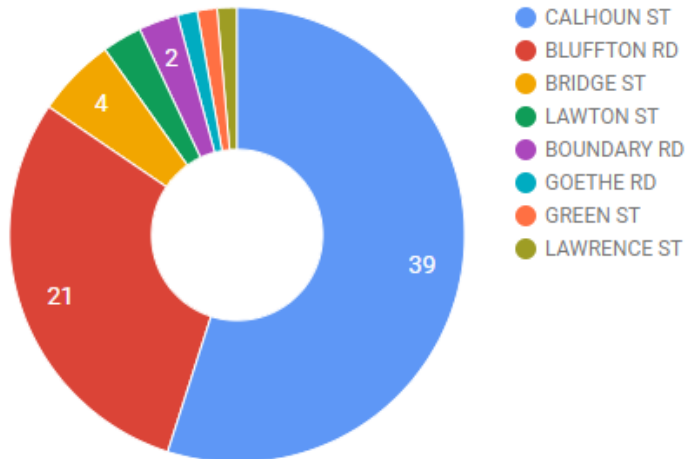
Tickets By Officer Month To Date ▾



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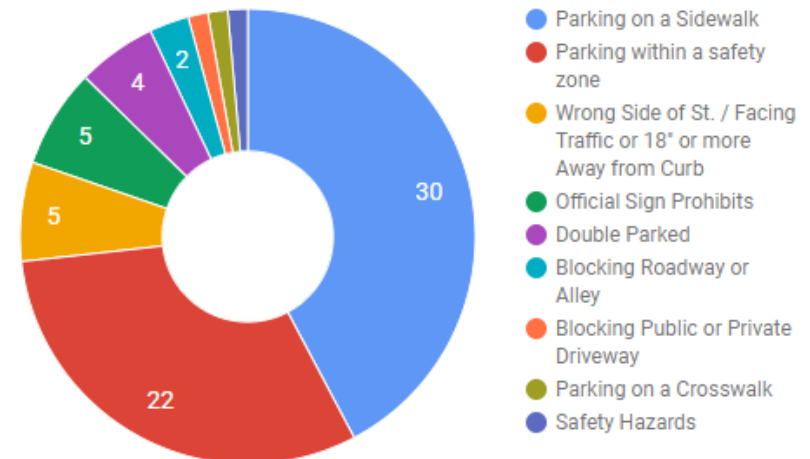
Tickets By Location Month To Date ▾



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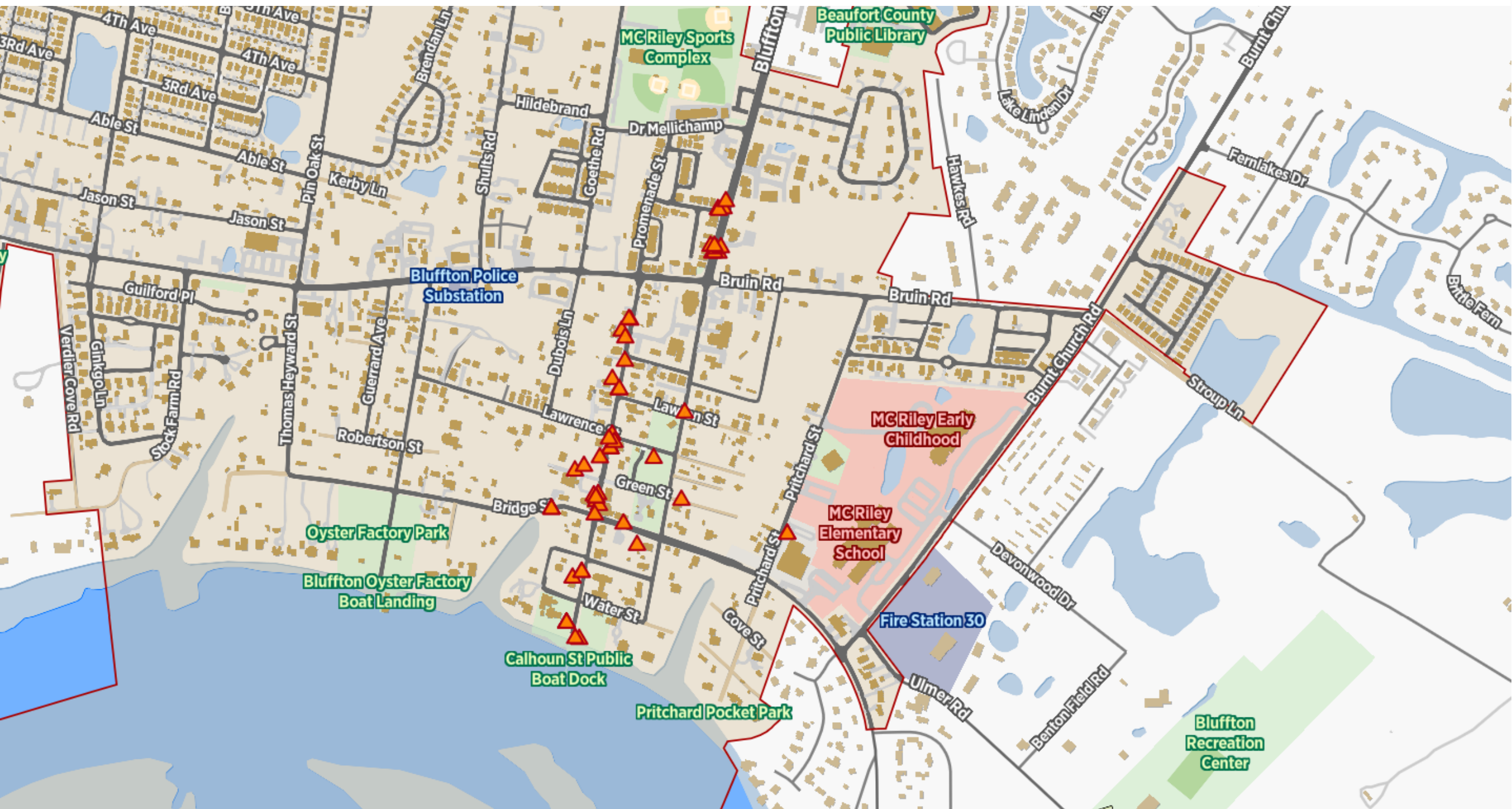
Tickets By Violation Month To Date ▾



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DOWNTOWN CITATIONS (71) – May 2024



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 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.
- 5/1/24 NOV issued to Coastal Waste and Recycling in Palmetto Bluff; license actions need to occur to become compliant. Actions taken for BL.
- Hampton Pkwy storage containers on site complaint, Building Safety says ok due to property ongoing work.

Complaints / Property Checks / Follow-ups / Ordinance Letters

- Russo's Seafood, trash smell, due to freezer down and an abundance of fish dumped into commercial dumpster. The following day cleaned up.
- 1238 May River Rd letters to clean up location, status is completed.
- 1236 & 1238 May River Road, working with this group as they are cleaning up these locations that have been longtime neglected. Status ongoing progress.
- 19 Shults visited due to Rooster complaint, appears quiet for now.
- 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.
- Kobe Steakhouse blocking sidewalk with lighthouse lights display, blocking handicap walkway, owner moved immediately as new owners.
- 216 Simmonsville road properties to be visited by the Team due to commercial business operation ongoing in a residential zone

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 in the process to be sold by 6/1/24 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.

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.

241 Buck Island

- Re visiting location due to commercial equipment returned to site.
- Pending removal of equipment and RV in rear section. NOV issued, monitor for compliance.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement continued:

331 Buck Island

- 6/7/23 property was visited by Codes, Lt. Ferrelli, Jordan Holloway, and Bill Baugher.
- 6/14/23 notified via email 252 Simmonsville flooding due to Ruiz Concrete action of backfilling a pond.
- 6/21/23 meeting with Jordan, myself, and Bill Baugher to discuss all violations. Jordan working on letter draft to be sent to owner of 331 Buck Island to include vehicle removals, RV disconnection, no permits obtained for housing, Residential Zoned Area, no construction yard allowed.
- As of 1/1/24 Mr. Ruiz with his attorney agreed to remove all trash, RVs, and his commercial materials from his property. Mr. Cervantes is following the watershed and codes directions at this time, will continue to monitor his location. The court matter is now set for April 2nd, 2024 as requested by his attorney. The property line matter is a civil situation.
- Mr. Cervantes appeared in Court 5/7/24 paid \$500 fine and is expected to have his commercial business and containers off site by Friday 5/24/24. Otherwise face more fines.

71 Bridge Street

- OKAN Food Truck is now in compliance with BL and mobile vending permits.

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).
- 3/19/24 appearance for court and granted postponement by town attorney Joshua.
- 6/25/24 appearance for 7 tickets; 5 from Watershed and 2 from Codes.

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. Violations pending.
- 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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement continued:

214 Simmonsville Road

- Thursday 4/18/24 met with the owner and his daughter Jennifer Valez to discuss his letter and my notice of violations issued for NO BL and Residential Zoned section.
- Jennifer will assist her father with obtaining his BL and with removing items relating to commercial operations.
- We shall re-visit this property within a few weeks.

220 Simmonsville Road

- 3/21/24 visited location to identify violations.
- NA Carpentry LLC is running its business from this location and rents out rear section from the owner Alfredo Puga. This is not allowed due to the residential zoning.
- 3/25/24 meeting with the owner Alfredo Puga at this property today at 9:30am with Bill Baugher from Watershed due to RV violations.
- 3/25/24 Issued 2 NOV violations due to Residential General Zoning, NO RV living, and commercial business equipment needs to be moved by April 8th, 2024
- Bill Baugher watershed issued two tickets for illicit discharge from RV's.

222 Simmonsville Road

- Thursday 4/18/24 Codes Team visited this location with the assistance of Lt. Ferrelli for violation of NO BL and operating in a Residential Zone. Owners BL is in good standing and was advised to discontinue its commercial operation.
- Marcus Noe noted and discussed with the owner the Gate Violation, along with a business office shed that needs permits. This will be concluded upon re-visitation for compliance at a near future date to be determined.

59 Shults Road

- 5/9/24 Codes Team visited location due to RV living and treehouse connected to power and white pipe connected to treehouse and RV. Watershed to follow-up due to illicit discharge.
- Prior to visiting Codes inspected for loud dog and rooster now removed.

36 Grayson Circle

- 5/9/24 Team visited location due to excessive items of scrap metal, fridge, along with several garbage items.
- May 31, 2024 is the due time for compliance to clean yard and remove all items, owner agreed to comply with directions. Pending inspection 5/31/24.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement continued:

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

- 5/1/24 issued 4 Notice of Violations to Coastal Waste and Recycling for dumpster placements w/o a Bluffton Business License.
- The company contacted the town business licensing department to get their license current.

Baleada Express 4 Oliver Court Unit #102

- 5/10/24 visited this location, issued NOV to get business license current.
- Licensing advised they fixed license.

Crudo Restaurant 14 Promenade Unit #102

- 5/10/24 location visited, issued NOV due to license not current and taxes owed.
- Licensing advised they fixed license and paid back taxes.

Palmetto Axes 4375 Bluffton Parkway

- Per Licensing changing ownership 6/1/24
- Has not yet obtained ABL for this location, are able to use present owners until theirs is valid.
- The licensing department asked that I visit during the week of June 3 to check the situation. Codes will investigate this matter at that time.

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

- Community Action Team - No data available at this time.