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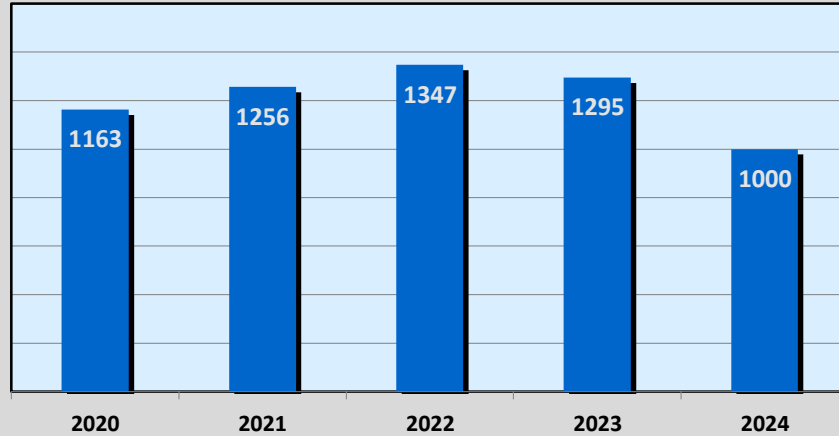
# BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 31, 2024

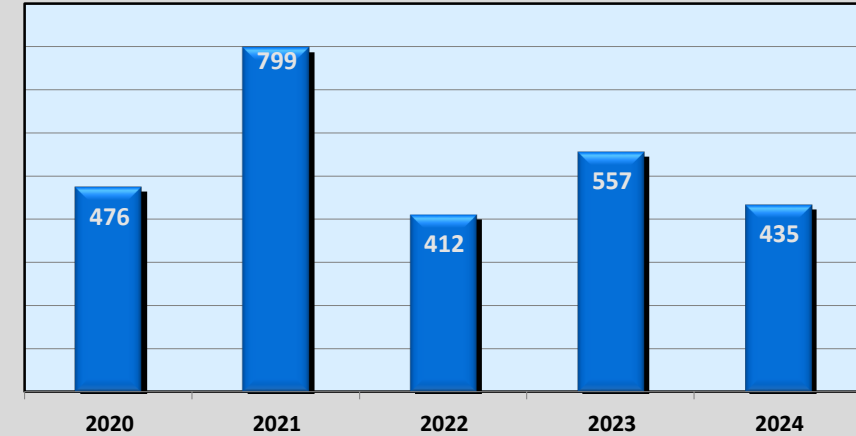
Presented by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz

# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

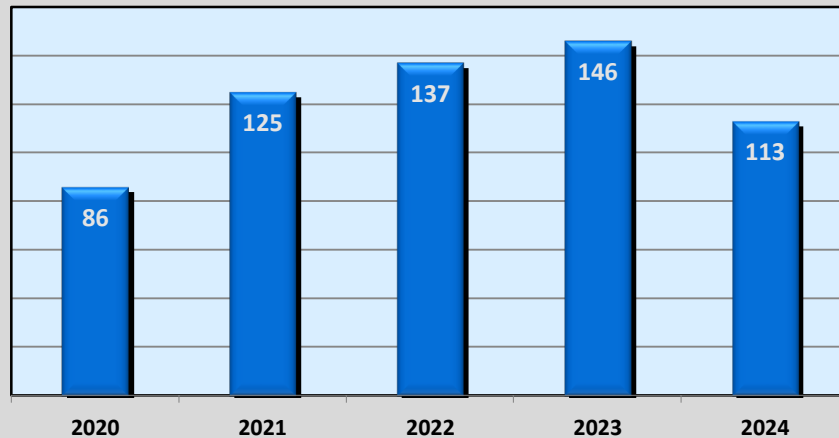
## March Calls for Service Comparison



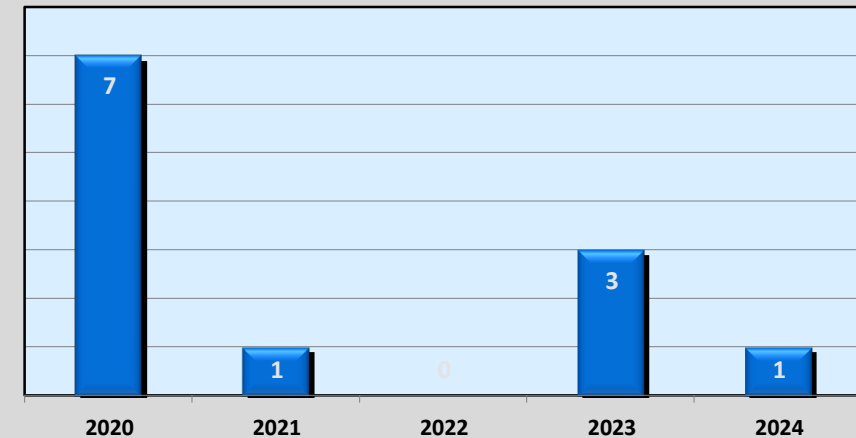
## March Traffic Citation Comparison



## March Collision Comparison

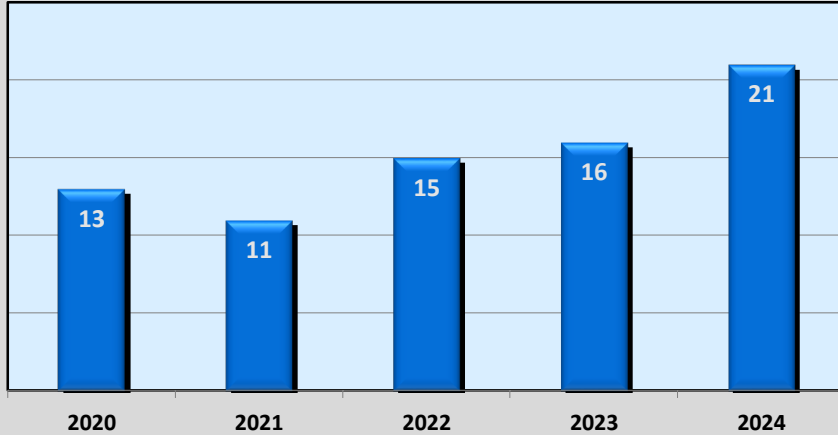


## March Burglary Comparison

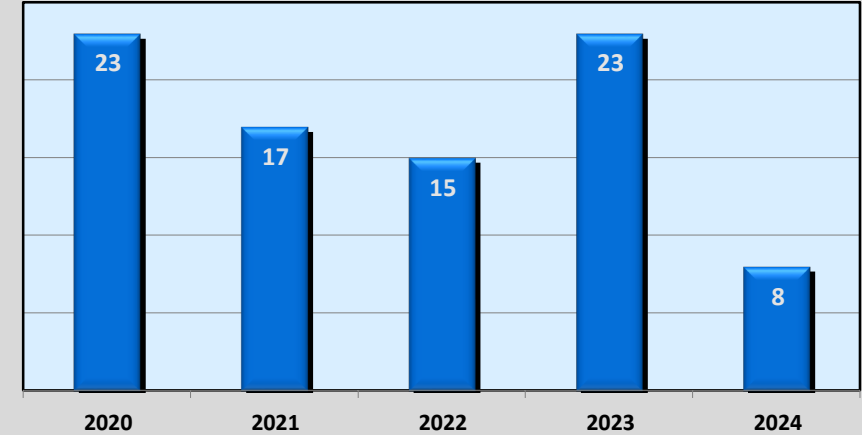


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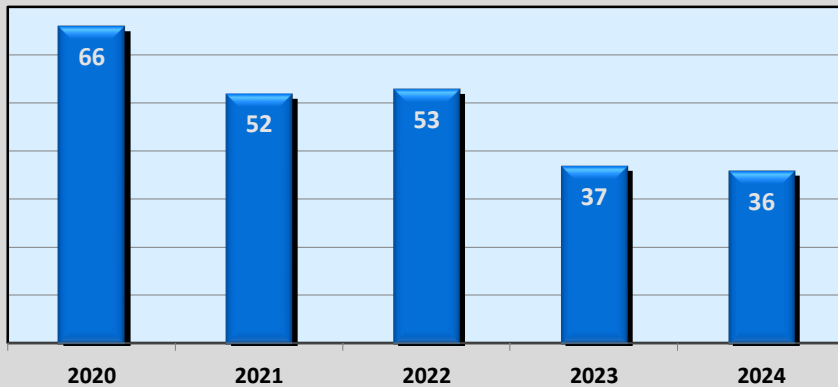
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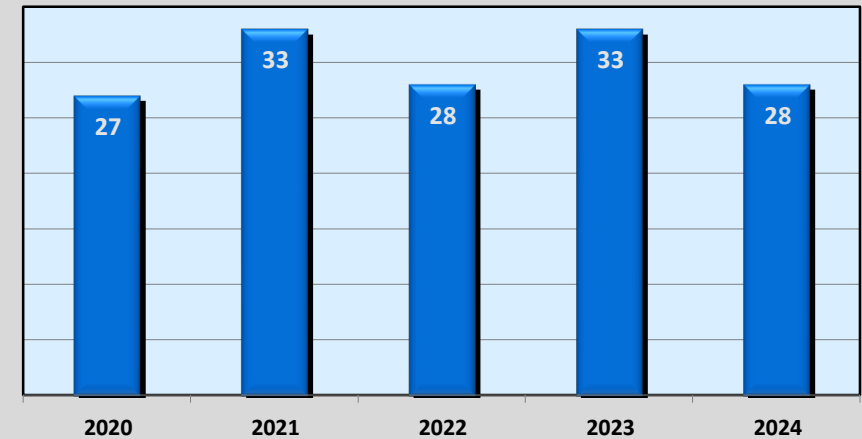
## March Assault Comparison



## March Domestic Calls for Service Comparison



## March Arrest Comparison

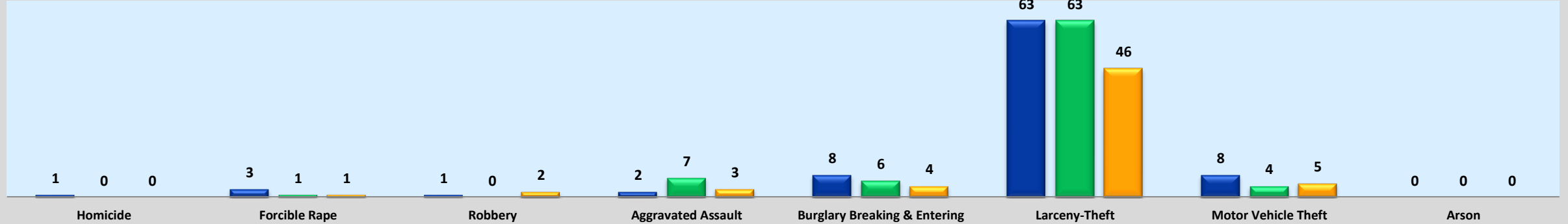


# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year-to-Date  
March

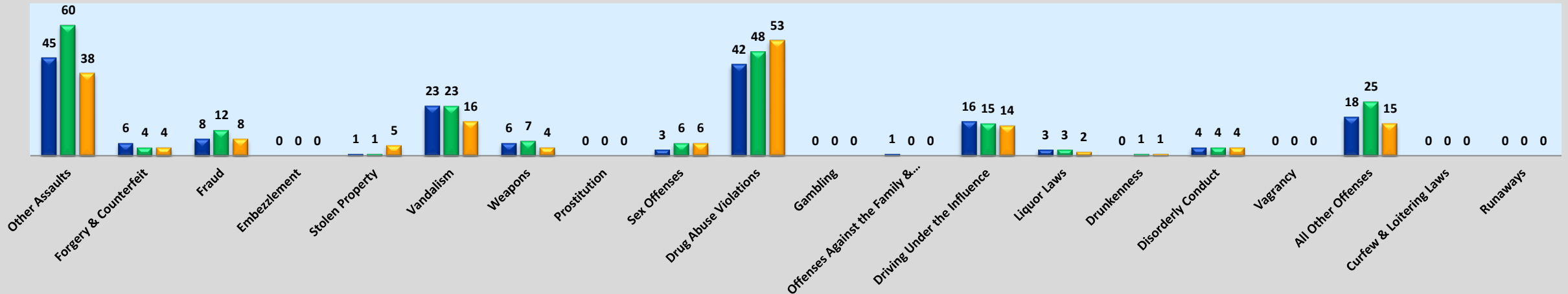
## Part I Crimes

■ 2024 ■ 2023 ■ 2022



## Part II Crimes

■ 2024 ■ 2023 ■ 2022

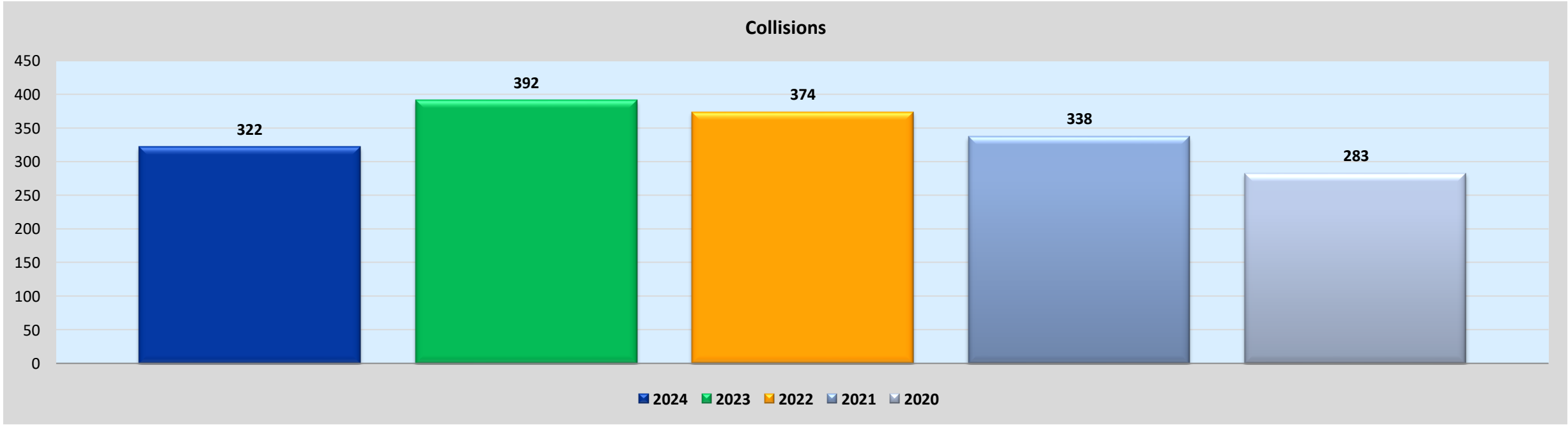




# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year-to-Date  
March

## Collisions



# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## **Law Enforcement Advisory Committee**

- Meeting held on March 14<sup>th</sup> – meeting minutes not available at this time.

## **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

**Mar 1<sup>st</sup>** – Attended South Carolina Chapter FBINAA State Conference

**Mar 4<sup>th</sup>** – BPD All Hands Meeting

**Mar 4<sup>th</sup>** – Presentation @ St. Lukes Anglican Church

**Mar 5<sup>th</sup>** – End of Phase Meeting – Recruit Corlett

**Mar 5<sup>th</sup>** – Wellness Committee Meeting

**Mar 5<sup>th</sup>** – DJ Fields Tribute @ Eagles Field

**Mar 5<sup>th</sup>** – End of Phase Meeting – Recruit Lindiakos

**Mar 6<sup>th</sup>** – End of Phase Meeting – Recruit Pagano

**Mar 6<sup>th</sup>** – End of Phase Meeting – Recruit Rodriguez

**Mar 6<sup>th</sup>** – BPD All Hands Meeting

**Mar 7<sup>th</sup>** – Interview with Bluffton Sun

**Mar 8<sup>th</sup>** – Participated in Boys & Girls Club March Madness Basketball Game

**Mar 11<sup>th</sup>** – Attended Dancing with the Stars Practice

**Mar 12<sup>th</sup>** – Attended March Wellness Nutritional Lunch and Learn

**Mar 12<sup>th</sup>** – Attended Town Council Meeting

**Mar 13<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Pastor Hamilton

**Mar 14<sup>th</sup>** – Attended Supervisor Discipline Training

**Mar 14<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Town Manager

**Mar 14<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Law Enforcement Community Advisory Committee meeting

**Mar 15<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Auto Island Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

### **Meetings Attended by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz cont.**

**Mar 19<sup>th</sup>** – End of Phase Meeting – Recruit Lindiakos

**Mar 19<sup>th</sup>** – End of Phase Meeting – Recruit Pagano

**Mar 20<sup>th</sup>** – Attend meeting with Finance Director

**Mar 20<sup>th</sup>** – Attend CALEA Accreditation meeting @ BCSO

**Mar 20<sup>th</sup>** – End of Phase Meeting – Recruit Corlett

**Mar 21<sup>st</sup>** – Attend Special Olympics Track Meet

**Mar 21<sup>st</sup>** – Attend March Birthday & Anniversary Luncheon

**Mar 25<sup>th</sup>** – Police Chief for the Day – Mila Wenzel from St. Gregory

**Mar 25<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Franklin Groundbreaking Ceremony

**Mar 26<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Fiddle & Shine Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

**Mar 26<sup>th</sup>** – Attend May River Manor Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

**Mar 27<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Town Manager

**Mar 30<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Bluffton Community Easter Egg Hunt

# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Commendations -	None
Complaints -	None

## Police Department Demographics as of March 31, 2024

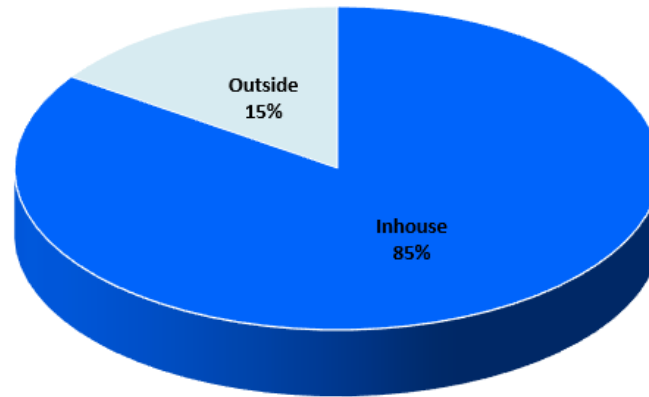
DEPARTMENT	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	1	5	1	18	25
Male	5	5	3	36	49
Grand Total	6	10	4	54	74

SWORN OFFICERS	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	1	2		10	13
Male	5	5	3	32	45
Grand Total	6	7	3	42	58

## March Officer Training

### Inhouse

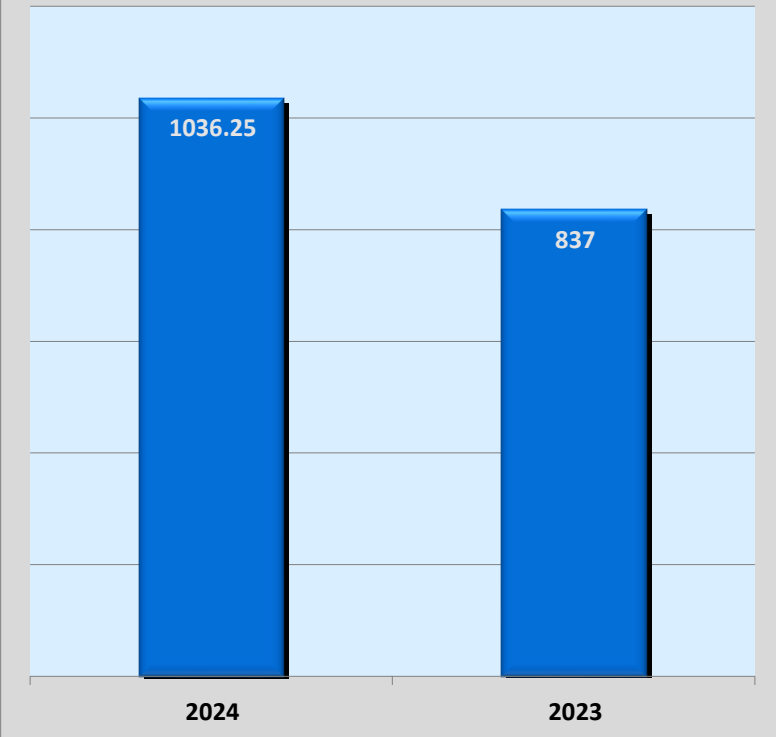
Hazmat First Responder Awareness (FRA) Level 1 - 1 Officer  
Line-Up 2023 July-August - 1 Officer  
Line-Up 2023 September-October - 2 Offices  
Bloodborne Pathogens for First Responders - 1 Officer  
Line-Up 2024 January-February - 2 Officers  
Line-Up 2024 March-April - 12 Officers  
Legal Update 2024 - Part I - 1 Officer  
CDV Annual DV 2023 - After the Call - 1 Officer  
Line-Up 2023 November-December4 - 1 Officer  
Duty Pistol Optic Training - 22 Officers  
Pre-Academy Block Training - 3 Recruits



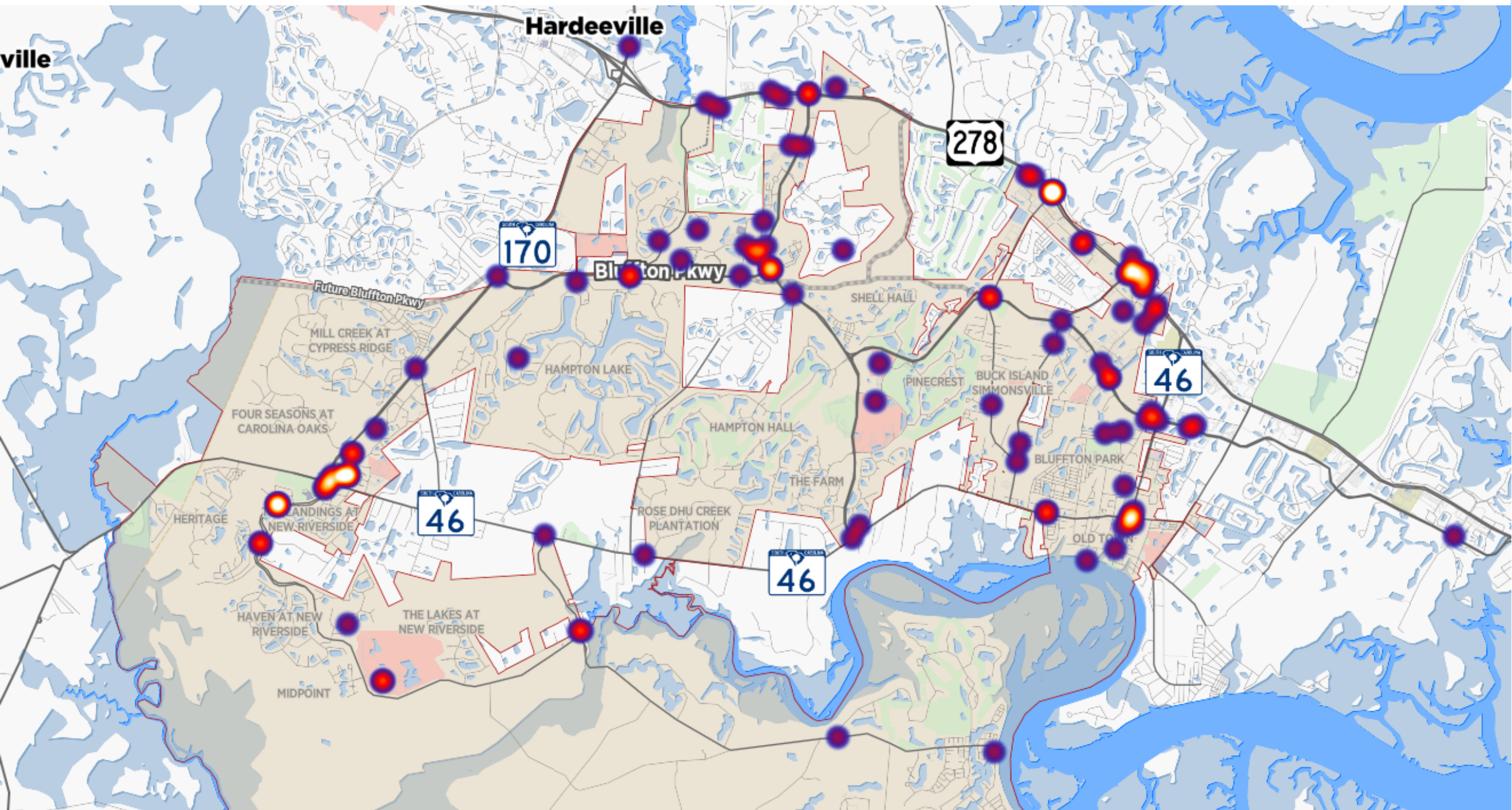
### Outside

Basic Instructor Development - 1 Officer  
Technical Collision Investigation Phase II - 1 Officer

March 2024 / 2023 Training Hours Comparison

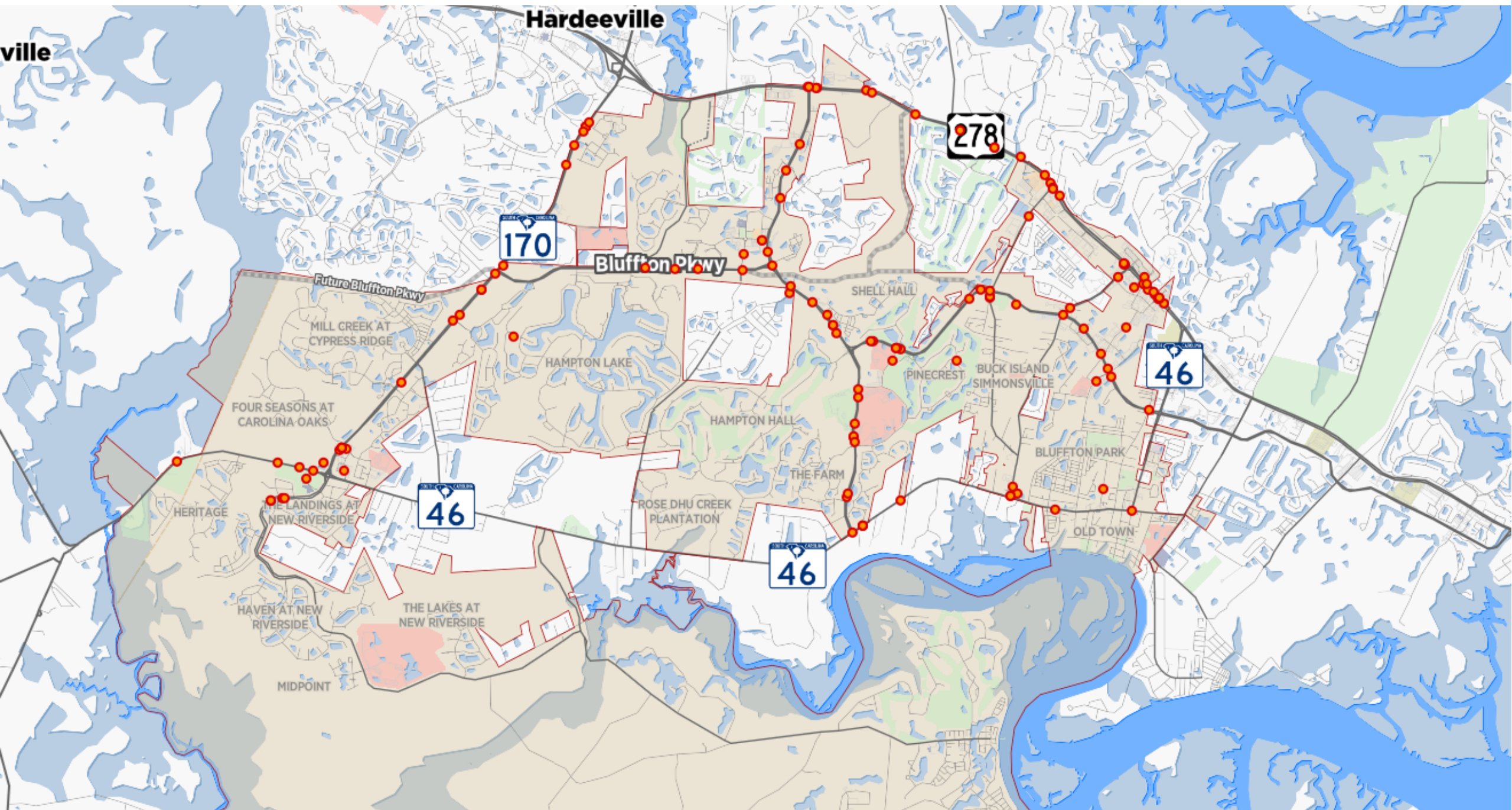


# COLLISIONS (113) March 2024



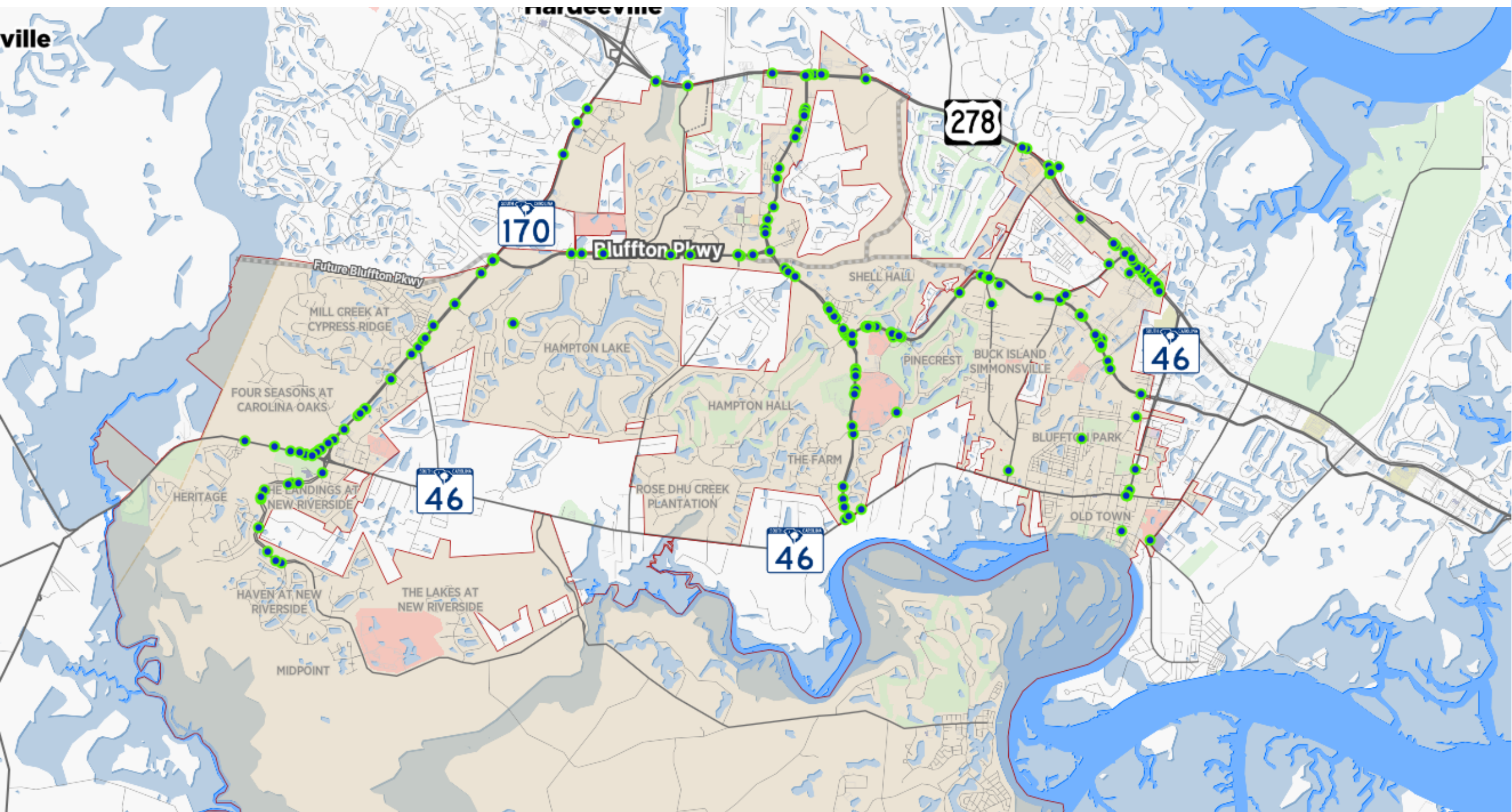


# CITATIONS ISSUED (150) March 2024





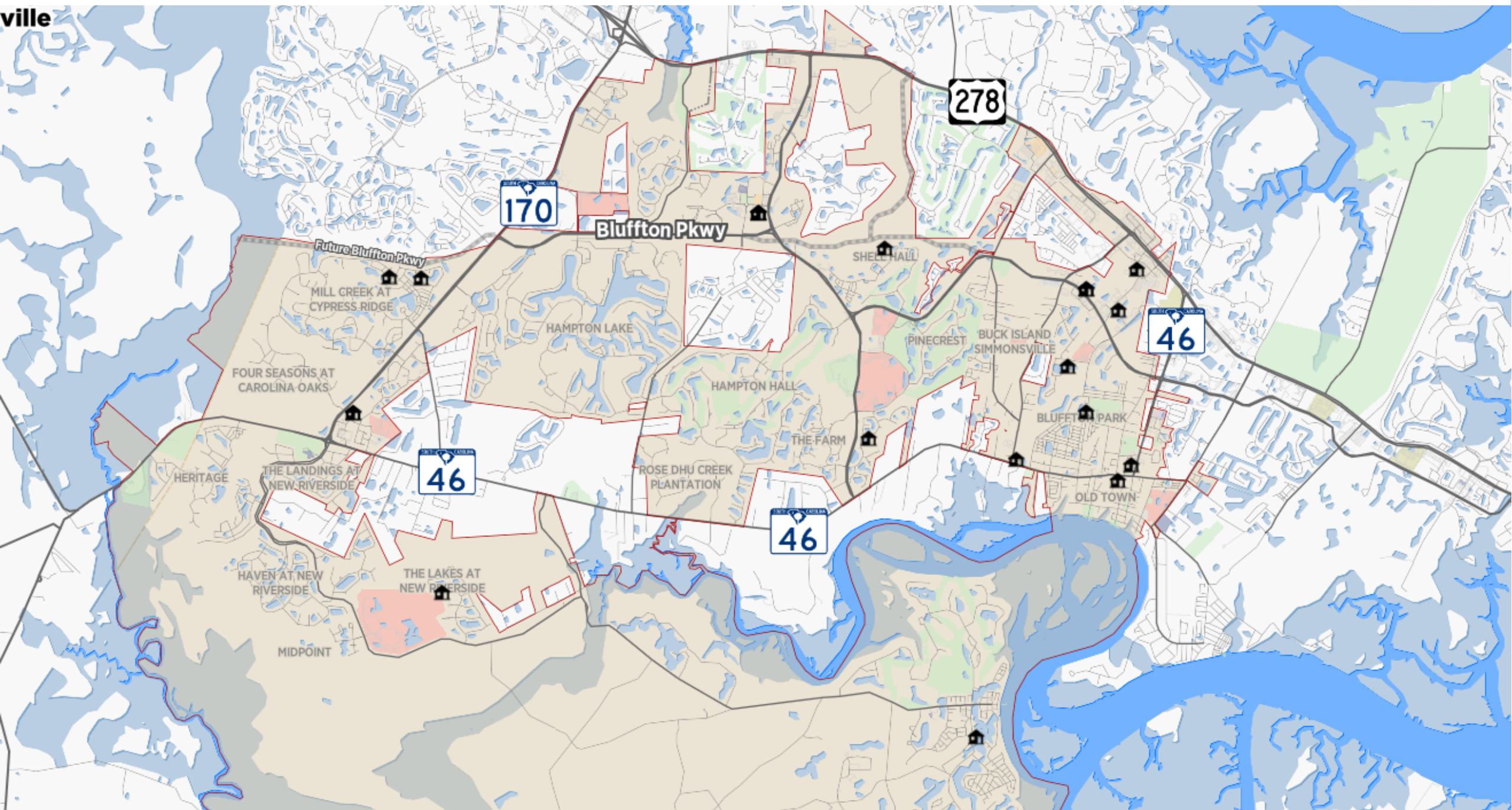
# WARNINGS ISSUED (285) March 2024





# THEFTS (20) March 2024

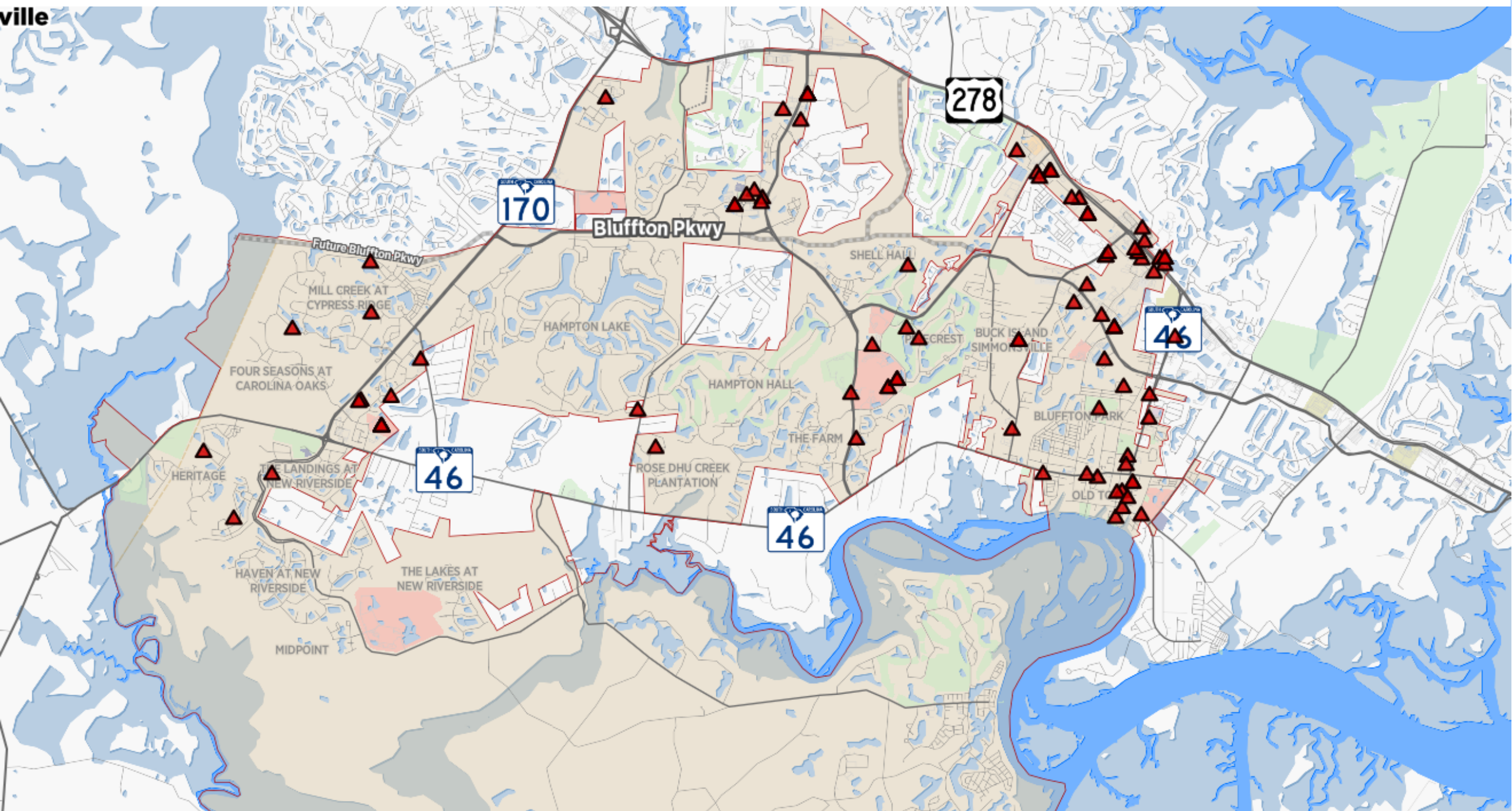
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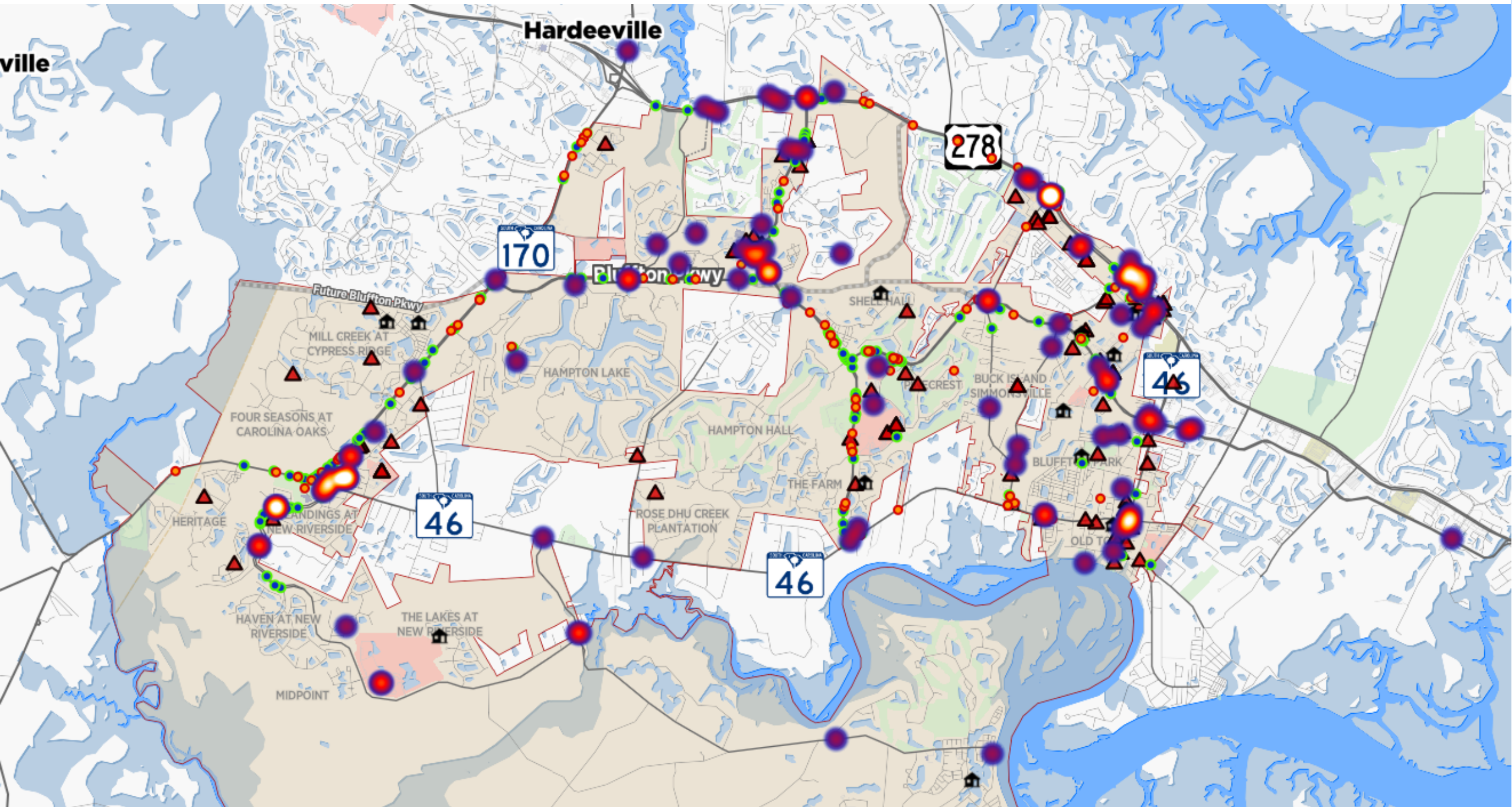
# #1 CALL TYPE – Activated Alarms (99) March 2024

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# PATROL DIVISION

CALLS FOR SERVICE TOP 10 CALL TYPES	
Case Follow Up	131
Activated Alarm	99
911 Hang-Up	74
Accident	71
Disturbance	62
Suspicious Vehicle	38
Reckless Driving	37
Domestic	35
Assist Motorist	33
Fraud/Scam	28

**TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE**                      **1000**

**AVERAGE PER DAY:**                              **38**

PRO-ACTIVE PATROL	
Extra Patrol – Business	618
Extra Patrol - Residence	421
Traffic Stop	349

# PATROL DIVISION

UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATIONS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Operating Vehicle While License / Registration Expired	33
Driving Without a License	16
Speeding More Than 15mph - 24mph Over the Speed Limit	15
Driving Under Suspension	15
Speeding more than 25mph Over the Speed Limit	13
Failure to Maintain Proof of Insurance	12
Failure to Return License Plate/Registration Upon Loss of Insurance	8
Possession of 28g (1 oz) or Less of Marijuana	6
Open Container or Beer or Wine in Motor Vehicle	3
Shoplifting	3

**TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED: 150**

**AVERAGE PER DAY: 6**

UNIFORM TRAFFIC WARNINGS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Speeding	87
Defective Equipment	65
Vehicle License Violation	47
Other	36
Changing Lanes Unlawfully	18
Improper Lane Use	13
Improper Turn	5
Disregarding Traffic Signal	4
Disregarding Stop Sign	3
Driver's License Violation	2

**TOTAL WARNINGS ISSUED: 285**

**AVERAGE PER DAY: 11**

# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	
Cases Assigned	40
Incident Reports	4
Supplemental Reports	50
Cases Closed	37
Arrests Made	1
Arrest Warrants	16
Bond Court	5
Case Call Outs	8
Search Warrants	6

## Case Call Outs:

1. 24BP06455 – Assault & Battery/Kidnapping/Armed Robbery
2. 24BP05848 – Death Scene
3. 24BP05855 – Attempt Murder
4. 24S031774/24BP06064 – Murder
5. 24BP07026 – Death Scene
6. 24BP07253 - Kidnapping

## Bond Court:

1. 24BP06455 – Assault & Battery/Kidnapping/Armed Robbery
2. 24BP05406 – Assault and Battery 3rd
3. 24BP07253 – Domestic Violence
4. 23BP31999 – Domestic Violence
5. 24BP05403 – Assault and Battery 3rd

## Mental Health Advocate:

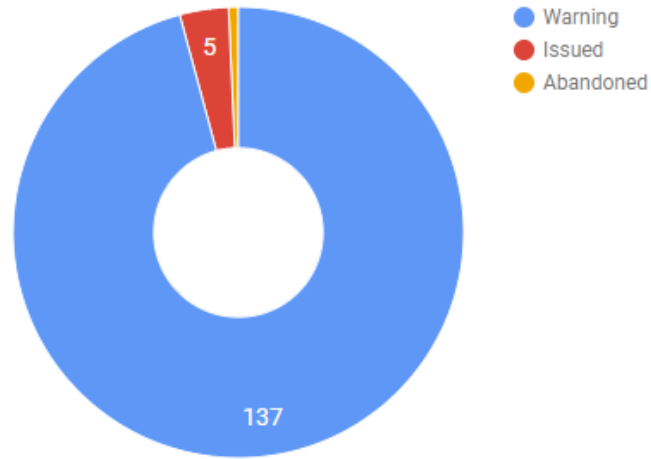
- 2 – Calls for Service
- 8 – Referrals
- 18 – Follow Ups
- 8 – Supplemental Reports

## Victim Advocate:

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

# COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSISTANTS

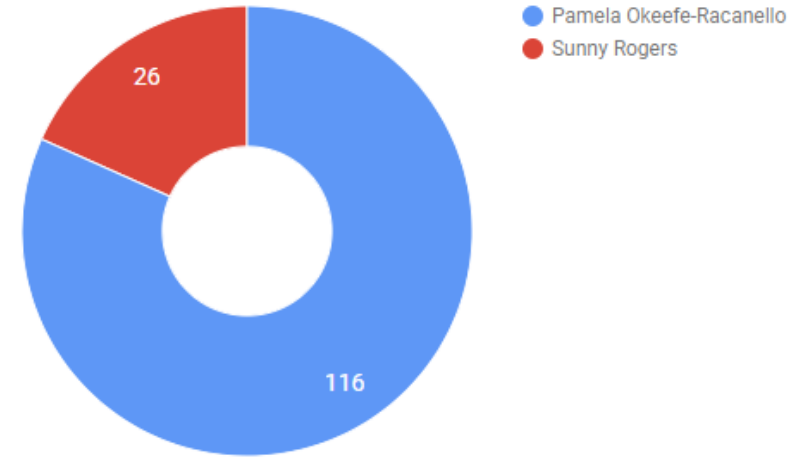
Tickets By Status Month To Date ▾



Total Count: 143

As of 3/26/2024, 12:00:00 AM

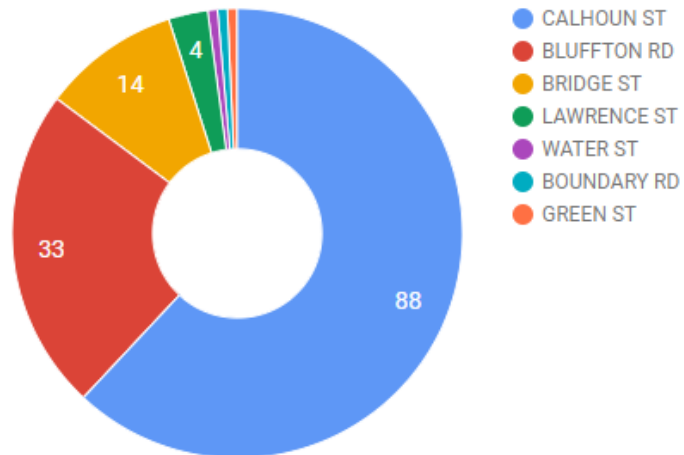
Tickets By Officer Month To Date ▾



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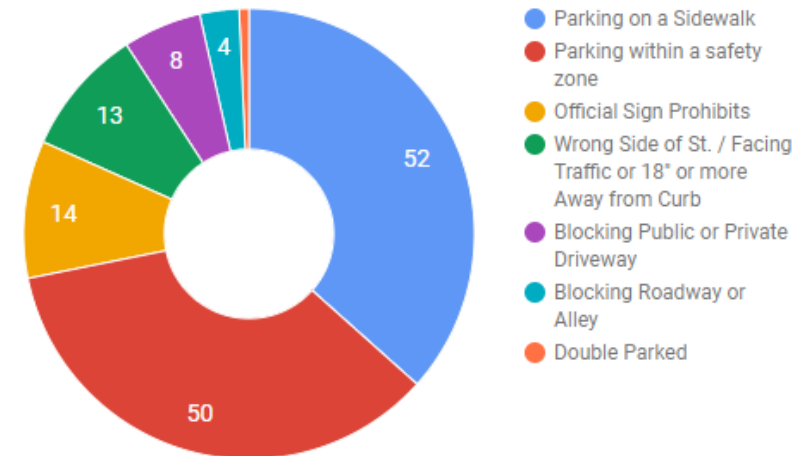
Tickets By Location Month To Date ▾



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Tickets By Violation Month To Date ▾

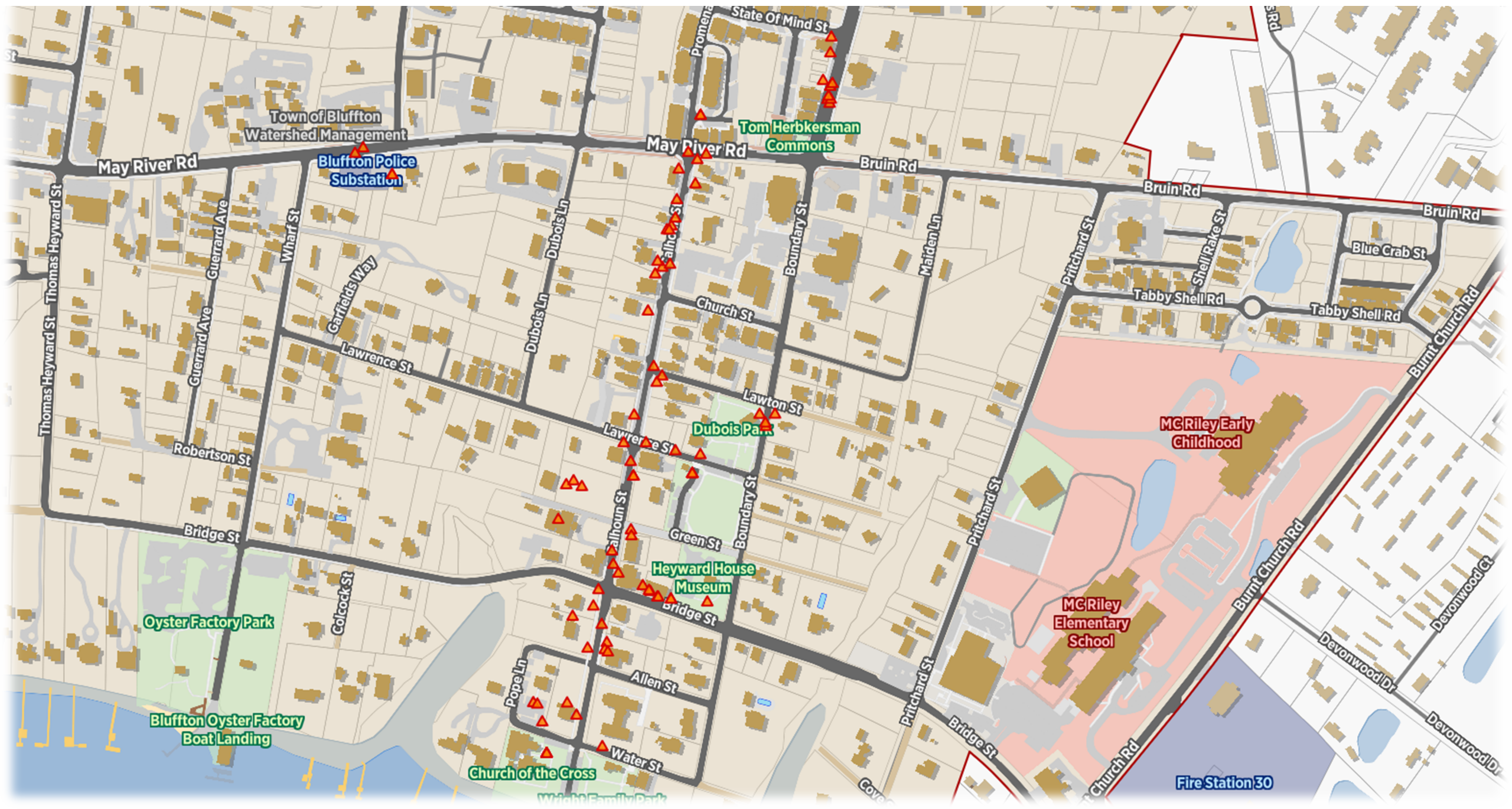


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## DOWNTOWN CITATIONS – March 2024



# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## **Code Enforcement:**

William Bonhag

### **Signs**

- Multiple Business advertisement signs removed from Old Town and various locations throughout Bluffton.
- Eggs Up Grill signs returned with an understanding not allowed.

### **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. 3/26/24 jury selection for April Trial.
- 3/26/24 H' Allure Nails & Spa at Buckwalter Plaza failed to have a business license since 2021, court appearance to conclude matter.

### **Complaints / Property Checks / Follow-ups / Ordinance Letters**

- 29 Plantation Park Building 500, checked for loose dogs, nothing found.
- Baynard Park, parking on sidewalk reported at #30 Rosewood Lane
- 1238 May River Rd letters to clean up location, status is complied.
- 1236 & 1238 May River Road, working with this group as they are cleaning up these locations that have been longtime neglected. Status ongoing progress soon to be completed.
- 19 Shults visited due to Rooster complaint, appears quiet for now.
- 160 Simmonsville, 158 & 156 awaiting return of Building Safety as we have several violations for this location.
- Property complaint about 2 lots at Landen Oak next to All Joy donuts, met with construction owner to rectify matter.
- 216 properties to be visited by Team due to commercial business operation ongoing in a residential zone.

### **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 was sold on Tuesday 1/9/24 in a tax sale and John Todd has till October 4, 2024 to buy it back.
- All motor vehicles are off property.
- Mr. Todd is residing in condemned garage as they remove violation tape and red decal.
- Alan McNamara advised that Mr. Todd has rescinded his trespass notices and is back on site. Court resumes on March 26th, 2024 at 9am.

# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## Code Enforcement continued:

### Omega Drive / Buck Island:

- This matter has concluded with the removal of his commercial vehicles, I will continue to monitor this location for any further violation that needs to be addressed in the future.

### 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 the 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.

### 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

### 241 Buck Island

- Re-visiting location due to commercial equipment returned to site.
- Pending removal of equipment and RV in rear section.

### 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, RV's, and his commercial materials from his property. Mr. Cervantes is following watershed and codes directions at this time, will continue to monitor his location. Court matter is now set for April 2nd, 2024 as requested by his attorney. The property line matter is a civil situation.

# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## Code Enforcement continued:

### 252 Simmonsville Road

- 1/25/24 on location with Heather Colin, Bridgette Frazier, Andrea Moreno and owner Mary Hamilton.
- Mary complained about flooding in back yard due to owner at 331 Buck Island grading pitch towards her property.
- Took photos of her property line which shows his encroachment.
- Mr. Cervantes (owns 331 Buck Island) showed me his markers and they were placed by the same survey company, showing he was ok and concrete towers were approximately 6 feet 2 inches, below the 7-foot allowable.
- Mr. Cervantes is following watershed and codes directions at this time, will continue to monitor his location. Court matter is now set for April 2nd, 2024 as requested by his attorney. The property line matter is a civil situation.

### 218 Simmonsville Road

- 3/14/24 Due to several violations, this location was boarded up.
- Viewed property from 220 Simmonsville Rd 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

### 220 Simmonsville Road

- 3/21/24 visited location to identify violations.
- **NA Carpentry LLC** is running his 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.

### 200 Simmonsville Road

- Lizette Fernandez was visited on 2/5/24 by our TEAM of Bill Baugher (watershed), myself (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.

# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## Code Enforcement continued:

### 71 Bridge Street

- 2/8/24 NOV issued to OKAN food truck at 10am to Chef Jack for operating on private property w/o a mobile vending permit.
- Mobile vending permit states NOT allowed in Historic District unless part of an event.
- Matt Cunningham stated that he was ok'd by Lyndee as a Commissary Kitchen operating on commercial property. Lyndee stated she never stated this to Matt.
- OKAN food truck joined farmers market on Thursdays per Kim Vijak.
- OKAN still w/o Mobile Vending Permit and being monitored if appearing elsewhere in Bluffton.
- OKAN and The Bridge for (3) locations owe the town A-TAX. And H-TAX., matter ongoing.
- 3/22/24 OKAN food truck was issued a ticket for operating w/o a mobile vending permit at The Lakes at NewRiverside. Court date is April 9th,2024.

### 24 Guerard Street

- 2/9/24 Tagged 3 vehicles at this location for have no plates and unregistered.
- Monitoring for compliance currently.
- Mitchell the owner covered vehicles as requested.

### Indigo Cove

- 3/18/24 attended site meeting at corner of Buck Island and Bluffton Pkwy to discuss moving forward with this project for luxury condos. Attended with Growth Management, Watershed and project developer and JS Construction.



# COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

**Participated/Instructed Firearms to BPD with new Handgun Optics**

**Assisted Code Enforcement with visit to 220 Simmonsville Road x2**

**Attended Special Events Meeting for the month of May.**

**Attended the Latin Festival Meeting**

**Attended the Special Olympics held at MRHS**

**Easter Egg Hunt @ Bluffton High School**

**Hosted MRHS LE Class Tour/PAT Test**

**Participated in BPD Policy Review Committee x2**

**Participated in the Chief for the Day event.**

## **Traffic Officer:**

**Cpl. Dickson**

Tickets: 5

Warnings: 2

Collision Reports: 2

Incident Reports: 0