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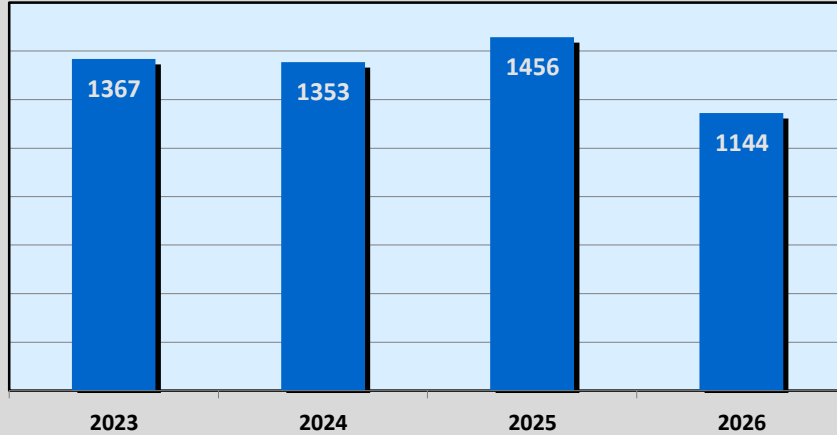
# BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 27, 2026

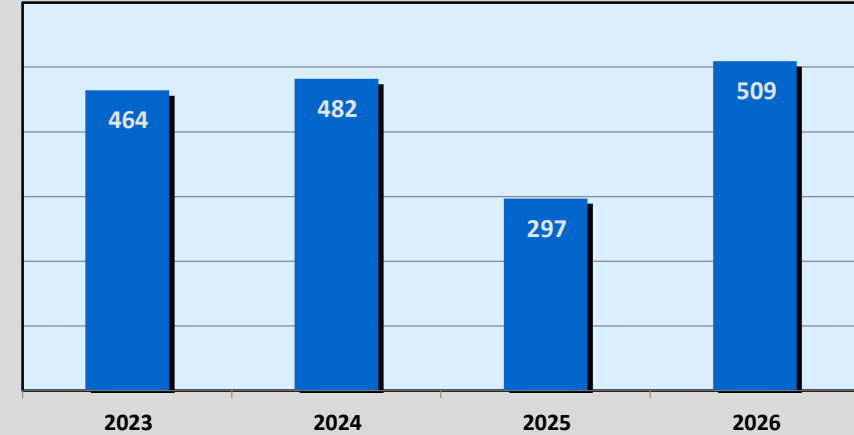
Presented by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz

# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

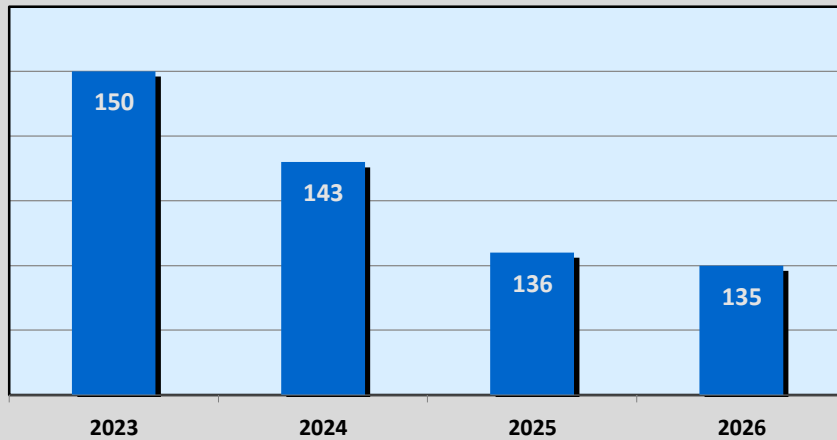
## May Calls for Service Comparison



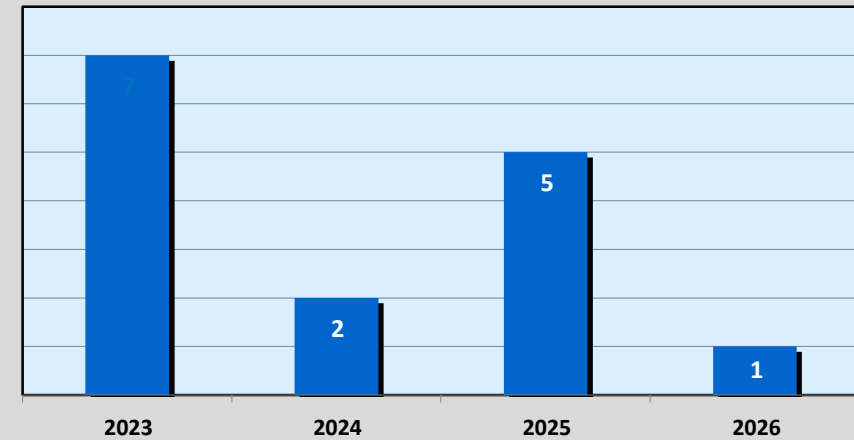
## May Traffic Citation Comparison



## May Collision Comparison

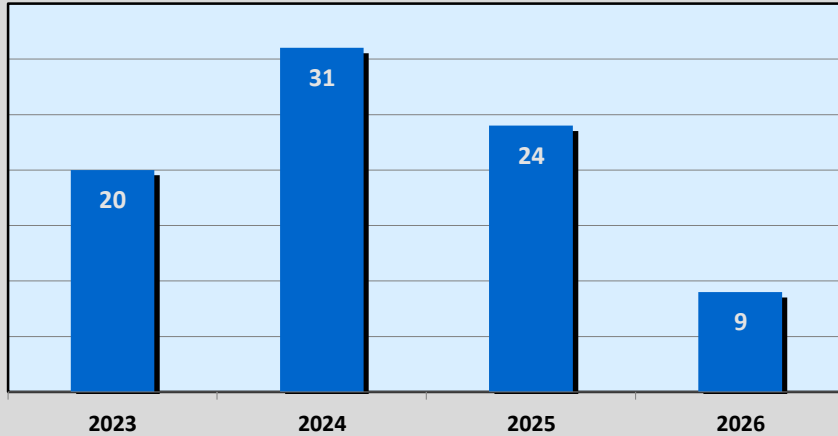


## May Burglary Comparison

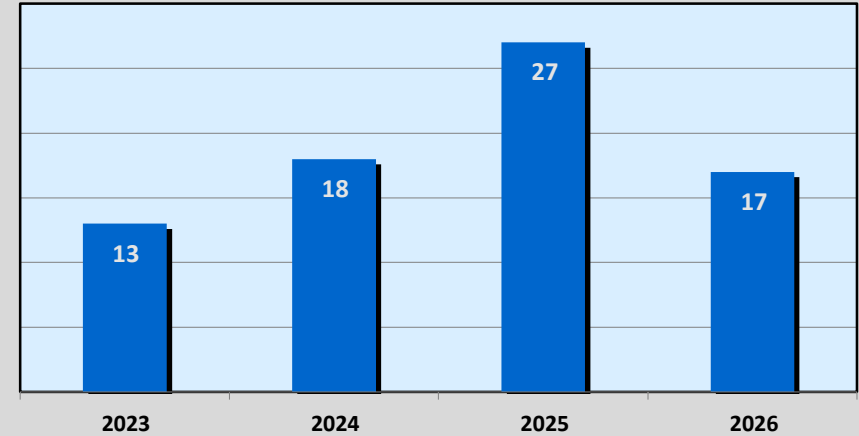


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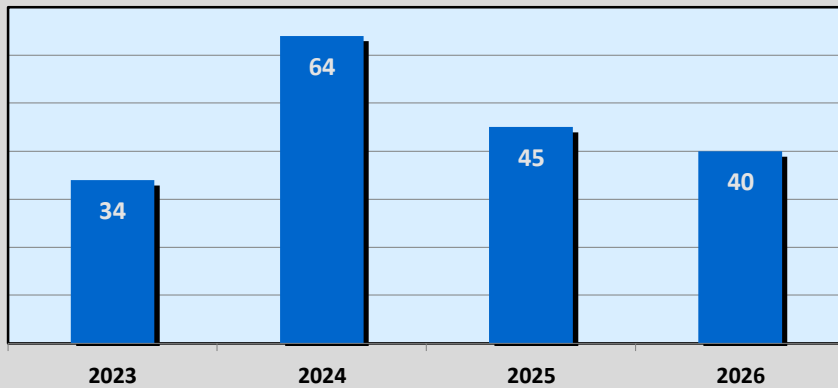
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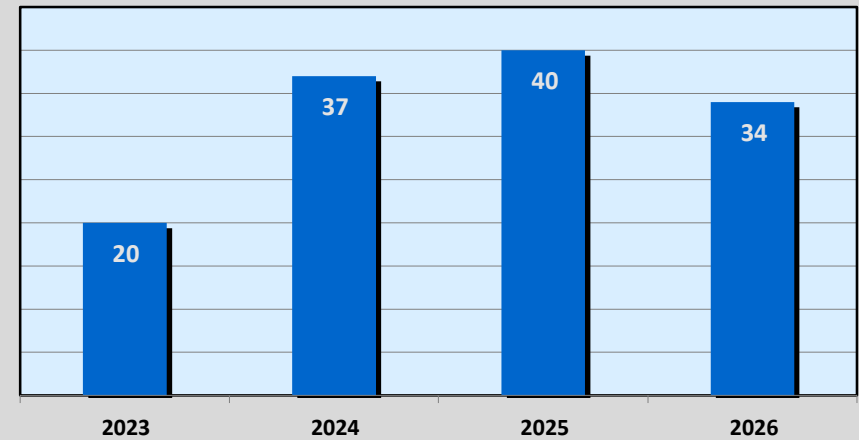
## May Assault Comparison



## May Domestic Calls for Service Comparison



## May Arrest Comparison

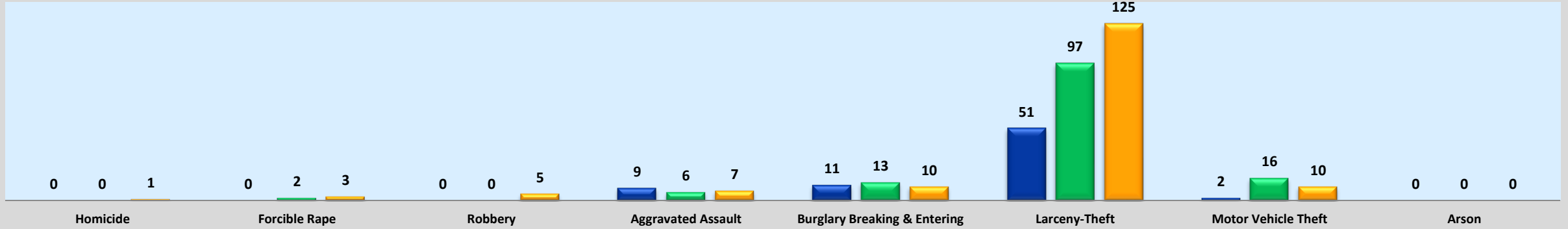


# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year-to-Date  
May

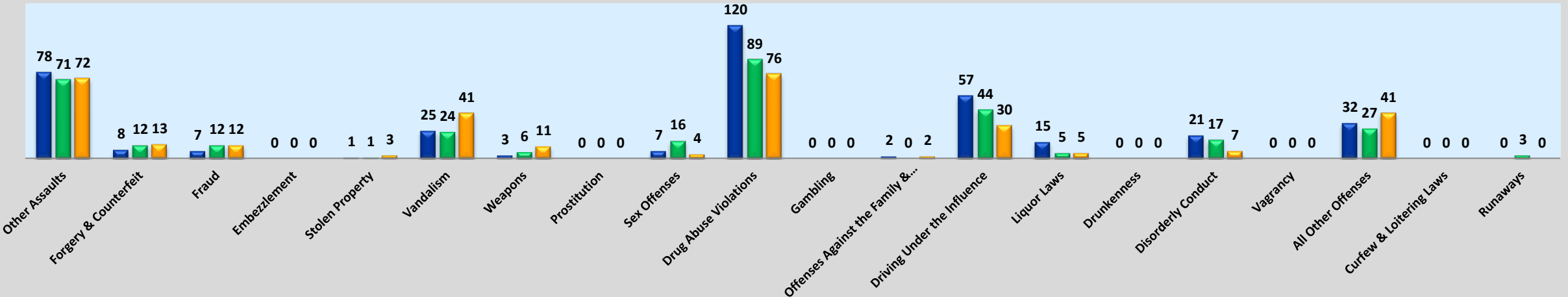
## Part I Crimes

■ 2026 ■ 2025 ■ 2024



## Part II Crimes

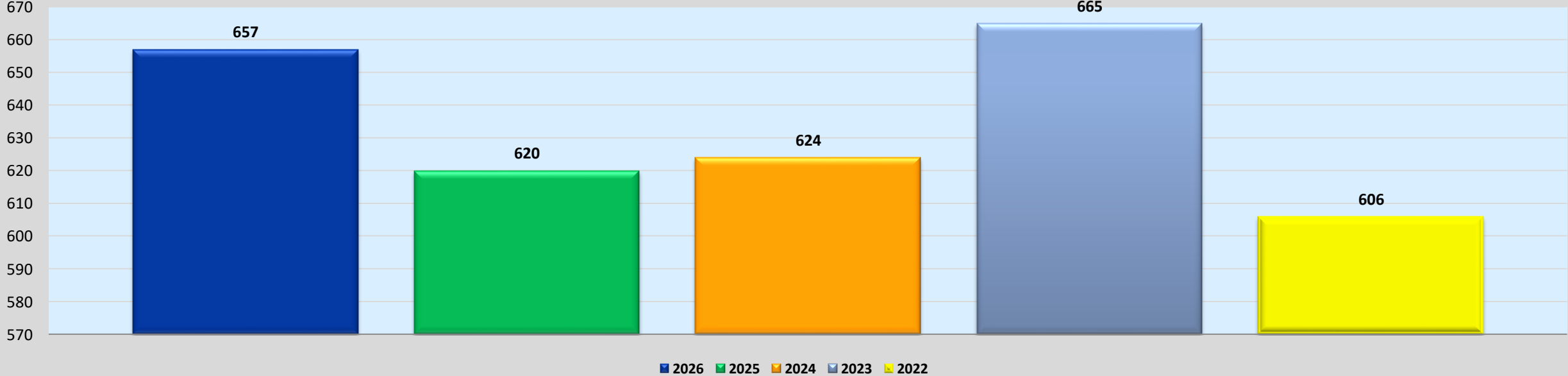
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# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year-to-Date  
May

## Collisions



# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## **Law Enforcement Advisory Committee**

- Proposal on False Alarms
- E-Bike Safety Concerns
  - Enforcement
  - Education
  - Reflective Vest
- Upcoming BPD Awards Ceremony
- S.A.F.E Team accomplishments
- Flock Camera usage

# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

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

**Every Wednesday** – Senior Staff Communications Meeting

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

**May 1st** – LEC Tour – T2 Teaching and Tutoring Group

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Public Safety Recruiting Open House

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** – Executive Staff meeting

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** – Attend CIP meeting

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Annual Tag & Bag with Hugaroo

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** – Command Staff meeting

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** – Lunch with Administrative Staff

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** – Cone Crazy Ice Cream Truck for Public Services Appreciation

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** – AXON Air/Drone Demo

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** – IT Task Review meeting

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** – Attend National Day of Prayer Event

**May 9<sup>th</sup>** – Old Town Mayfest

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** – Executive Staff meeting

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** – Lawsuit Discussion

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Command Staff Interview(s)

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Brightview

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Awards Committee meeting

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Town Council meeting

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

**May 14<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Form Chief, Joey Reynolds

**May 14<sup>th</sup>** – Monthly Human Resource/Command Staff meeting

# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

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

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Town-Wide Hurricane Preparedness meeting

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Police Tech Grant meeting

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Beaufort County School District Superintendent

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Awards Committee meeting

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Explorers Leadership Class

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Mayor's Service Awards

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** – IT Task Review meeting

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** – TC Budget Workshop

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Mayor and Town Manager

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** – Mandatory Command Staff meeting

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** – Novant Health Ribbon Cutting Celebration

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** – Awards Committee meeting

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Police Applicant PAT

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** – May Birthdays and Anniversaries Event

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** – Optical Solutions Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** – TC Budget Workshop

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** – Bluffton Police Annual Awards Ceremony

# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

<b>Commendations -</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Complaints -</b>	<b>None</b>

## Police Department Demographics as of May 31, 2026

DEPARTMENT	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	2	2	1	17	22
Male	6	5	3	36	50
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>72</b>

SWORN OFFICERS	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	1			9	10
Male	5	5	3	33	46
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>56</b>

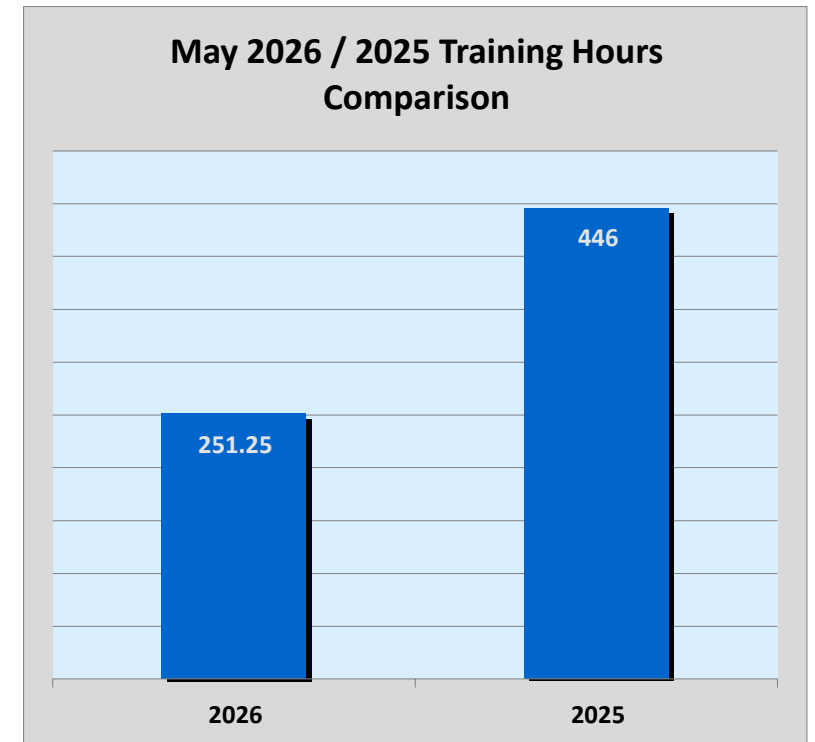
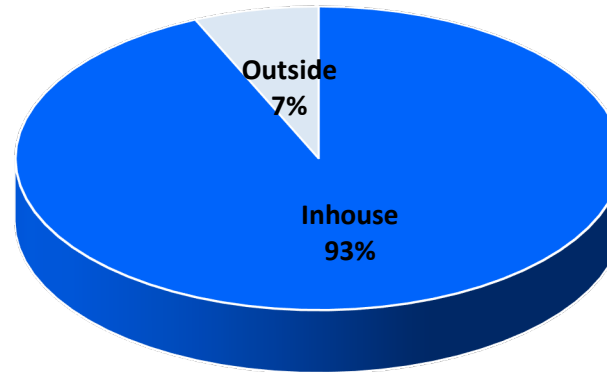
## May Officer Training

### In-House

- Officer Liability - 1 Officer
- Airborne and Bloodborne Pathogens - 1 Officer
- Legal Update 2026 - Part I - 6 Officers
- Bloodborne Pathogens for First Responders - 21 Officers
- Defensive Driving Basics - 18 Officers
- CDV - Annual DV 2024 - Back to Basics - 33 Officers
- Line Up 2026 - May-June - 41 Officers
- Line Up 2026 - March-April - 3 Officers
- Studio - Police/Dog Encounters - 1 Officer
- Bench to Badge series - 1 Officer
- Crowd Control - 1 Officers
- Dealing with Armed Suspects - 1 Officer
- Hazmat First Responder Awareness (Level 1) - 20 Officers
- Interacting with the Mental Ill as a First Responder - 1 Officer
- SafeWrap - 13 Officers

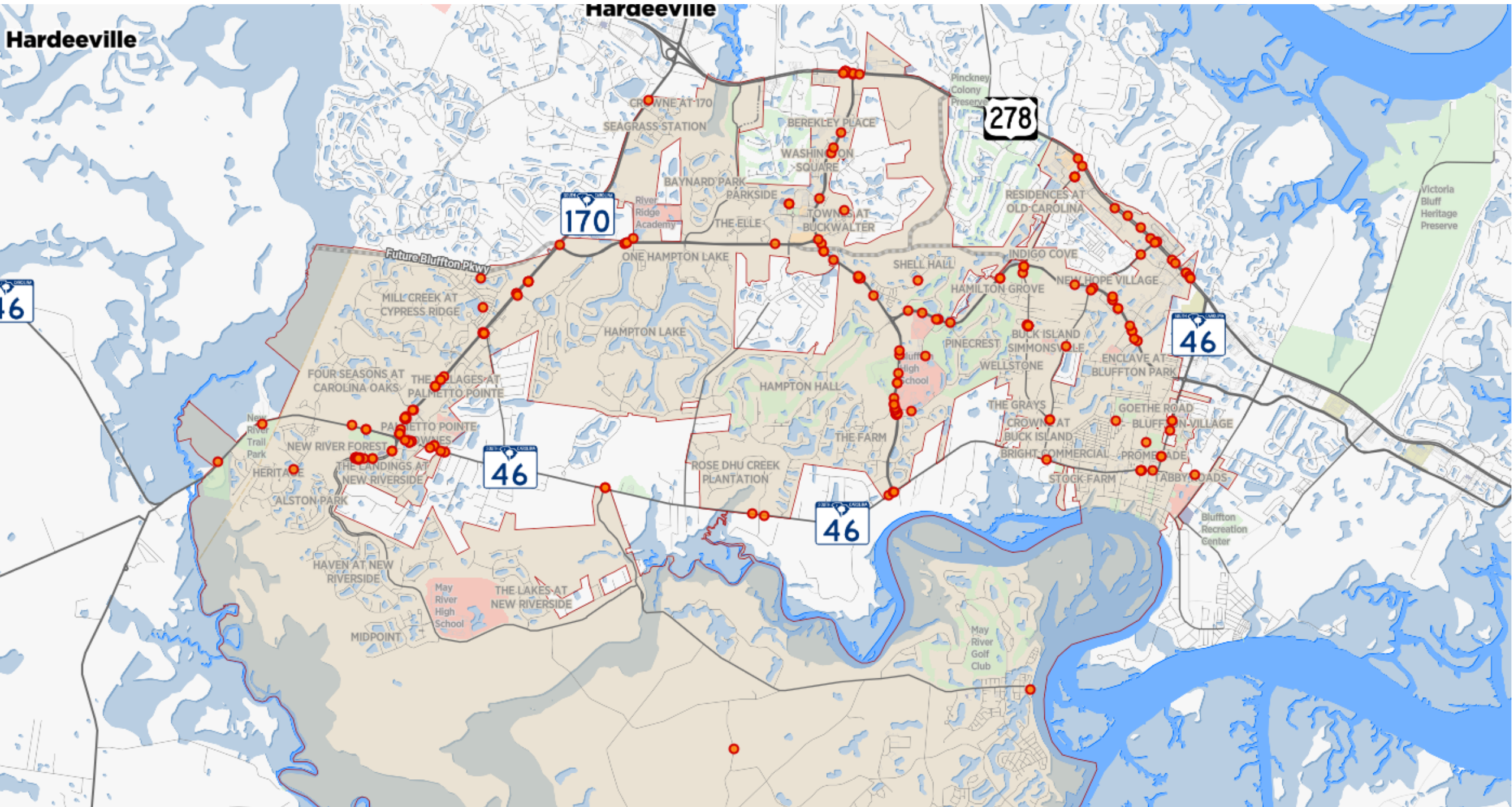
### Outside

- Firearms Instructor - 1 Officer

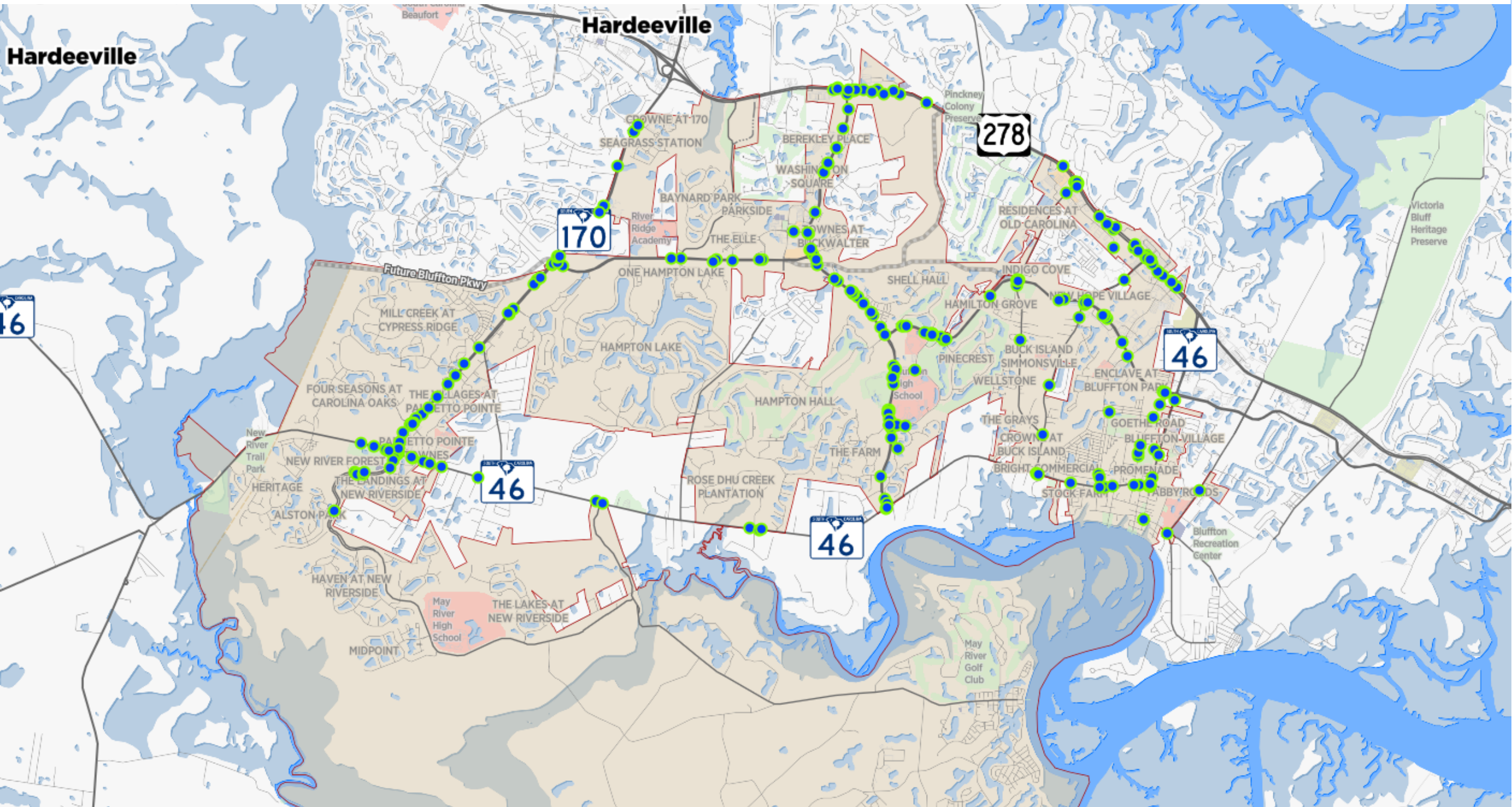




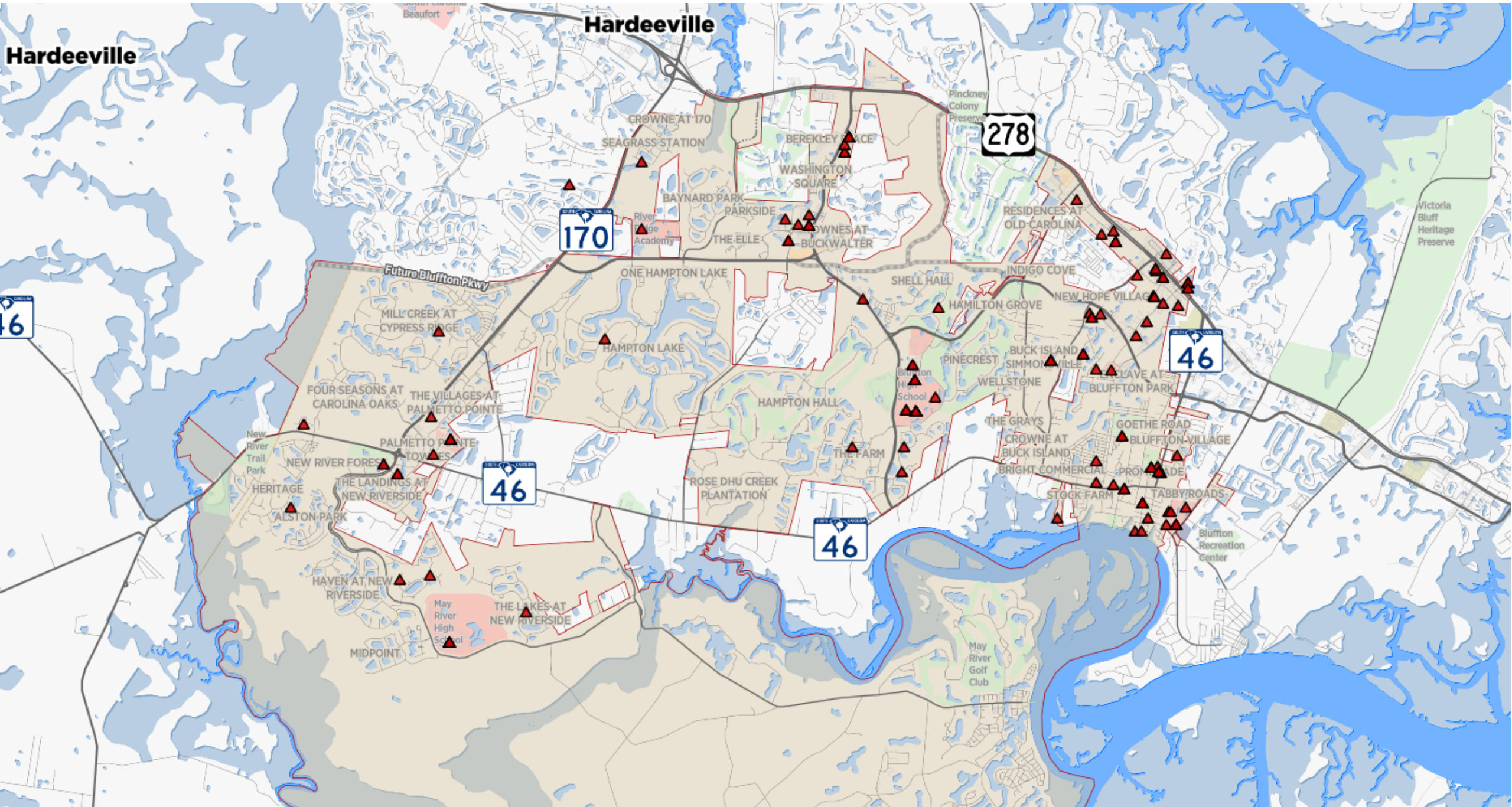
# CITATIONS ISSUED (209) May 2026



# WARNINGS ISSUED (300) May 2026



# #1 CALL TYPE – Activated Alarms (182) May 2026





# PATROL DIVISION

CALLS FOR SERVICE TOP 10 CALL TYPES	
Activated Alarm	182
Disturbance	116
911 Hang-Up	97
Case Follow Up	96
Reckless Driving	49
Assist Other	40
Noise Complaint	35
Assist Motorist	33
Hit & Run	27
Domestic	27

**TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 1144**

**AVERAGE PER DAY: 42**

PRO-ACTIVE PATROLS	
Extra Patrol - Business	2071
Traffic Stop	413
Extra Patrol - Residence	220
Traffic Enforcement	25

# PATROL DIVISION

UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATIONS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Speeding; More than 15 but less than 25 MPH over the speed limit	41
Driving Without a SC License - 1st Offense	24
Driving Under Suspension; license not suspended for DUI	19
Operating Vehicle While License/Registration Expired	15
Failure to Maintain Proof of Insurance in Vehicle	11
Permitting or Operating Vehicle which is not Registered and Licensed	10
Speeding; Greater than 25 mph over the speed limit	10
Possession of 28g (1oz) or Less of Marijuana	10
Failure to Return License Plate and Registration upon loss of insurance	8
Speeding; more than 10 but less than 15 mph over the speed limit	6
Speeding; 10 mph or less over the speed limit	5

**TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED: 209**

**AVERAGE PER DAY: 8**

UNIFORM TRAFFIC WARNINGS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Speeding	88
Defective Equipment	55
Changing Lanes Unlawfully	31
Vehicle License Violation	29
Improper Lane Use	26
Other	25
Disregarding Stop Sign	13
Contact Only	8
Following Too Close	6
Disregarding Traffic Signal	5

**TOTAL WARNINGS ISSUED: 300**

**AVERAGE PER DAY: 11**

# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	
Cases Assigned	15
Incident Reports	4
Supplemental Reports	34
Cases Closed	10
Arrests Made	1
Arrest Warrants	2
Bond Court	4
Case Call Outs	4
Search Warrants	3
Prelims/Grand Jury	1
Family Court Petitions	0

## Call-Outs

1. 26BP19523 – Death Investigation
2. 26BP16516 – Violating an Order of Protection

## Mental Health Advocate:

CIT: 0

Referrals: 6

Follow Ups: 35

Supplemental Reports: 16

## Victim Advocate:

Case Call Outs: 0

Incident Reports: 1

Case Closed: 4

Bond Court: 3

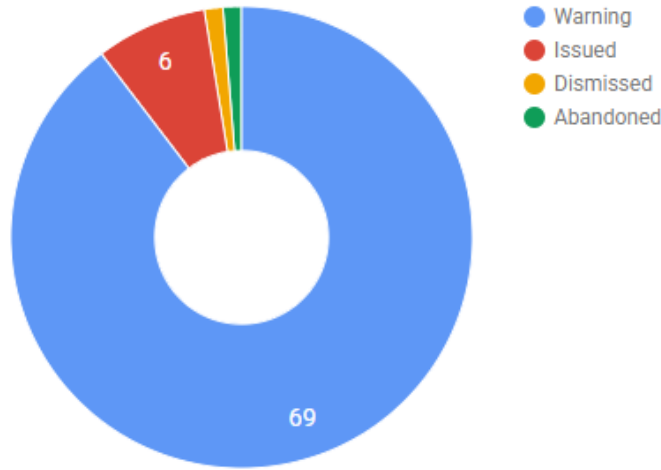
Supplemental Reports: 5

ICAC Cases Assigned: 0

Total ICAC Cases: 8

# COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSISTANTS

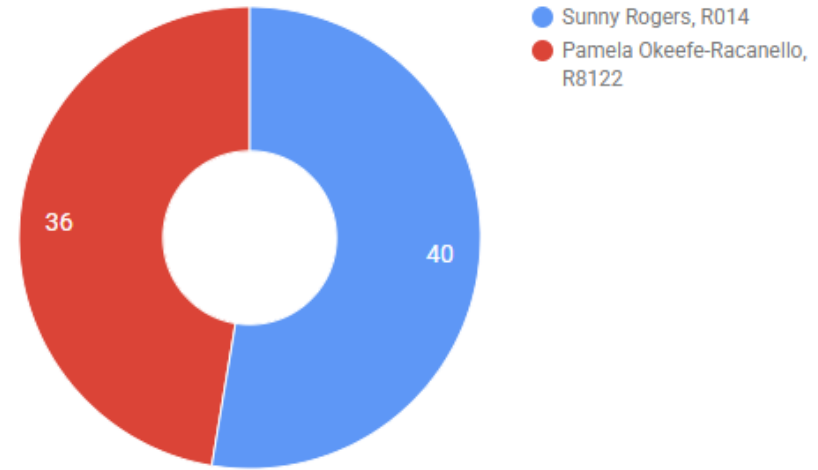
Tickets By Status Month To Date



Total Count: 77

As of 5/27/2026, 12:00:00 AM

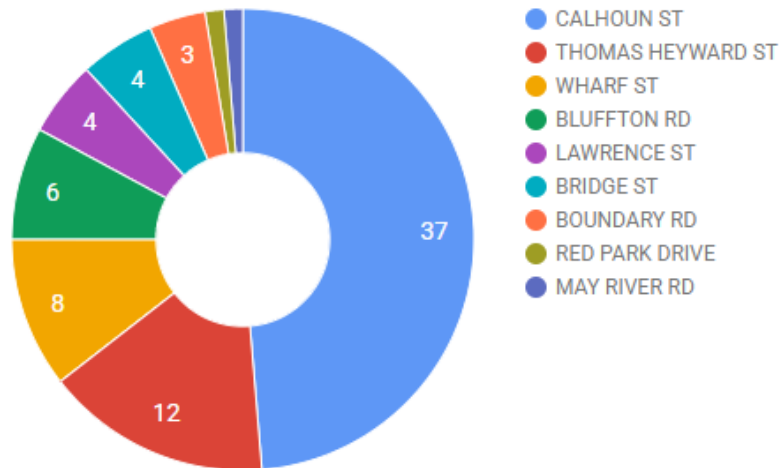
Tickets By Officer Month To Date



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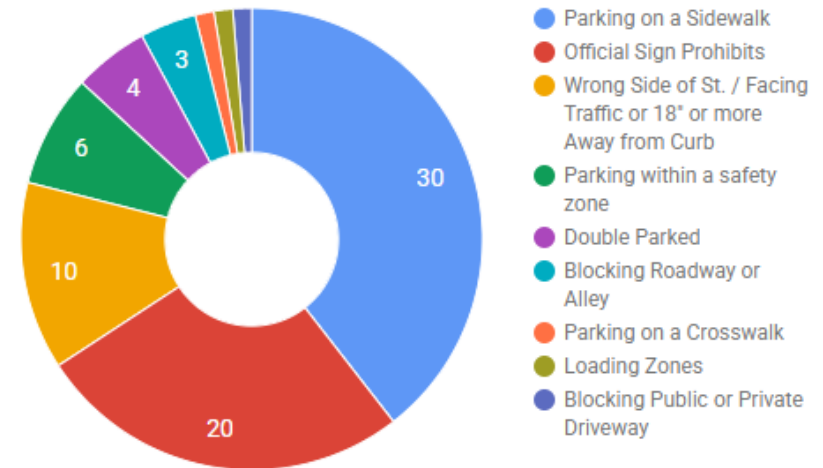
Tickets By Location Month To Date



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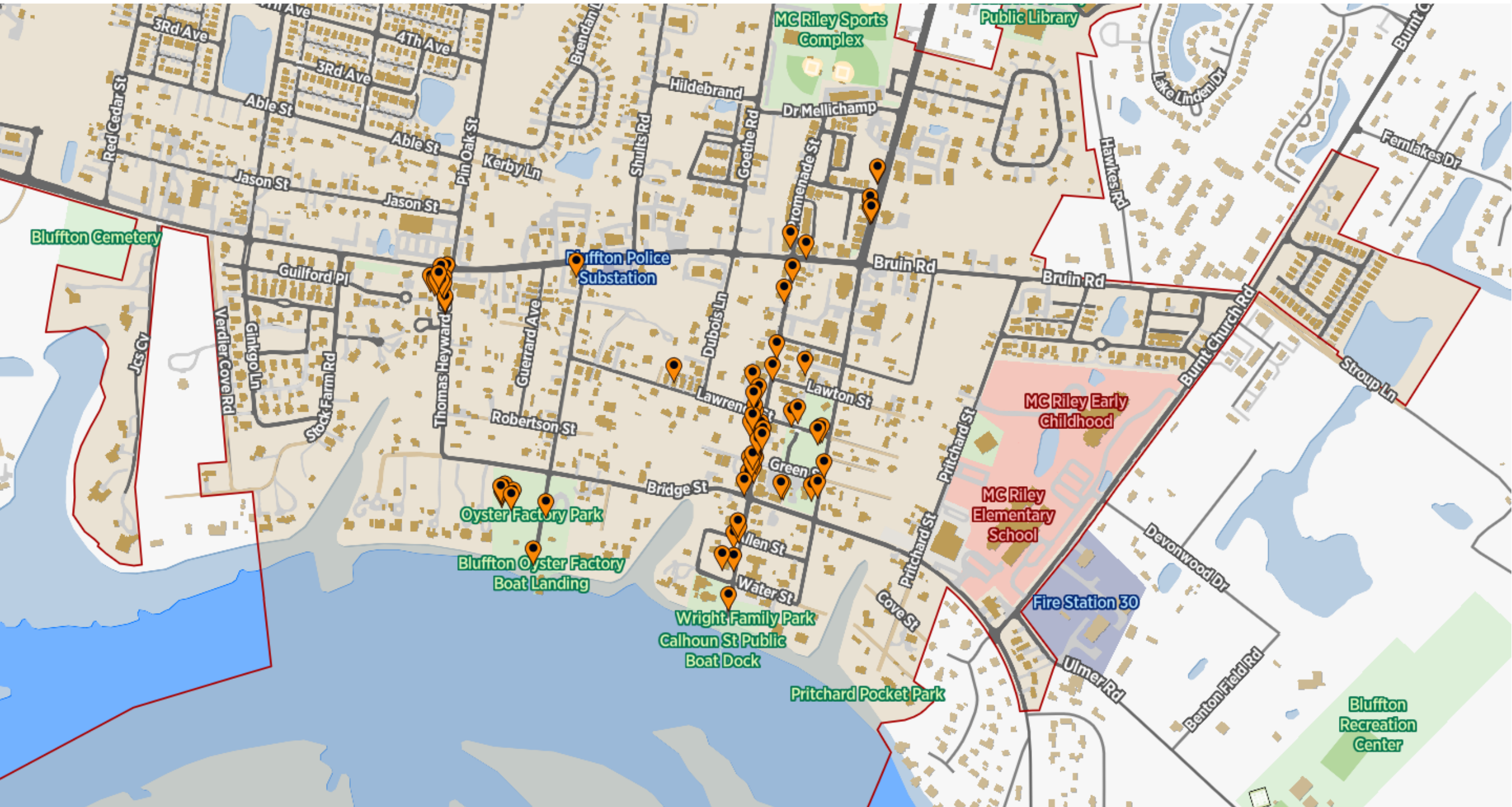
Tickets By Violation Month To Date



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# DOWNTOWN CITATIONS (77) – May 2026



# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## **Code Enforcement:**

William Bonhag

- 8 Notices of Violation were issued this month.

\*Note: Jason Lee FD investigator along with Matt Kazmierczak Inspector Dept of Agriculture joined forces with Codes to stop vehicles from selling/serving foods and products from the back of their vans and cars, these actions are being continued as we find them at construction sites throughout Bluffton.

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

### **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.
- The son Johnny Mitchell is working with Vicky Smalls to secure ownership to obtain permits to fix the house in its entirety. This was discussed on a site visit on Tuesday 5-4-26. Johnny has already cleaned the back area and emptied the house of all contents.

### **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.
- Pending re-check on the site. Owner was given until June 1st to relocate his business.
- The business is moving to Ridgeland with its equipment and will be having an office on the promenade.

### **269 Buck Island**

- This location has been an ongoing matter with Moctezuma Landscaping that has BL for 709 Shady Pine Lane address, NOT this area as its residential only.
- On 4-2-26, Moctezuma was issued 2x NOV, one for no BL and the other for accumulations on property NO DUMPING, Compliance date is set for June 1st relocating to commercial property for all equipment.

# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## Code Enforcement continued:

### 11 Oliver Court – Mid Guard Storage Facility

- Complaint was received on Tuesday 5-12-26 from Rick Stezer pertaining to infestation of rodent urine and feces, along with dead rats and mice in his unit 2033,2034,2036 in building 11A.
- Fire investigator Jason Lee and I visited the location to check out the status of this complaint only to find exactly what Mr. Stezer stated as we put on masks and gloves for protection.
- Codes issued NOV for Sec.12-25 (a) Public Health Nuisances, declaration, offensive acts or conditions.
- FD issued an NOV as well with compliance by 5-21-26.
- We have been following up with the VP for the company and the Regional Manager on site.
- They have hired a professional company to come clean and disinfect all of their buildings, especially these units mentioned.
- We will continue to visit until this matter is resolved to our liking according to codes.
- Jason Lee FD checked for compliance and a cleaning company out of NY were on site cleaning, Thursday 5-28-26

# STRATEGIC ACTION & FOCUSED ENFORCEMENT TEAM

## S.A.F.E Team

Attended Bluffton Farmer's Market

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Attended Low Country Church Student Ministry

### CONDUCTED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AREAS:

Attended Hilton Head Christian Academy Field Day

*Hwy 278/Fording Island Road*

Attended Town Budget Workshop

*May River Rd*

Attended Baby Beluga Musical Play @ May River Montessori

*Burnt Church Road*

Attended Town Council Meeting

*Okatie Highway 170/Traffic Circle*

*Buckwalter Parkway*

*New Riverside*

*Bluffton Parkway*

*Bluffton Park*

*Bluffton School Zones @ dismissal*

### TRAFFIC STATS:

<b>Traffic Stops</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>Tickets:</b>	<b>123</b>
<b>Warnings:</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Warrants:</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Incident Reports:</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Arrest:</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Transport:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Drugs</b>	<b>2</b>