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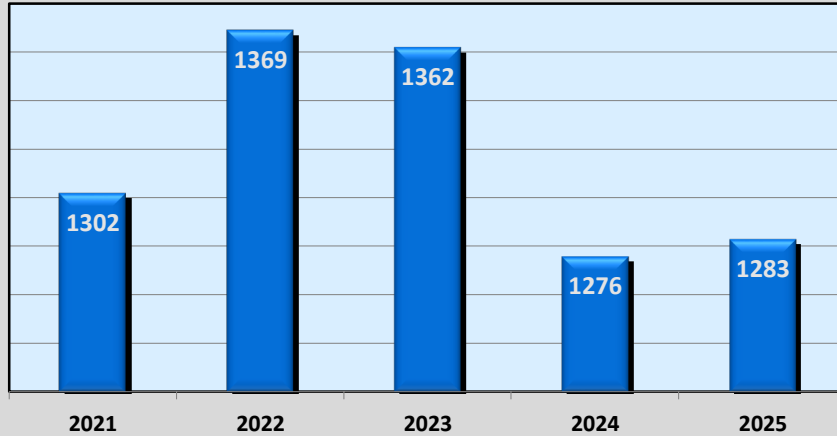
BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

August 31, 2025

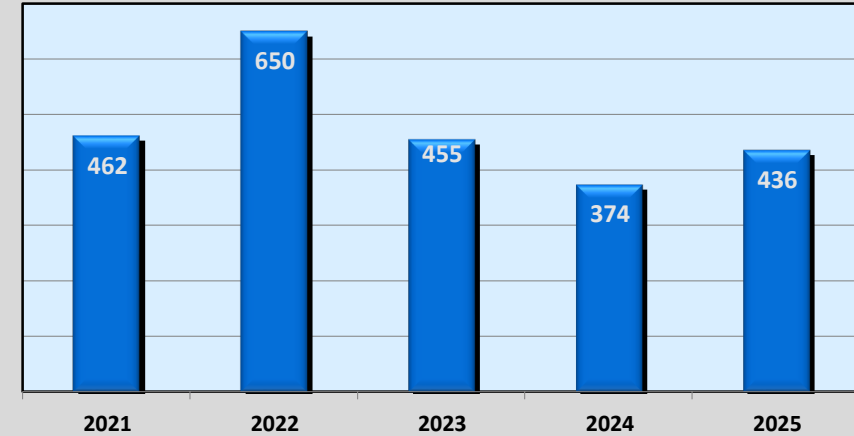
Presented by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

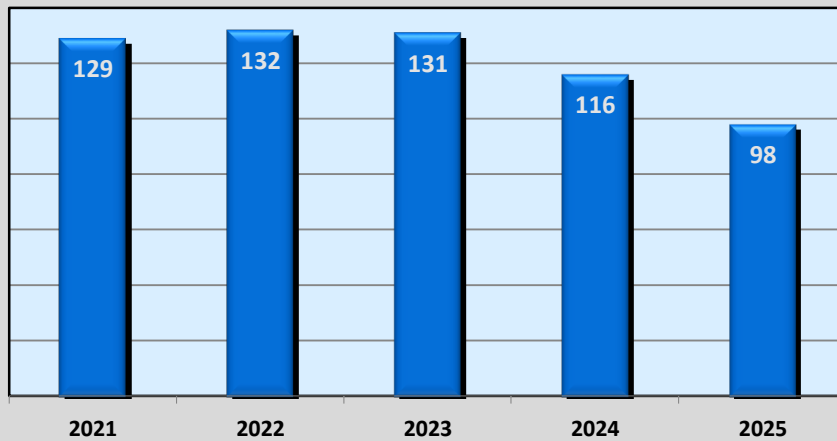
August Calls for Service Comparison



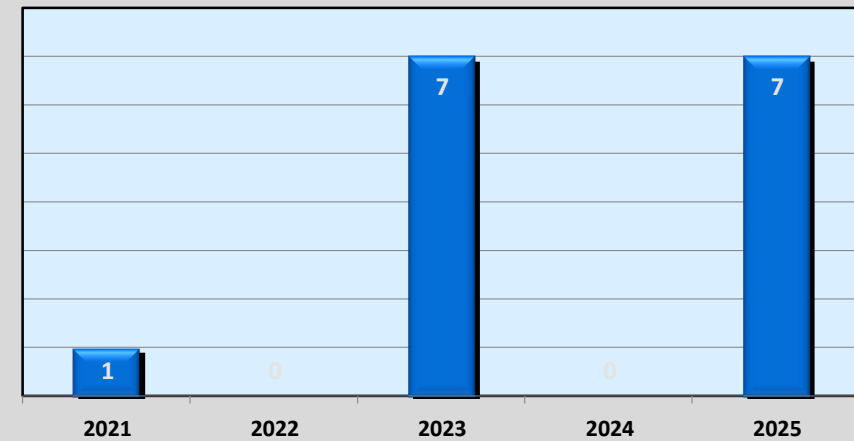
August Traffic Citation Comparison



August Collision Comparison

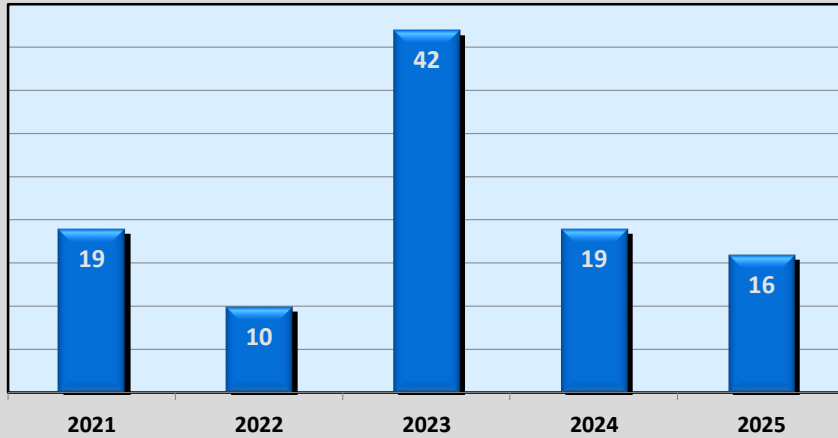


August Burglary Comparison

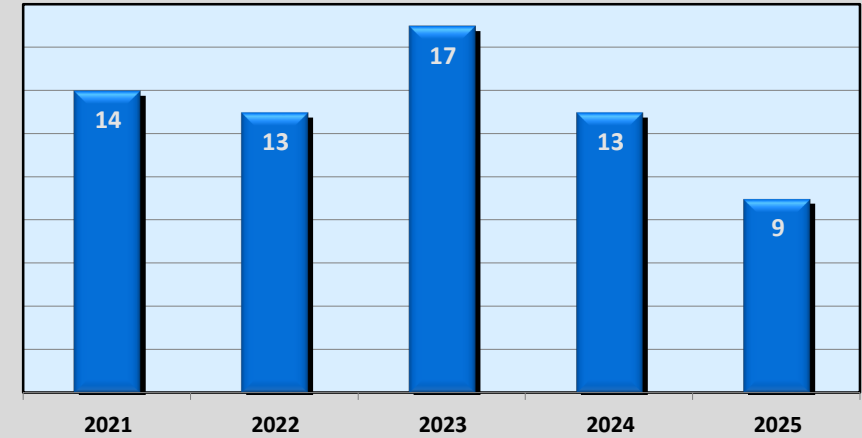


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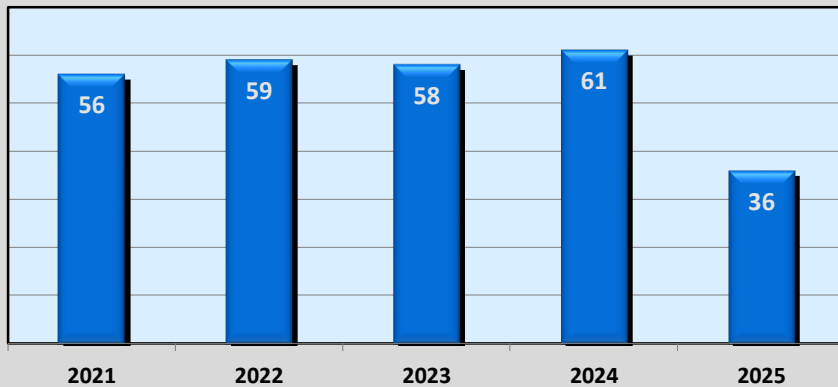
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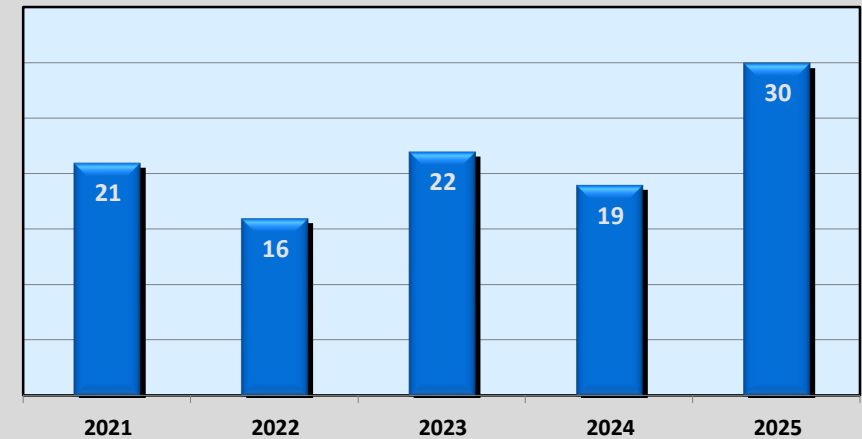
August Assault Comparison



August Domestic Calls for Service Comparison



August Arrest Comparison

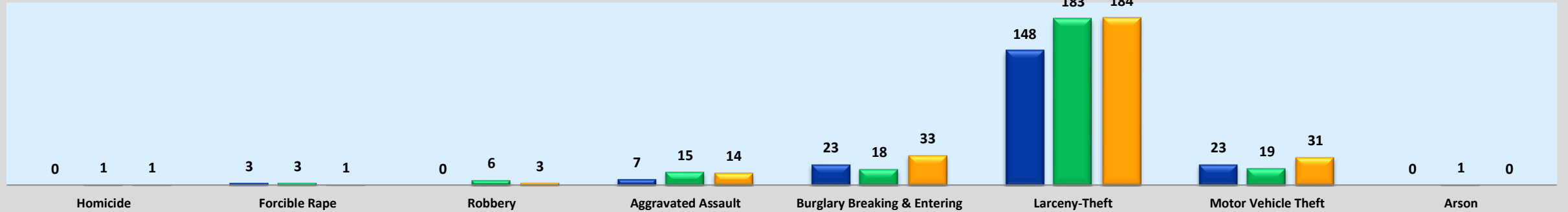


DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year-to-Date
August

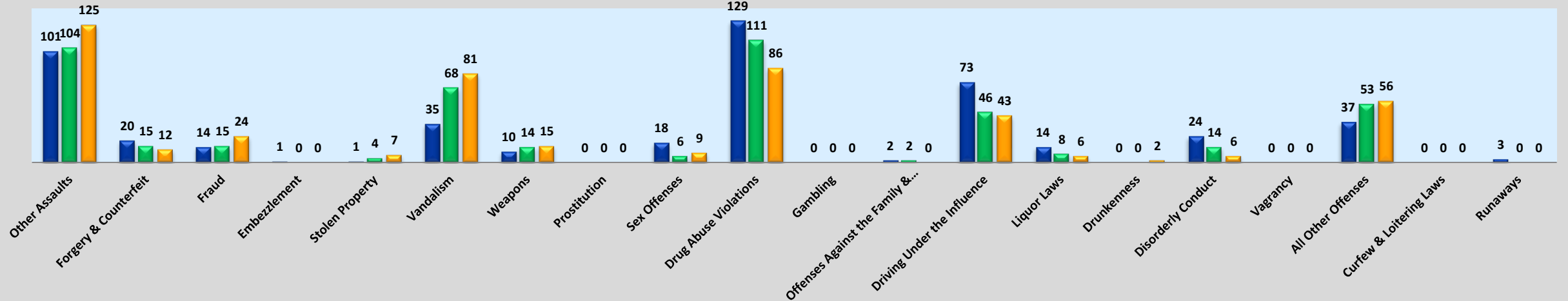
Part I Crimes

■ 2025 ■ 2024 ■ 2023



Part II Crimes

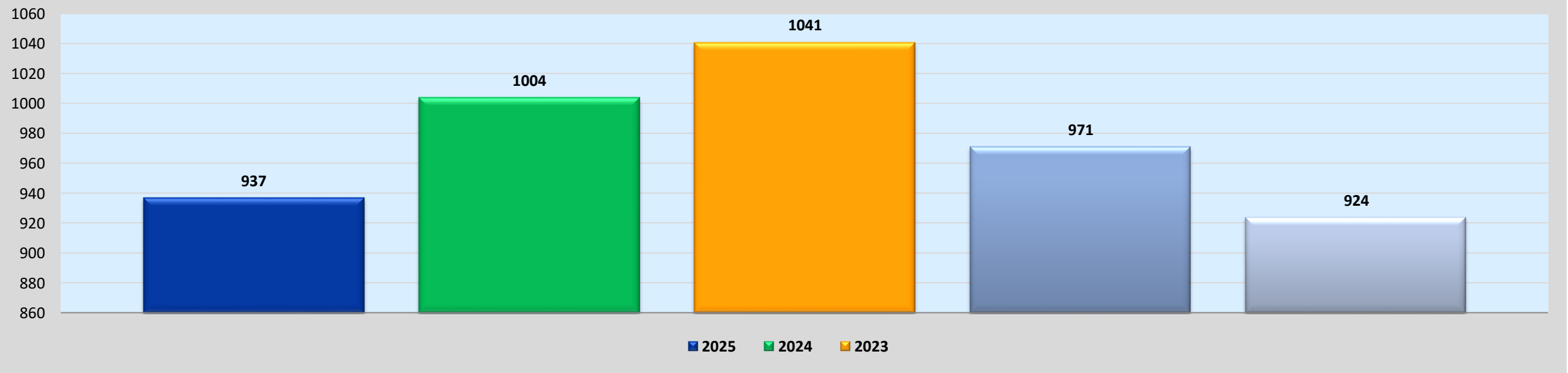
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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year-to-Date
August

Collisions



Law Enforcement Advisory Committee

- Officer of the Quarter
- Technology purchases and upgrades
 - Urban SDK
 - Cell Phone Extraction software
 - Digital Fingerprinting
- Collisions/Enforcement
- New “Hands Free” law

Meetings Attended by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz

Every Wednesday – Senior Staff Communications Meeting

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

Aug 1st – Attend LATS Policy Meeting

Aug 2nd – Attend Back to School Fun Day @ Oscar Frazier

Aug 4th – Attend UrbanSDK Training

Aug 5th – Attend Applicant PAT testing

Aug 5th – Attend Ribbon Cutting Celebration @ Sunshine Playhouse

Aug 6th – Blessing Box meeting

Aug 6th – Attend End of Phase meeting – Recruit Collins

Aug 7th – Attend Enterprise Fleet Meeting

Aug 8th – Attend Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for OsteoStrong

Aug 11th – Attend CIP meeting

Aug 11th – Ivybrook Traffic meeting

Aug 11th – Retention/Morale meeting

Aug 11th – FTO Meeting

Aug 19th – Meeting with Mayor and Town Manager

Aug 19th – Attend Ribbon Cutting Celebration for Adakon Energy

Aug 21st – Attend Applicant PAT testing

Aug 21st – Command Staff meeting

Aug 22nd – Attend Applicant PAT testing

Aug 22nd – Meeting with Citizen

Meetings Attended by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz cont.

Aug 25th – August Wellness meeting

Aug 25th – CIP meeting

Aug 25th – Attend UrbanSDK Teams meeting

Aug 25th – Police Promotion(s) Ceremony

Aug 26th – Attend Applicant PAT testing

Aug 26th – US 278 Traffic Enforcement meeting

Aug 26th – Attend Town Council Workshop – Golf Carts

Aug 27th – Meeting with Town Manager

Aug 28th – Attend Mandatory Supervisor FMLA Training

Aug 28th – Attend Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Celebration for Wine Time Artisan Kitchen

Aug 31st – Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony @ Ma Daisy's Porch

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Commendations -	None
Complaints -	None

Police Department Demographics as of August 31, 2025

DEPARTMENT	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	2	3	1	17	23
Male	8	5	3	39	55
Grand Total	10	8	4	56	78

SWORN OFFICERS	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	1	1		9	11
Male	7	5	3	35	50
Grand Total	8	6	3	44	61

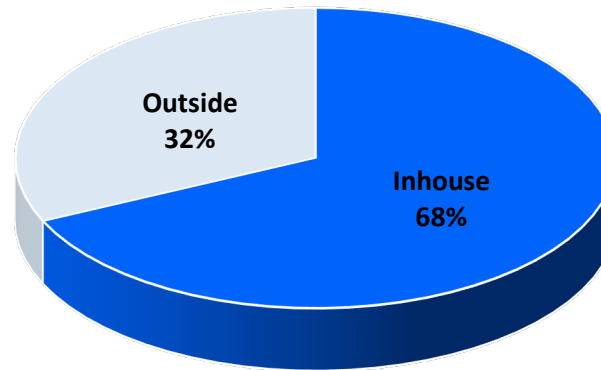
August Officer Training

In-House

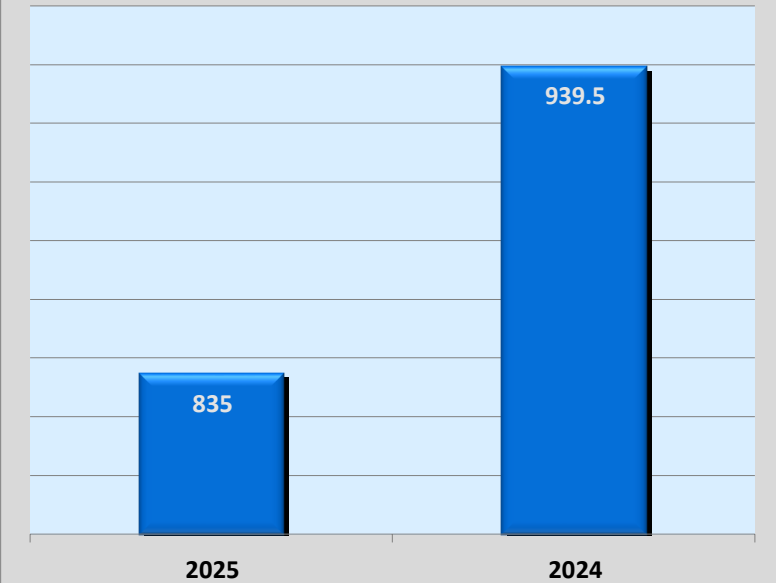
DMT Operator Recertification - 2 Officers
DUI/SFST Recertification - 2 Officers
Line-Up 2025 July-August - 6 Officers
Line-Up 2025 May-June - 1 Officer
Officer Liability - 5 Officers
Pre-Academy - 3 Recruits
Racial Profiling - 5 Officers
Red Dot Optics Pistol Training - 10 Officers
Respond to Line of Duty Death - 1 Officer
Studio - Medical Admittance or Denial - 7 Officers
Studio - Police/Dog Encounters - 17 Officers

Outside

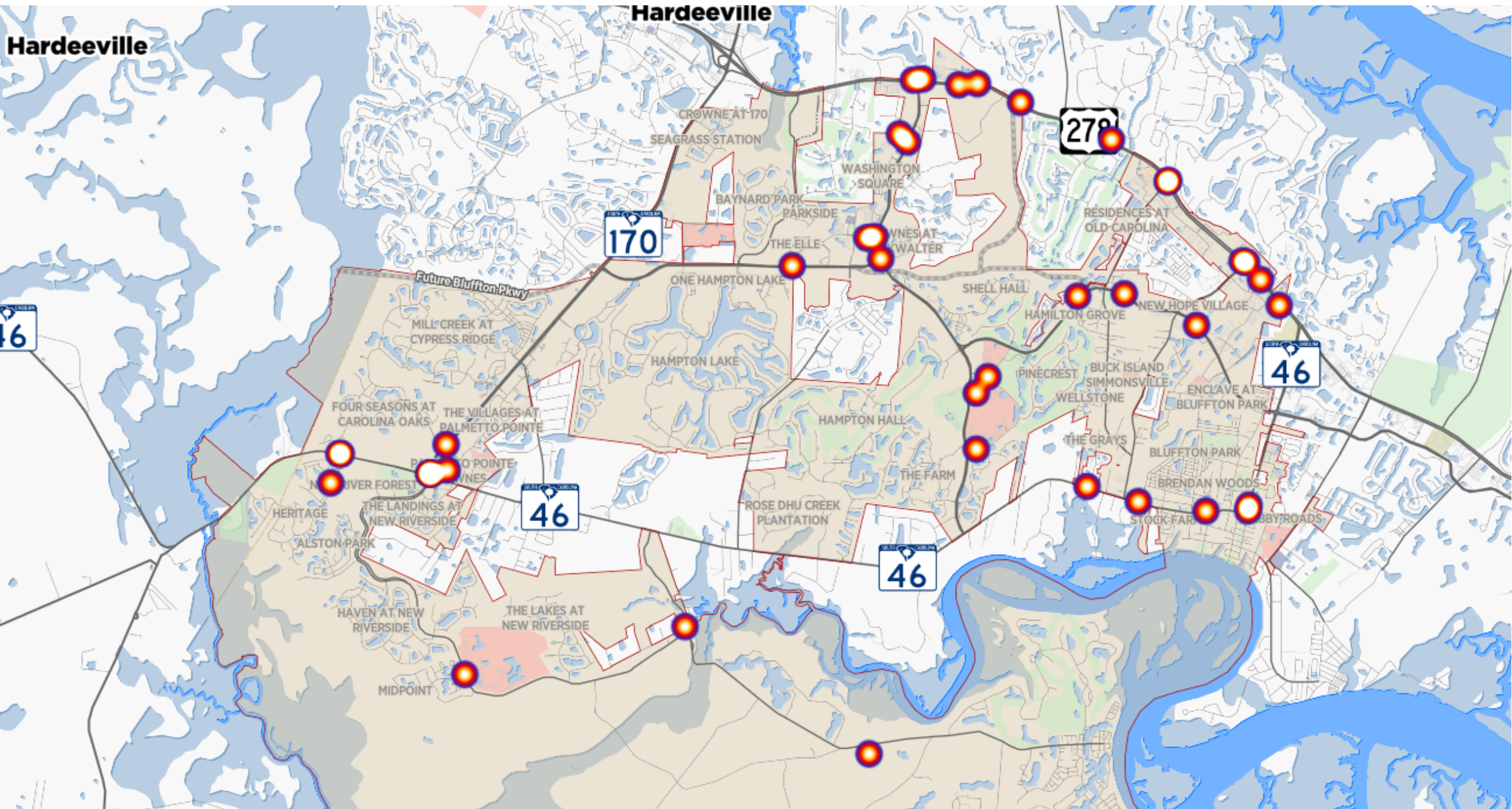
Defensive Tactics Instructor - 1 Officer
SC CJA Basic LE - 2 Recruits



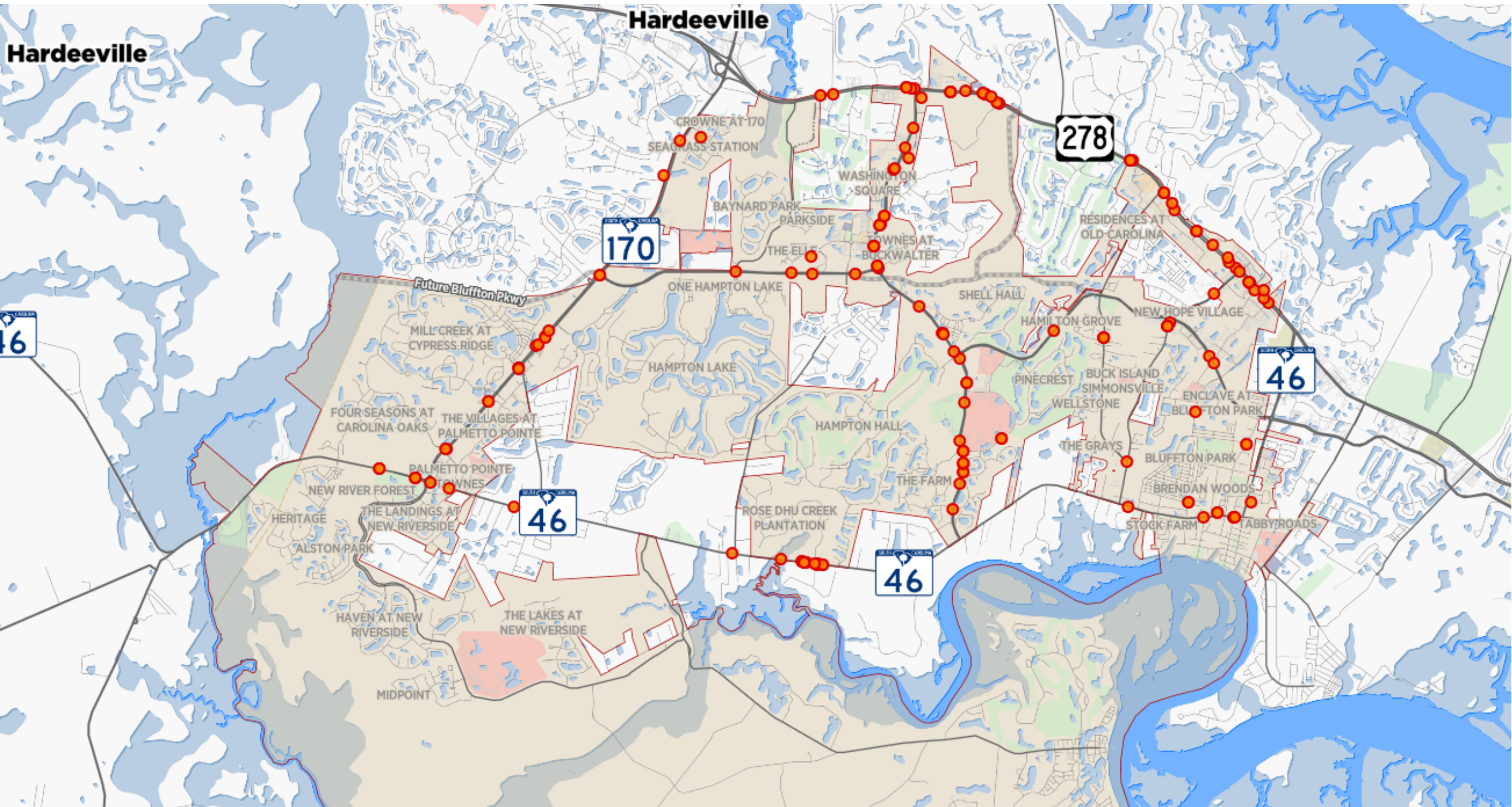
August 2025 / 2024 Training Hours Comparison



COLLISIONS (98) August 2025

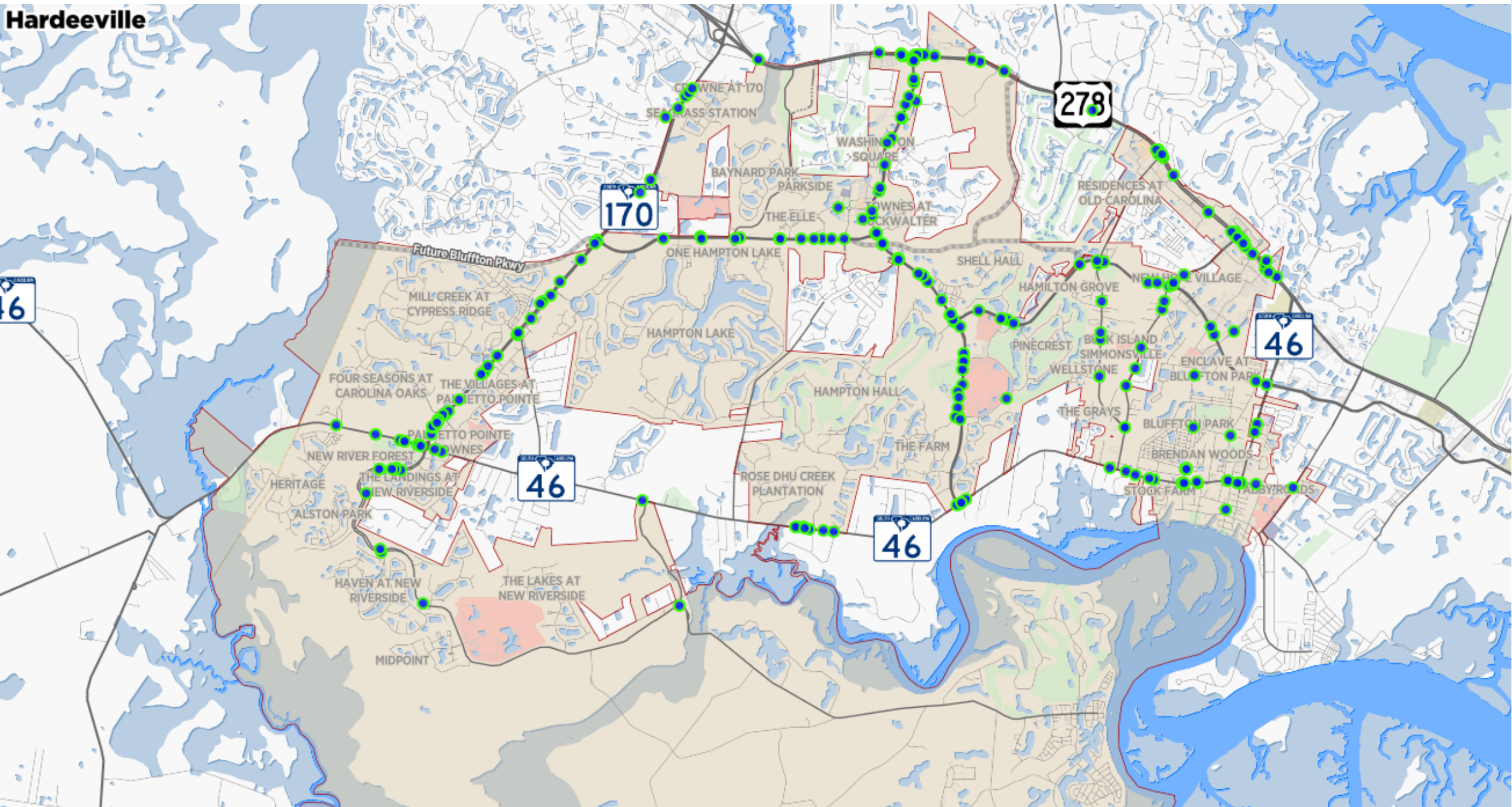


CITATIONS ISSUED (150) August 2025

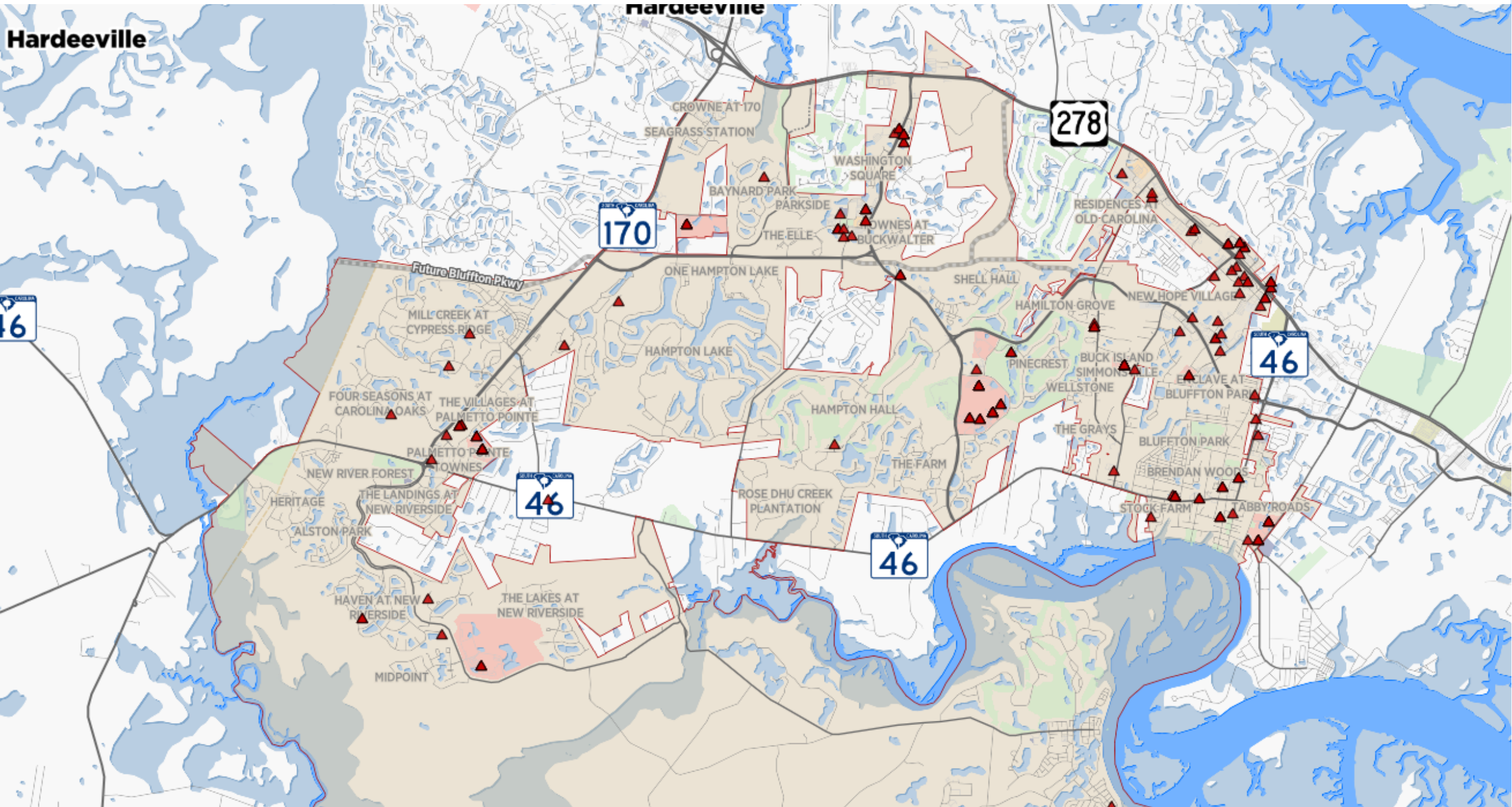


WARNINGS ISSUED (286) August 2025

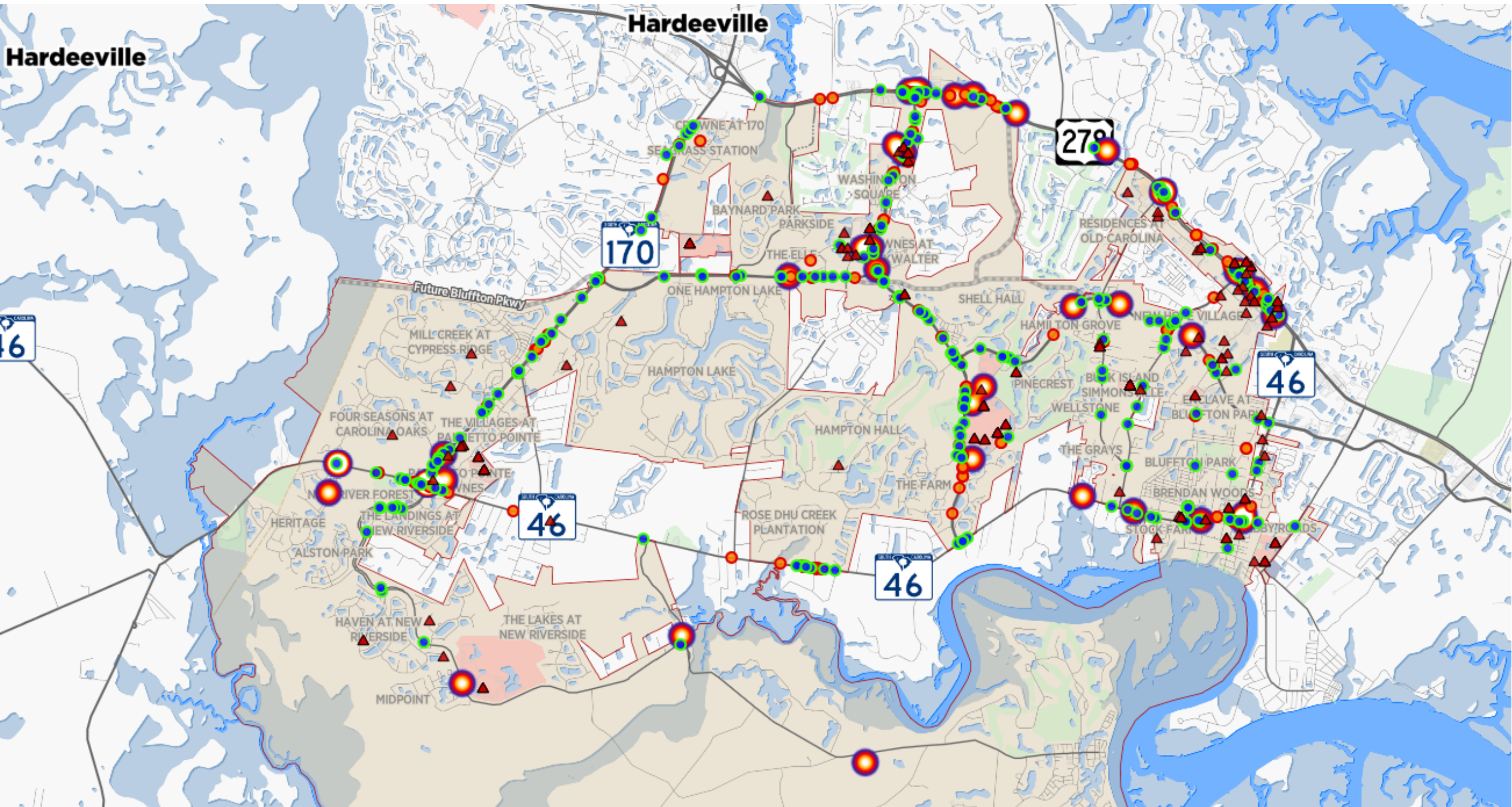
Hardeeville



#1 CALL TYPE – Activated Alarms (224) August 2025



Collisions, Citations, Warnings and Activated Alarms – August 2025



PATROL DIVISION

CALLS FOR SERVICE TOP 10 CALL TYPES

Activated Alarm	224
Case Follow Up	120
911 Hang-Up	117
Disturbance	110
Accident	63
Reckless Drving	52
Assist Motorist	33
Fraud/Scam	31
Domestic	29
Susp Vehicle	27

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 1201

AVERAGE PER DAY: 46

PRO-ACTIVE PATROLS

Extra Patrol - Business	718
Traffic Stops	353
Extra Patrol - Residence	256
Traffic Enforcement	3

PATROL DIVISION

UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATIONS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Speeding; more than 15 but less than 25 mph over speed limit	19
Operating Vehicle while license/registration expired	17
Driving Under Suspension	15
Possession of 28g (1oz) or less of Marijuana	10
Failure to Return License Plate and Registration upon Loss of Insurance	10
Driving without a License	16
Failure to Maintain Proof of Insurance	7
Permitting or Operating Vehicle which is not registered or licensed	5
Open Container of Beer or Wine in Motor Vehicle	5

TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED: 150

AVERAGE PER DAY: 6

UNIFORM TRAFFIC WARNINGS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Speeding	78
Defective Equipment	55
Vehicle License Violation	31
Improper Lane Use	18
Disregarding Stop Sign	17
Disregarding Traffic Signal	12
Driervers License Violation	11
Changing Lanes Unlawfully	11
Improper Turn	10
Improper Lights	5

TOTAL WARNINGS ISSUED: 286

AVERAGE PER DAY: 11

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	
Cases Assigned	24
Incident Reports	2
Supplemental Reports	70
Cases Closed	24
Arrests Made	0
Arrest Warrants	2
Bond Court	5
Case Call Outs	7
Search Warrants	2
Prelims/Grand Jury	1

Case Call Outs:

1. 25BP521403 – Gun Shot Wound
2. 25BP21356 – Burglary
3. 25BP21357 – Burglary
4. 25BP19615 – Collision Fatality

Mental Health Advocate:

CIT: 4

Referrals - 13

Follow Ups - 42

Supplemental Reports - 32

Victim Advocate:

Case Call Outs: 3

Incident Reports: 0

Case Closed: 5

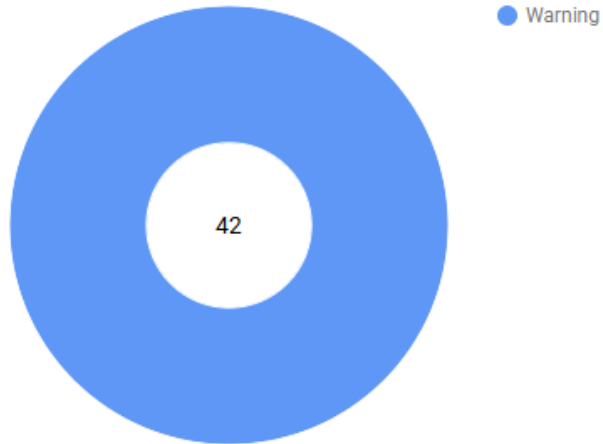
Bond Court: 2

Supplemental Reports: 9

ICAC Cases Assigned: 0

COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSISTANTS

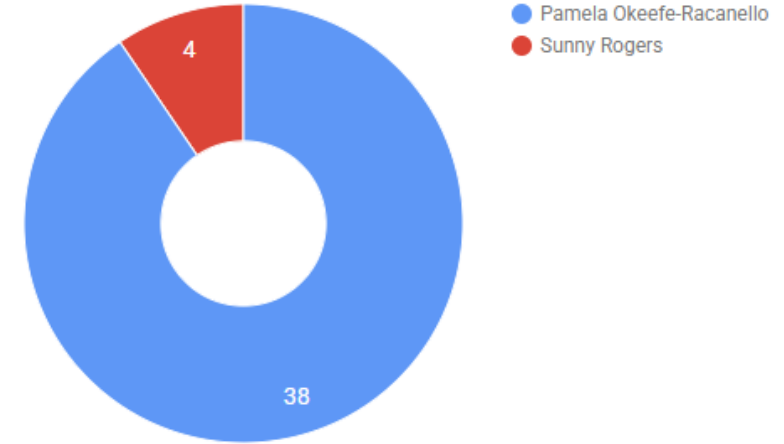
Tickets By Status Last 30 Days



Total Count: 42

As of 8/26/2025, 12:00:00 AM

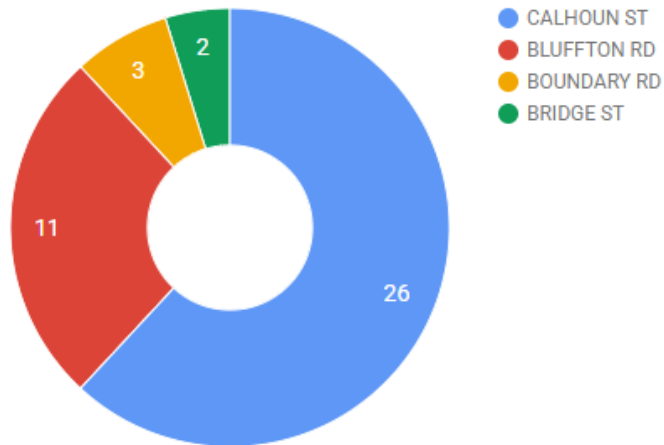
Tickets By Officer Last 30 Days



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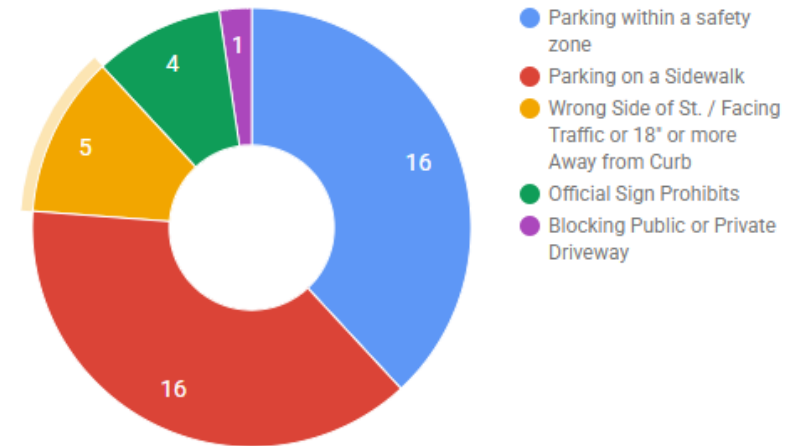
Tickets By Location Last 30 Days



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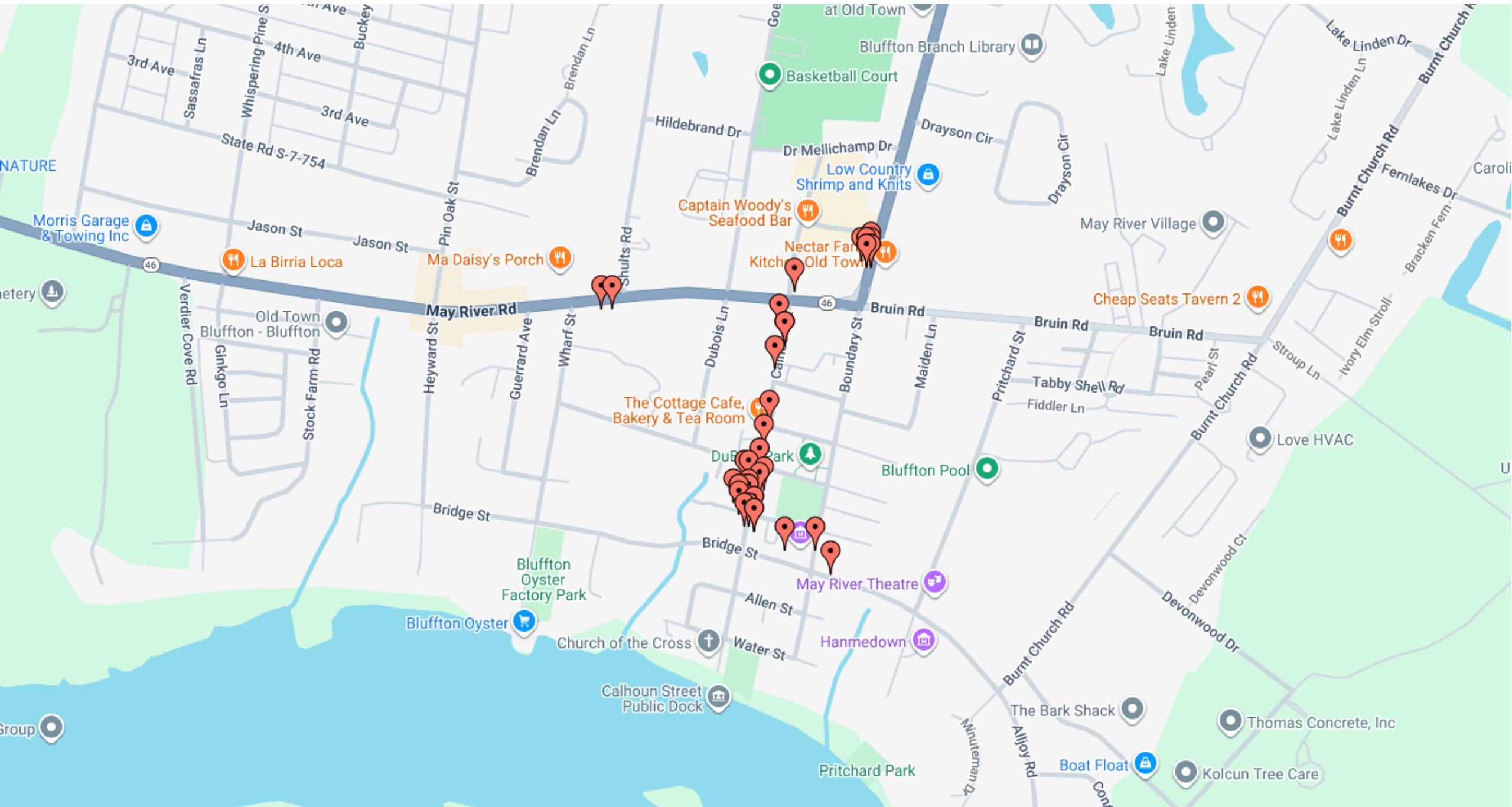
Tickets By Violation Last 30 Days



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DOWNTOWN CITATIONS (42) – August 2025



CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement:

William Bonhag

Signs

- Multiple Business advertisement signs removed from Old Town and various locations throughout Bluffton.
- Issued 36 NOV's for commercial business license failure to pay.

Complaints / Property Checks / Follow-ups / Ordinance Letters

218 Simmonsville Road

- 3/14/24 Due to several violations, this location was boarded up.
- This matter is pending actions by Building Safety upon receipt of property ownership email or contact by Mrs. Mitchell to Robert Cullen. Unfortunately, Mrs. Mitchell has passed, and this matter is on hold with the Building Department.
- Vicky Smalls visited location with our team on 11/14/24. Vicky is trying to contact the oldest sibling regarding heirs' property transfer.
- Vicky will assist with dumpsters and town public works will use machinery to clean the property upon the completion of this demolition.
- 1/30/25 at 10am a meeting at Town Hall has been set up with Mr. Cohen along with 2 family relations to discuss either fixing the condition of the home and property clean-up. Removal of RV on site required.
- RV removed from site.
- Property cleaned up, now pending information from Vicky Smalls and Rob Currall Building Official as to their next move regarding this structure.
- 7/15/25 This property is Heirs property, until this property is settled in court no actions can move forward.

1279 May River Road

- • Complainant /relative Tracey Bruin residing at 224 Goethe Road connected to this backyard.
- • Letters are sent to clean up front and rear with overgrowth. Owners live in Savannah. Ga.
- • The front was cut and cleaned. Rear still pending compliance as of 8/7/25 not completed, letters were issued to the property owner.
- • Still pending cleanup of entire yard.

20 Twin Oaks Drive

- Fence blocking emergency vehicles to be removed by Friday August 1,2025
- HJ Stucco company uses it as construction yard.
- All equipment and materials to be removed by August 25. Per NOV issued.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement continued:

241 Buck Island Road

- This location has placed a small size shed for living as an occupant was seen leaving this structure on 4/2/25 that is hidden behind some bushes next to the trailer home.
- No Permits were issued for this structure per Mary Sue McEntire
- 4/3/25 site visit with Chief Building Official Marcus Noe along with Bluffton PD
- The tenants' son stays in this structure periodically; son was disrespectful towards town staff and was looking to argue his point which was not valid. Refused to give his name as he does not reside here. Marcus and I will check to see if he returns as he has left the property.
- Marcus noticed a bike on the porch, a visit was made with Officer Nelson, shell casings found on the porch. No individual came to the door at this time.

1181 May River Road

- • Taquiera Food Truck removed 9 Confederate Jasmine fence creepers along about 40 feet worth, so people could see their food truck.
- • This is considered town property as the documents reflect the property owner relinquished their rights to the town for fence and beautification.
- • 2 tickets were issued for Damaging Public Property and Landmarks, altering and removing for a May 6th appearance
- • Judge Bush ruled they pay \$3200 for replacement and labor along with the 2 tickets for \$260 each.

149 Simmonsville Road

- • 5/19/25 Marcia Frazier called to complain about a house that was situated on her mom's property. Marcia stated that this is a family dispute in a court matter with family members.
- • 5/20/25 property was visited by Marcus Noe (Chief Building Inspector) and me to check on this placement.
- • 5/20/25 Marcus Noe placed a Stop Work Order on their door to the entrance of this new home.
- • Kristy Carge says permits are forthcoming.

4375 Bluffton Parkway Unit B – Caliwell Nails

- Notified by Angie Castrillon they have placed an illegal sign that is unpermitted, too large and backlit.
- 6/24/25 Tuesday, a Notice of Violation shall be issued with a compliance date of 6/29/25.
- Largest sign removed, Bluffton Sign Co. now handling.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement continued:

Simmonsville Road Power Line Section/Santee Cooper

- The complaint was made by Bridgete Frazier due to cars and trucks parking, dumping and working from this area.
- Contact was made with Santee Cooper (property owner) and I am working with Matt Evans to have this location cleaned up and dirt piles removed. 2 weeks are being allocated for this area, unless it may be earlier as they are placing fences on both ends of their property with gates locked.
- 5/21/25 contacted Matt Evans from Santee, an estimate obtained by Santee for fencing for \$32,000, which was forwarded to his administrators.
- 8/7/25 l/m for Matt regarding the pending site review for cleanup, along with fencing status.

4375 Bluffton Pkwy Unit B – Caliwell Nails

- Notified by Angie Castrillon they have placed an illegal sign that is unpermitted, too large and backlit.
- 6/24/25 Tuesday, a Notice of Violation shall be issued with a compliance date of 6/29/25.

108 Goethe Road

- Visited this property per Vicky Smalls complaint from the h/o at 4 Benjamin Road.
- Owner Juan Ruiz was spoken to regarding his condition of his property that has shingle piles around, loads of equipment and equipment scattered about his property.
- Trees were cut and dumped throughout this section.
- Nov was issued for cleaning up and removal of all items.
- Team visit scheduled for 9am Monday 6/16/25 2 Notice of Violations and 1 watershed violation issued to Juan Ruiz owner (needs to remove all commercial products and junk by Monday 6/23/25)
- Failure to comply so a summons was issued for court appearance that was moved from July to 8/19/25, now pending postponed court date of 9/16/25.

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

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Check on Farmers Market on Thursdays
Provided security for court on Tuesdays
Attended Bluffton Community Kitchen/ Ida Closet and food drive
Assist SRO with back-to-school preparations
Attended Back to School bash Oscar Frazier Park
Attended Solicitor meeting at substation for law updates
Attended d HPC Town Hall meeting
Attended May River High School Football Scrimmage
Attended ATAC meeting at Town Hall
Policy Review
Attended Old Town Bluffton Merchants Meeting
High Schools walk through
Follow up at 57 Isle of Palms
Attended Town Council meeting
Substation walk-in with Sea Smiles Pediatric Dentistry
Follow up with Montessori School for parking violation
Provided extra Security for May River High School
Assisted Patrol traffic stops
Follow up with Marsh on the May
Assisted call for service at 14 Lawrence Street
Spoke with Blessing Box Project Bluffton owner
Attend Bluffton PD promotions ceremony
Held meetings and visits with multiple churches.