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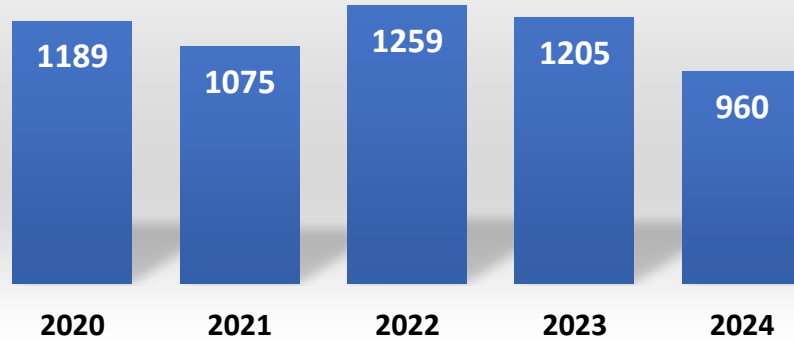
# BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

February 29, 2024

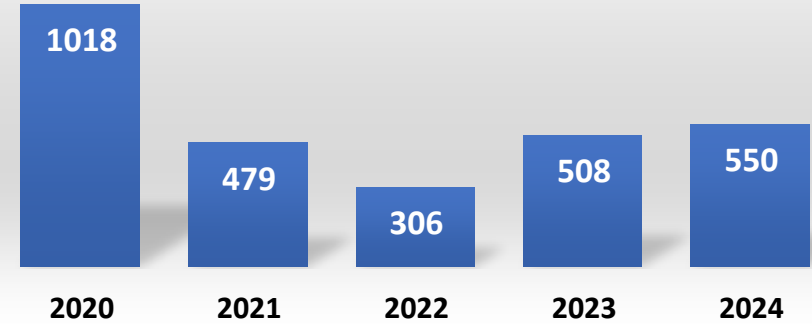
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# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

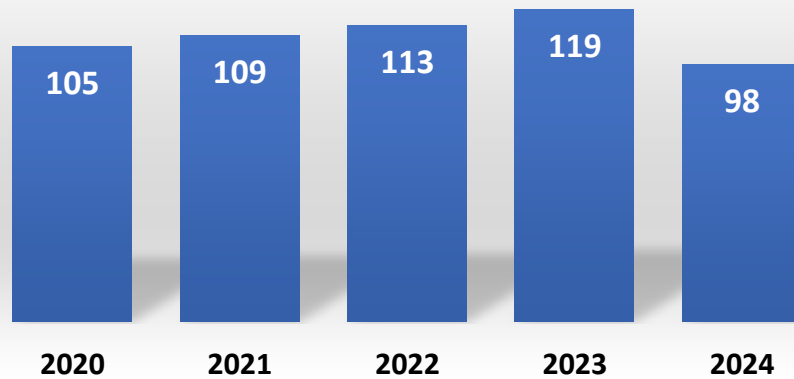
## February Calls for Service Comparison



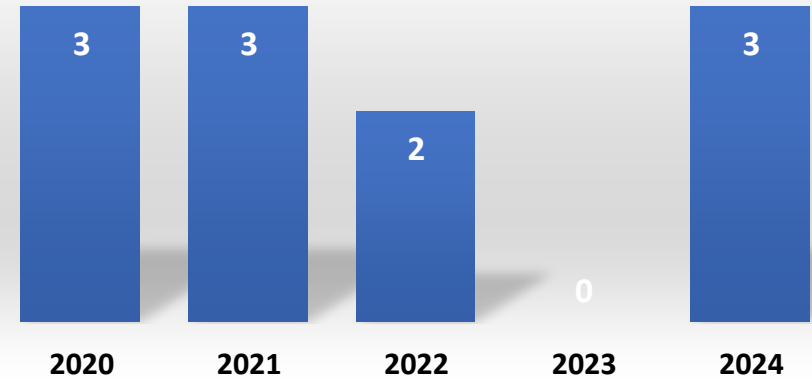
## February Traffic Citation Comparison



## February Collision Comparison

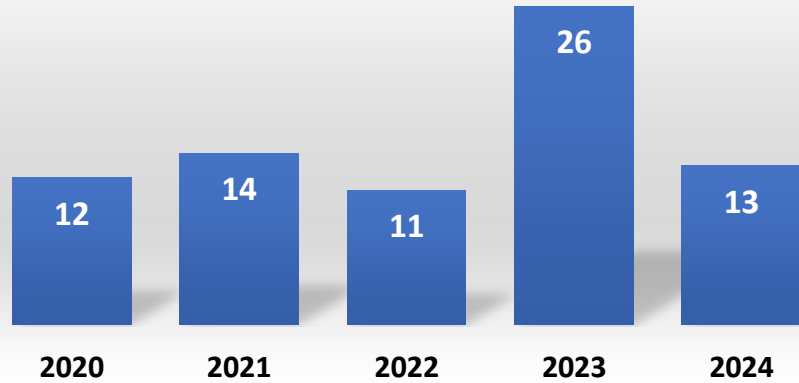


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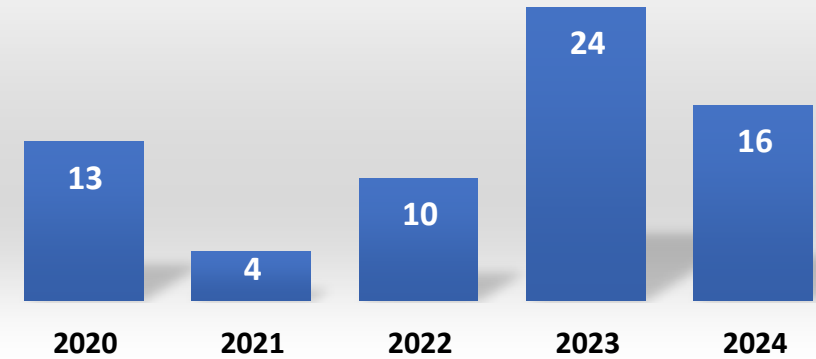


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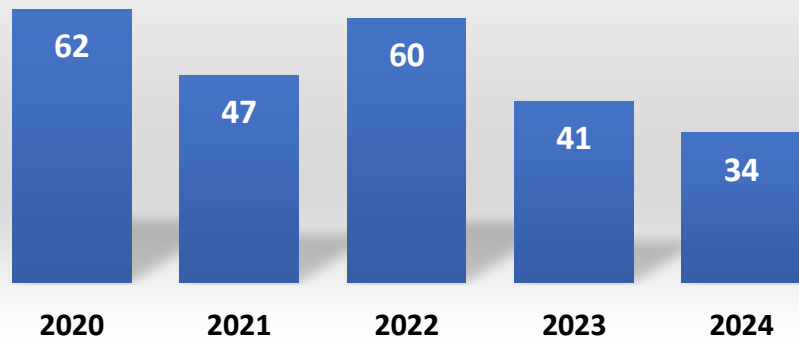
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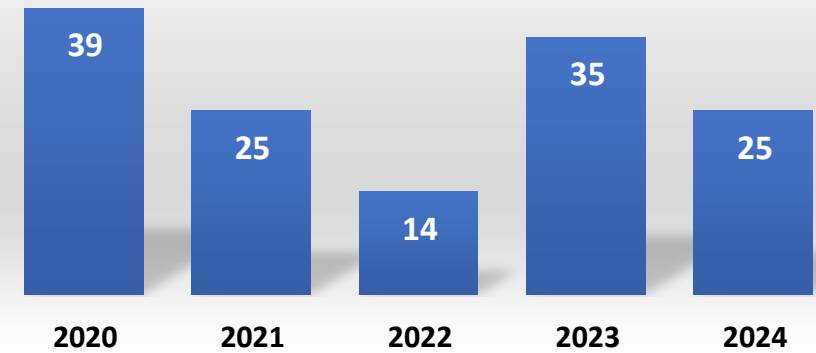
## February Assault Comparison



## February Domestic Calls for Service Comparison



## February Arrest Comparison

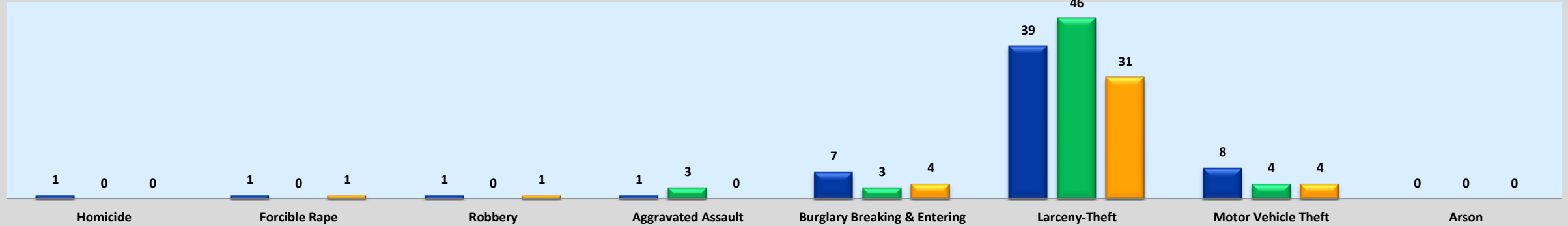


# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year-to-Date  
February

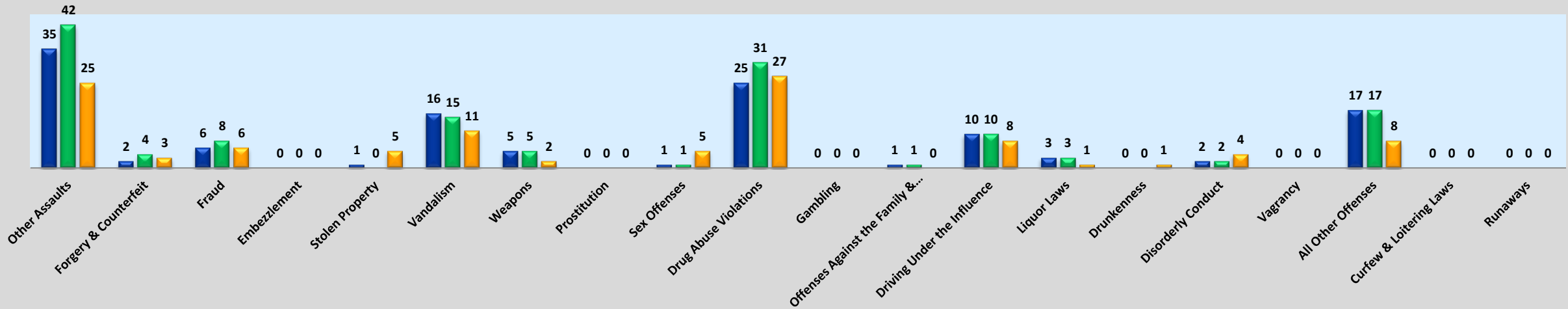
## Part I Crimes

■ 2024 ■ 2023 ■ 2022



## Part II Crimes

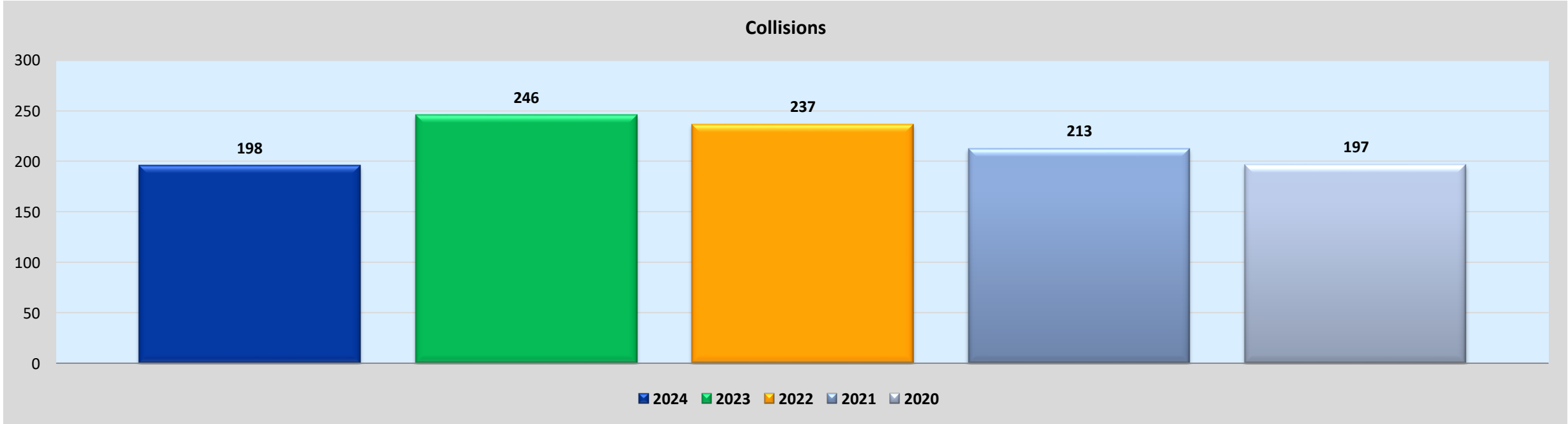
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# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year-to-Date  
February

## Collisions



# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## **Law Enforcement Advisory Committee**

- Revised policies –Emergency and Pursuit Operating of Police Vehicles, Response to Resistance and Discharging of Firearm
- Monthly Stats
- Flock Camera System

## **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

**Feb 1<sup>st</sup>** – Meeting with Human Resource and Officer

**Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Attend American Legion Post 205 – Honoring of 4 Chaplains of WWII

**Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Attend Rotary Oyster Roast

**Feb 5<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Campbell Chapel AME – Sister Rochelle

**Feb 5<sup>th</sup>** – Guest Speaker @ Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Your Health Organization

**Feb 6<sup>th</sup>** – Attend End of Phase FTO meetings for (3) new officers

**Feb 7<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Funeral Services @ Bonaventure Funeral Home

**Feb 8<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with IT Director

**Feb 8<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Command Staff Interview for Police Applicant

**Feb 8<sup>th</sup>** – Attend End of Phase FTO meeting for (1) new officer

**Feb 8<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Law Enforcement Citizens Advisory Committee meeting

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Super Bowl Party for Employees

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Bluffton High School Chili Cookoff

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Citizen

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Lowcountry Community Church Night to Shine

**Feb 12<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Wellness Committee meeting

**Feb 12<sup>th</sup>** – Attend February Birthday/Anniversary Celebration Event

**Feb 13<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Nikki Haley Campaign Event in Old Town

**Feb 13<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Town Council meeting

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

- Feb 14<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Policy Committee meeting
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Shooting Incident meeting
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup>** – Attend LowCountry Intel meeting
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Staffing Study Consultants
- Feb 16<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Meals on Wheels
- Feb 16<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Collab
- Feb 16<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Groundbreaking @ Compass Commons
- Feb 19<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Communication and Community Outreach Director
- Feb 19<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Beaufort County Program Specialist
- Feb 20<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with BC School District Superintendent & System Director
- Feb 20<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Kiwanis meeting
- Feb 21<sup>st</sup>** – Attend Budget meeting
- Feb 21<sup>st</sup>** – Attend Policy Review Committee meeting
- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>** – BPD Tour for Red Cedar Elementary Kindergarten students
- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Attend Employee Black History Luncheon
- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Meeting with Communication and Community Outreach Director
- Feb 26<sup>th</sup>** – Attend MASC Achievement Award Presentation
- Feb 27<sup>th</sup>** – Attend SCFCA Banquet
- Feb 28<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Town Manager
- Feb 29<sup>th</sup>** – Attend SCFBINAA State Conference



# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Commendations -	Feb 19 <sup>th</sup> – Citizen email commending Officer Ramirez handling an incident with professionalism
Complaints -	None

## Police Department Demographics as of February 29, 2024

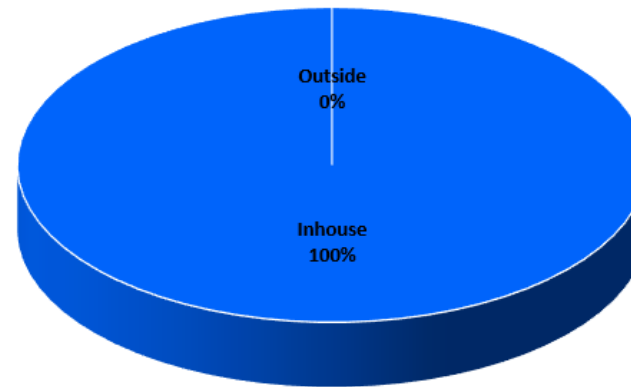
DEPARTMENT	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	1	5	1	18	25
Male	5	5	3	35	48
Grand Total	6	10	4	53	73

SWORN OFFICERS	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	1	2		10	13
Male	5	5	3	31	44
Grand Total	6	7	3	41	57

## February Officer Training

### Inhouse

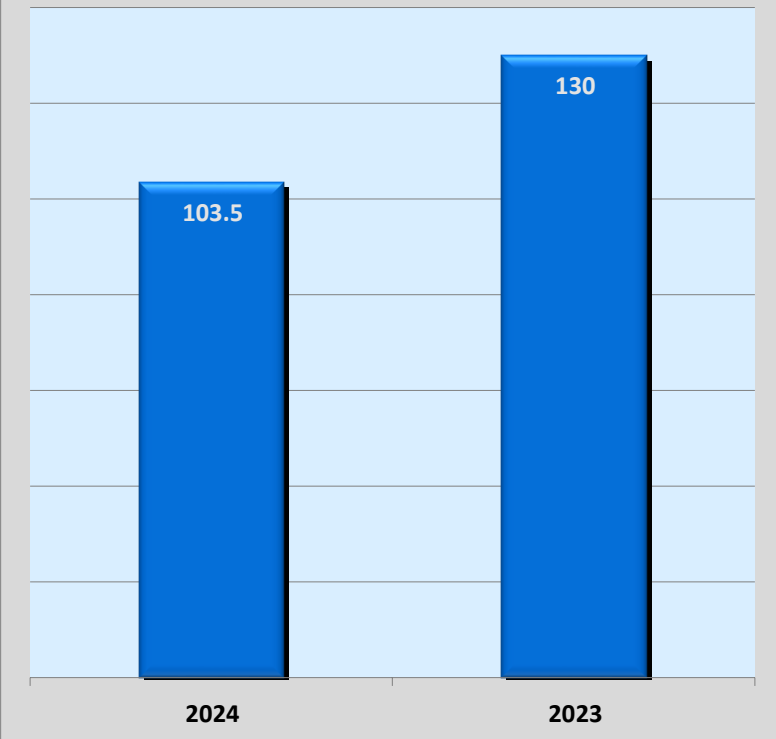
Hazmat First Responder Awareness (FRA) Level 1 - 1 Officer  
 Legal Update 2023 - Part 2 - 1 Officer  
 Line-Up 2023 May-June - 2 Officers  
 Line-Up 2023 November-December - 2 Officers  
 Annual DV 2023 - After the Call - 4 Officers  
 Line-Up 2023 July-August - 2 Officers  
 Line-Up 2023 September-October - 1 Officer  
 Advanced Defensive Driving Techniques - 2 Officers  
 Bloodborne Pathogens for First Responders - 1 Officer  
 Pursuit Driving Basics - 1 Officer  
 Temporary Holding Facilities - 1 Officer  
 Line-Up 2024 January-February - 4 Offices  
 Active Shooter Training - 1 Officer  
 Pursuit Driving - 1 Officer  
 Line-Up 2024 March-April - 30 Officers  
 Legal Update 2024 - Part 1 - 22 Officers  
 Line-Up 2023 January-February - 1 Officer  
 Line-Up 2023 April-May - 1 Officer  
 Legal Update 2023 - Part 1 - 1 Officer  
 DMT Operator Recertification - 2 Officers  
 Active Shooter Update - 1 Officer  
 Reality Training: Sparrow Firearms Training - 1 Officer  
 RETIRED Equipment to Carry on an Active Shooter Response - 1 Officer



### Outside

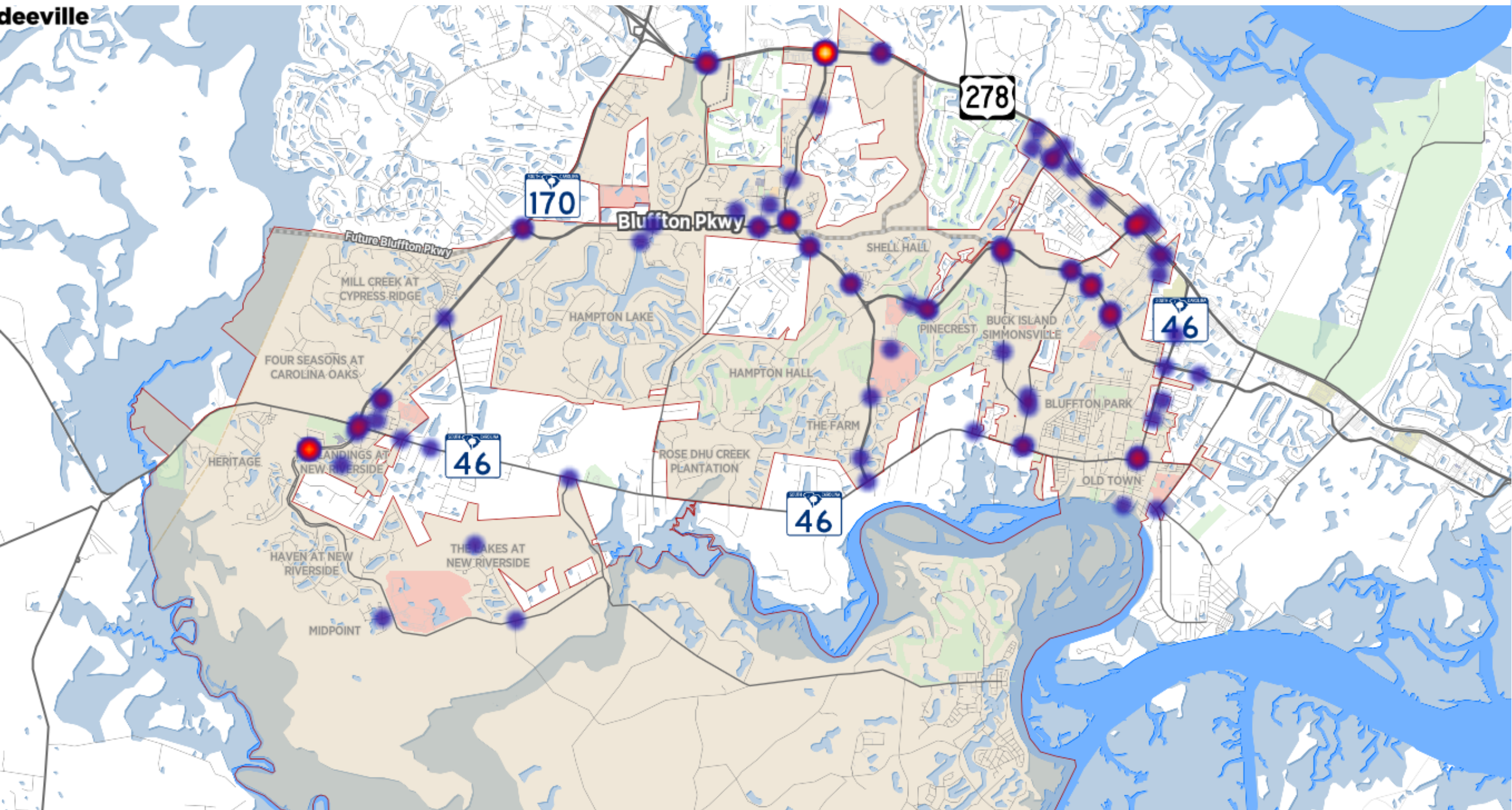
No outside training

February 2024 / 2023 Training Hours Comparison



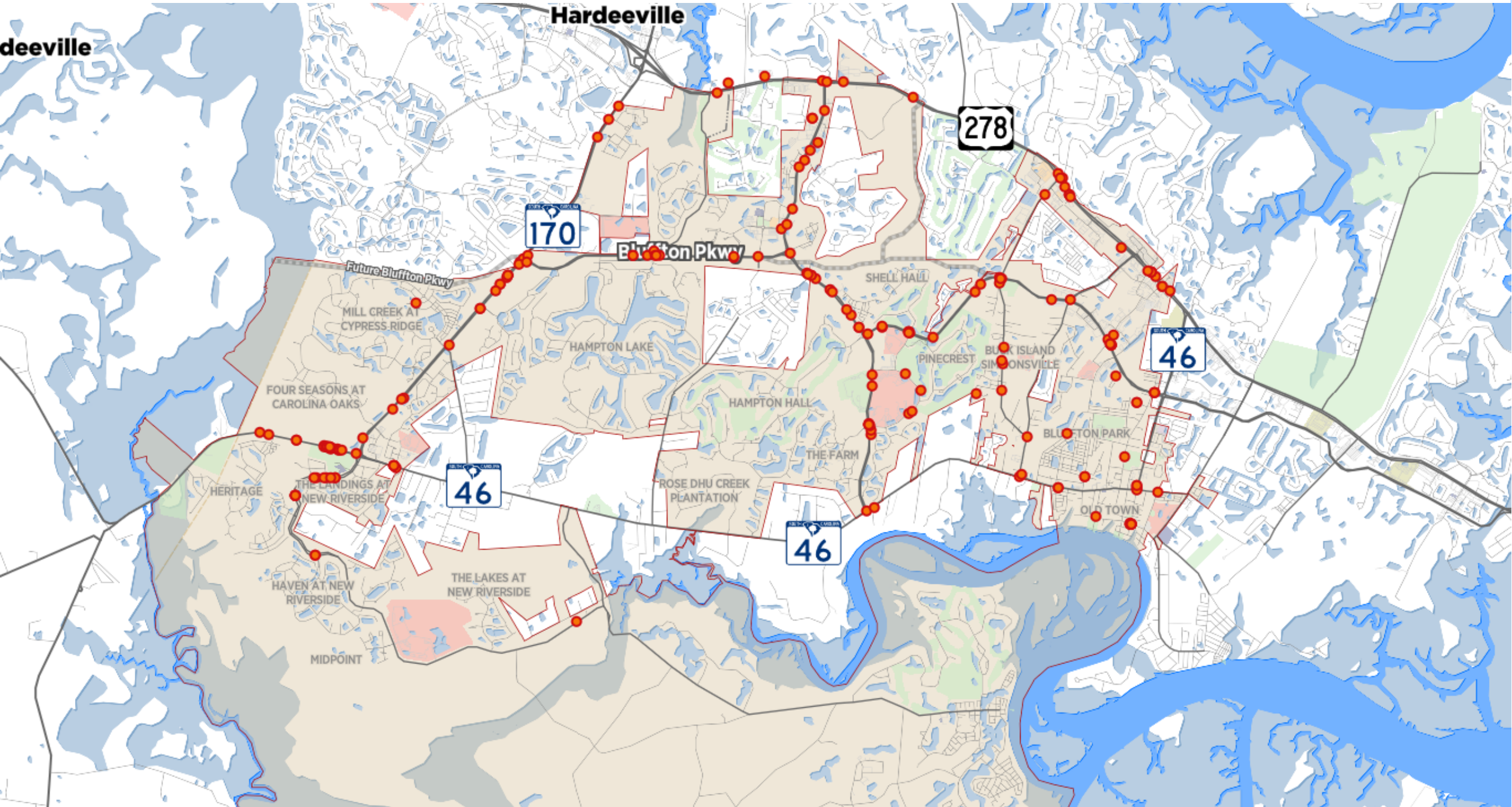
# COLLISIONS (98) February 2024

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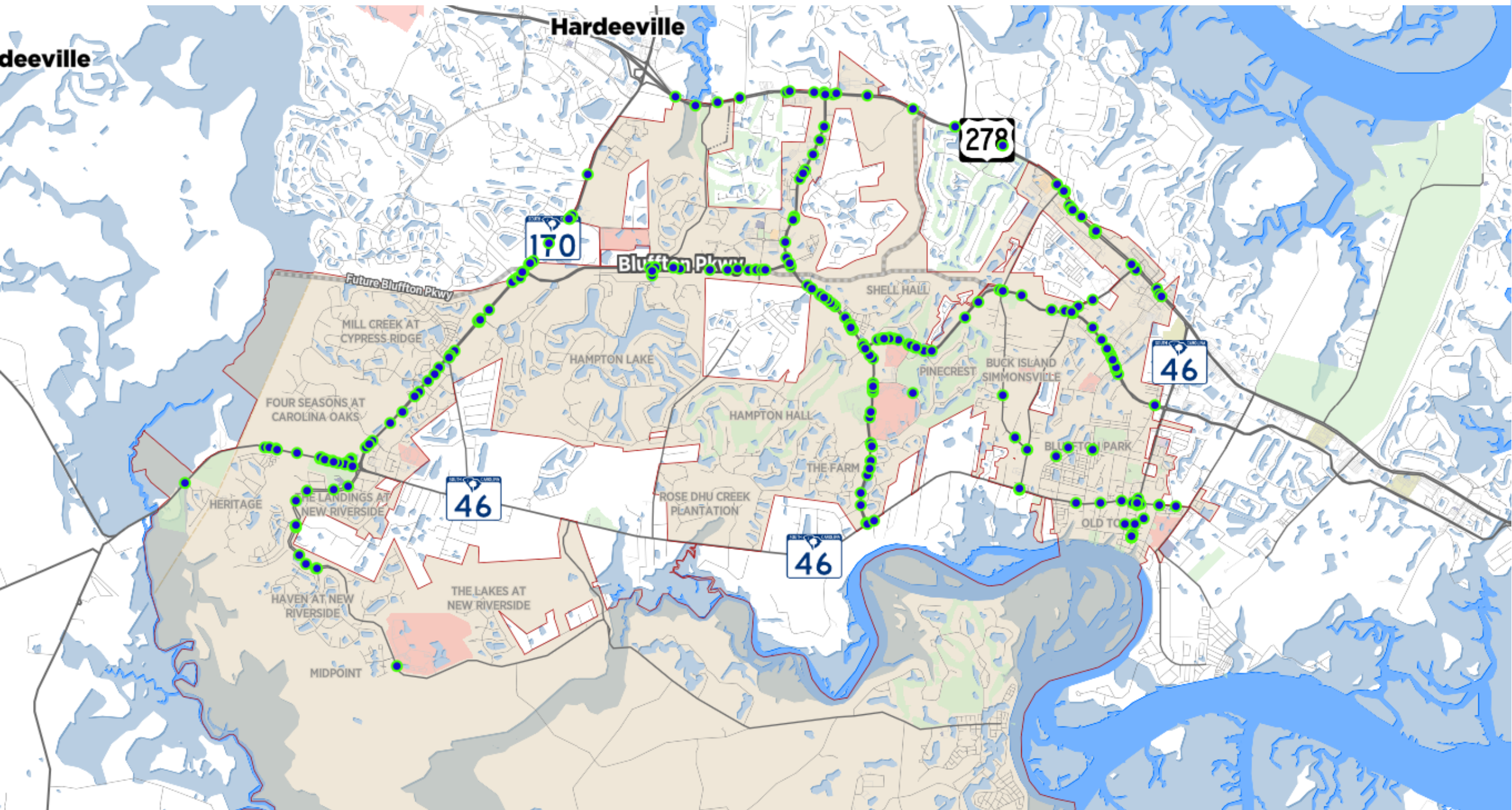


# CITATIONS ISSUED (222) February 2024



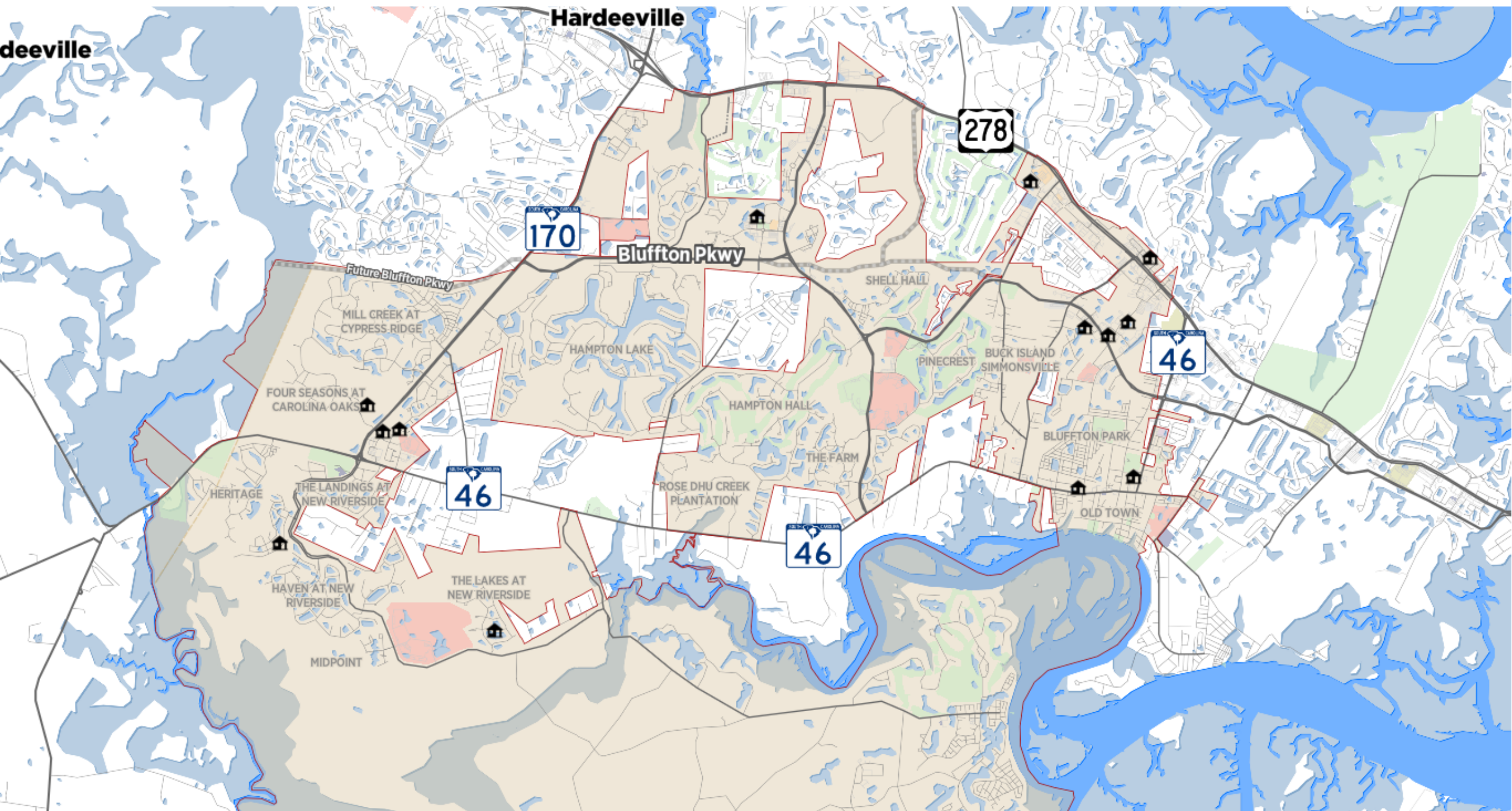


# WARNINGS ISSUED (328) February 2024



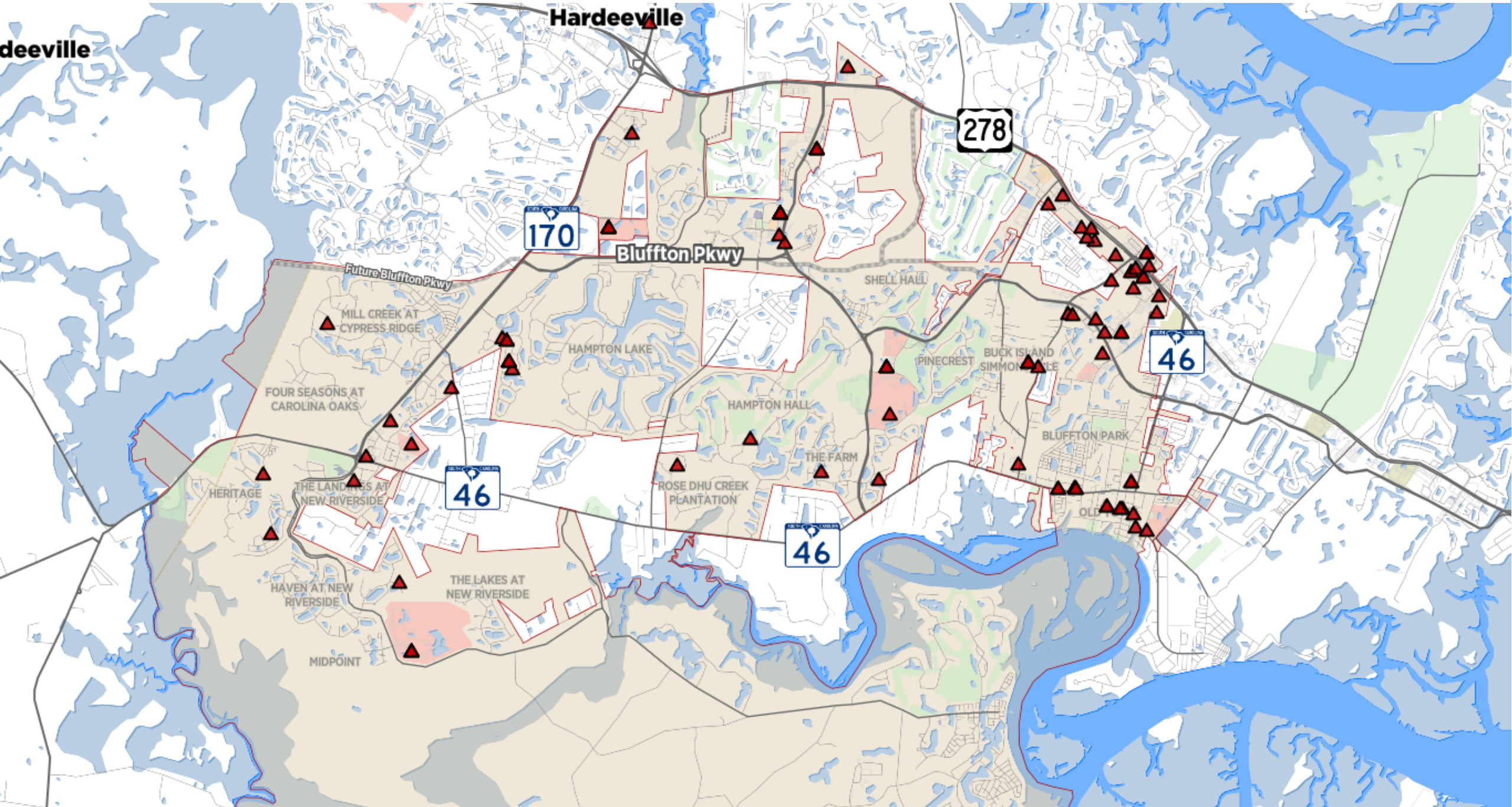


# THEFTS (13) February 2024



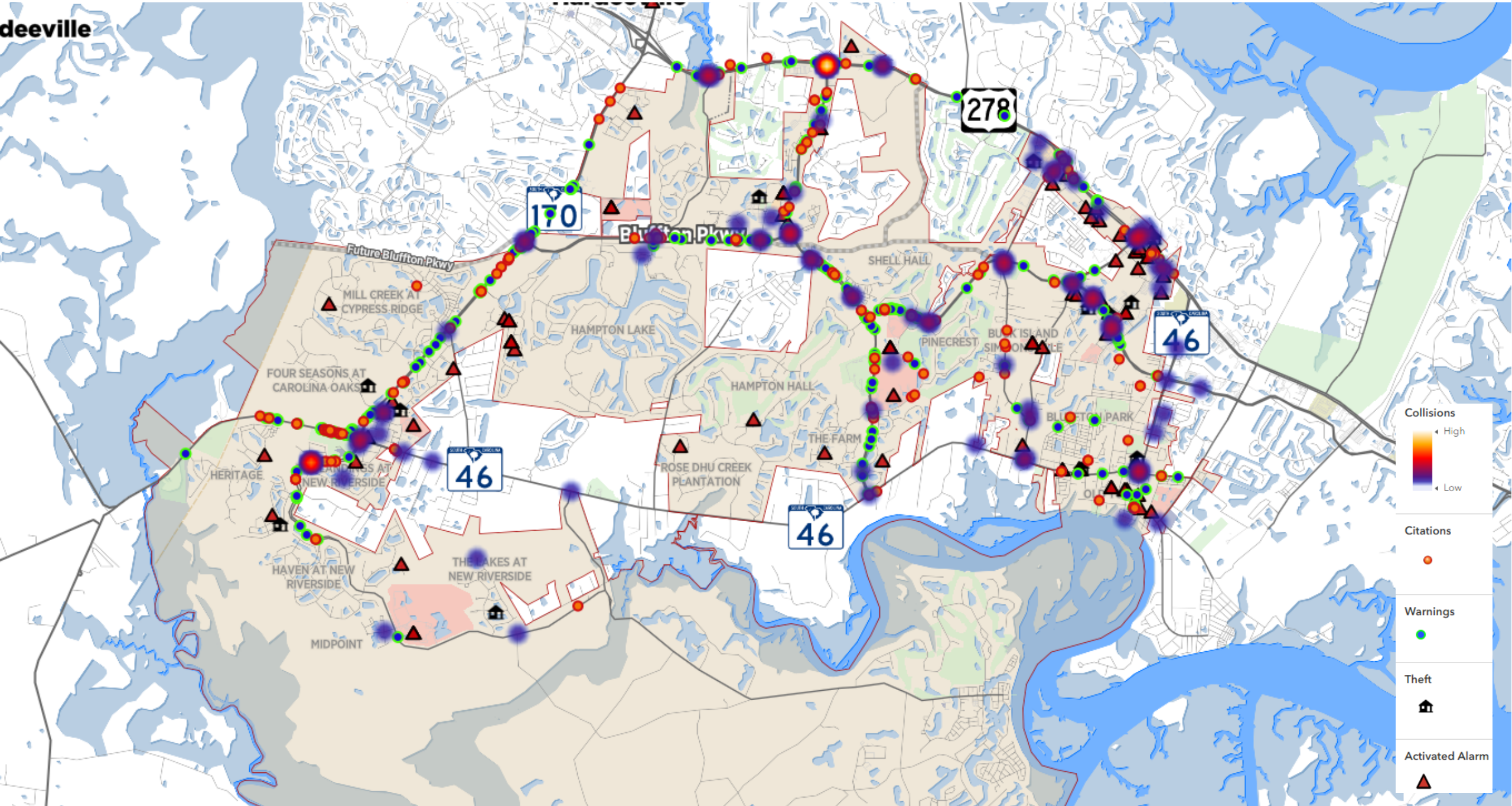


# #1 CALL TYPE – Activated Alarms (89) February 2024





# COLLISIONS, CITATIONS, WARNINGS, THEFTS AND ACTIVATED ALARMS – February 2024





PATROL DIVISION

CALLS FOR SERVICE TOP 10 CALL TYPES	
Case Follow Up	90
Activated Alarm	89
911 Hang-Up	78
Disturbance	73
Accident	62
Reckless Driving	48
Assist Motorist	43
Miscellaneous Call	31
Susp Vehicle	28
Health Welfare	22

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 960

AVERAGE PER DAY: 36

PRO-ACTIVE PATROLS	
Extra Patrol - Business	584
Traffic Stop	457
Extra Patrol - Residential	352

# PATROL DIVISION

UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATIONS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Speeding 15mph-24mph Over the Speed Limit	25
Operating Vehicle While License/Registration Expired	24
Driving without a License	22
Speeding 25mph Over the Speed Limit	17
Disregarding Stop Sign	14
Driving Under Suspension	11
Failure to Return License Plate and Registration upon Loss of Insurance	6
Speeding 11mph-15mph Over the Speed Limit	5
Driving Under the Influence	4
Failure to Maintain Proof of Insurance	4

**TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED: 222**

**AVERAGE PER DAY: 8**

UNIFORM TRAFFIC WARNINGS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Speeding	55
Defective Equipment	51
Vehicle License Violation	31
Speeding & more	17
Disregarding Stop Sign	16
Defective Equipment & more	11
Changing Lanes Unlawfully	10
Other	10
Improper Lights	4
Improper Lane Use & more	3

**TOTAL WARNINGS ISSUED: 328**

**AVERAGE PER DAY: 12**

# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	
Cases Assigned	24
Incident Reports	2
Supplemental Reports	31
Cases Closed	9
Arrests Made	1
Arrest Warrants	6
Bond Court	10
Case Call Outs	2
Search Warrants	8

## Case Call Outs:

1. 24BP05145 - Sexual Assault
2. 24BP03875 - Domestic Violence 2nd
3. 24BP05023 - Assault and Battery 1st

## Bond Court:

1. 23BP47282 – Pointing and Presenting
2. 24BP02799 – Domestic Violence
3. 16BP32797 – Assault and Battery 3rd
4. 24BP03875 – Domestic Violence 3rd
5. 24BP04125 – Unlawful Conduct Towards a Child
6. 24BP04133 – Murder x2
7. 24BP04929 – Assault and Battery 3rd
8. 24BP04968 – Assault and Battery 3rd

## Mental Health Advocate:

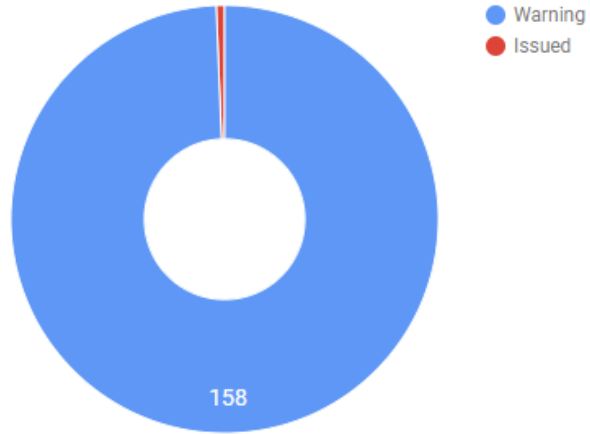
- 0 – Calls for Service
- 9 – Referrals
- 6 – Follow Ups
- 7 – Supplemental Reports

## Victim Advocate:

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

# COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSISTANTS

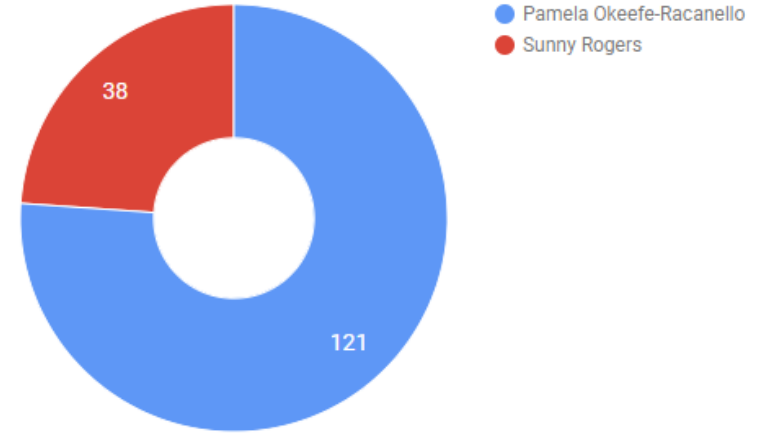
Tickets By Status Month To Date ▾



Total Count: 159

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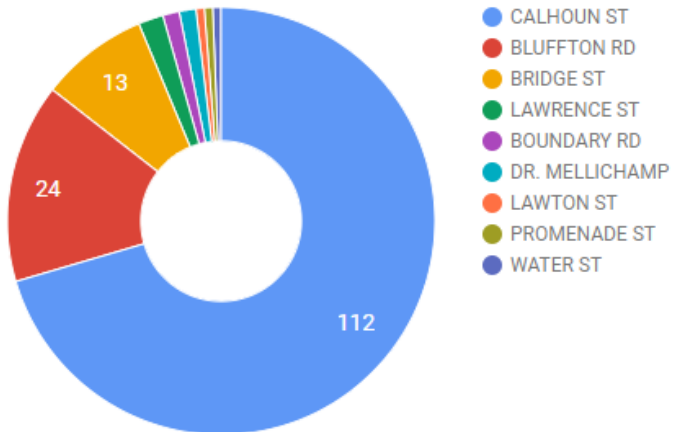
Tickets By Officer Month To Date ▾



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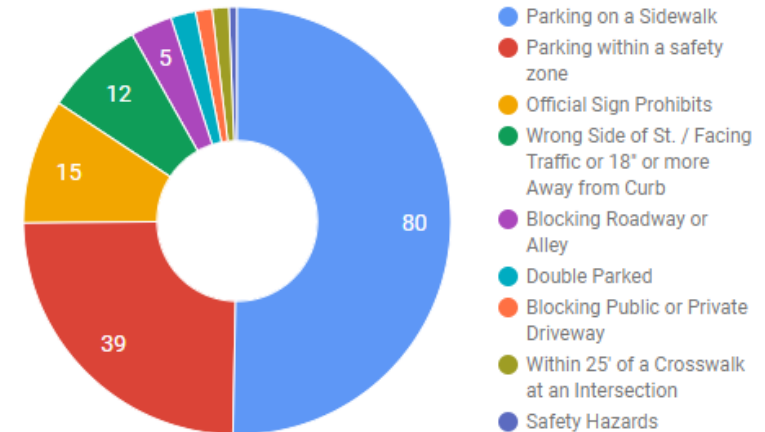
Tickets By Location Month To Date ▾



Total Count: 159

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Tickets By Violation Month To Date ▾



Total Count: 159

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# Downtown Citations (159) February 2024



# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## Code Enforcement:

William Bonhag

### **Signs**

- Multiple Business advertisement signs removed from Old Town and various locations throughout Bluffton.
- Political signs now being collected.

### **Expired Business License, Notice of Violations**

- Letter(s) sent via certified to businesses operating with expired business license.
- 2/6/24 Bluffton Pizza Company court at 9am sited for operating w/o a business license. License obtained after inspection completed.
- 2/6/24 NOV issued to 29 Bruin Rd per the owner as her niece and nephew have unlicensed cars on property.
- 2/13/24 court with Jonathan Brooks of 209 Heritage Parkway, guilty verdict for unlicensed vehicle on site, failed to move or cover as requested by code.
- 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. Court matter is scheduled for 1/23/24 at 9am. Moved to April as a Jury Trial.
- 2/22/24 H'Allure Nails & Spa at Buckwalter Plaza failed to have a business license since 2021, court matter ongoing presently.

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

- Cypress Ridge # 301 Hulston Landing, car service transportation company working out of home with several vehicles. Extension of the owner's driveway was noted, will monitor as the owner has all the proper licensing, but is limited for number of vehicles. Multiple vehicles seen recently, appears to be HOA matter.
- 2/26/24 message from David Mack of Public Works, resident at 65 Shultz Rd washing dirt bikes into town gully/drain. Matter referred to Bill Baugher of Watershed.
- 2/13/24 Chief requested that Tommy's Towing be notified to move abandoned Boat at OFP. Matter concluded and boat removed.
- 2/13/24 unknown caller complained about construction noise at 14 Johnston Way Suite B, keeping her awake at night. Marcus Noe and I investigated; a STOP work Order was issued as V&C Company Salon working w/o any permits. Building Safety handling matter.

### **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)
- John Todd has signed all Trespass documents that are held at the LEC to issue when deemed necessary.
- 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.
- Alan McNamarra assisting Mr. Todd with cleaning up 218. 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.

### 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.

### 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.



# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## Code Enforcement continued:

### 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

### 20 Stone Street

- Inspection set for Monday 1/29/24 for compliance for clean up of property.
- Complaint was from 32 Guerard St who is selling his property on the opposite side of the fence.
- Property owner working with Codes cleaning up location, re-inspection shows site cleaned w/ old boat removed and truck covered as requested.

### 89 Old Carolina Road

- Commercial Building being lived in by Keith Wave, a pilot for the owner of the building Andrew Summers.
- Marcus Noe, Building Safety along with Jason Lee Fire Inspector have ongoing issues with Keith living here as it is commercial only , along with being a fire hazard safety issue.
- Occupant admitted to have a woman her hired for cleaning living in a rear section of the building.
- This matter is pending a letter to the owner as our town attorney Richardson Lebruce spoke to Chet Williams the building owners attorney and Chet according to Richardson will speak with the owner.
- We will be moving forward after inspection again with a letter to the owner stating this is a violation and Keith is not allowed to reside.

### 57 Calhoun Street

- 2/8/24 door tag left for AIM Real Estate with regards to his parking of his business truck in the historic district.
- 2/12/24 owner of property Kevin Quat texted his conversation and argued the point that he is a mixed-use location.
- 2/21/24 met with Kevin Quat at his office to discuss his AIM truck being parked at his residence. Kevin argued the matter stating he does not have to move due to mixed use.
- Matter now referred to Kevin Icard for comments and ruling.



# 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.

### 24 Guerard Street

- 2/9/24 Tagged 3 vehicles at this location for have no plates and unregistered.
- Monitoring for compliance currently.

### 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 bath room 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).
- Re-inspection with TEAM is scheduled for Thursday 2/29/24.

# COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

<b>Honoring Four Chaplains of WWII</b>
<b>March Special Events Meeting</b>
<b>Command Staff Oral Board Interview</b>
<b>Town Council Meeting</b>
<b>HHCA Career Day</b>
<b>BPD Policy Review Committee meetings</b>
<b>May River Montessori School Career Day</b>
<b>Red Cedar Street Elementary School Kindergarten Tour of PD</b>

**Traffic Officer:**

**Cpl. Dickson**

Tickets: 45

Warnings: 5

Collision Reports: 2

Incident Reports: 1