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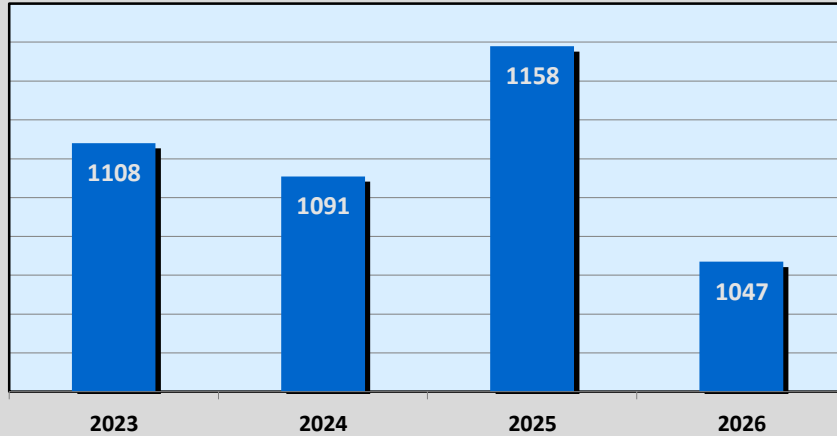
BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 31, 2026

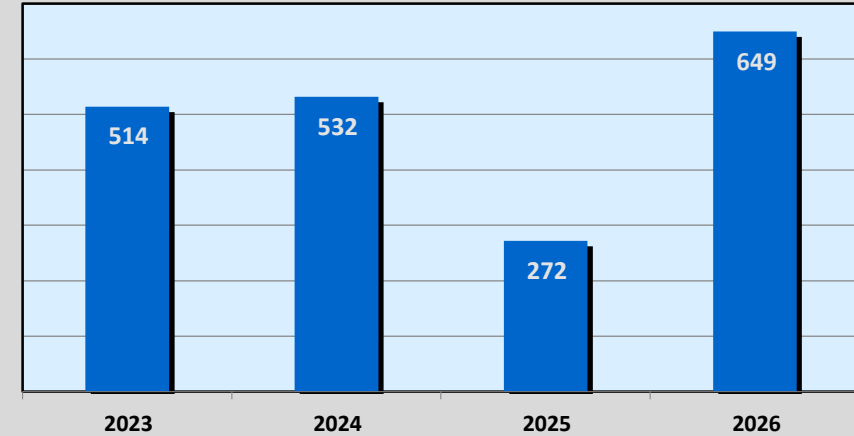
Presented by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

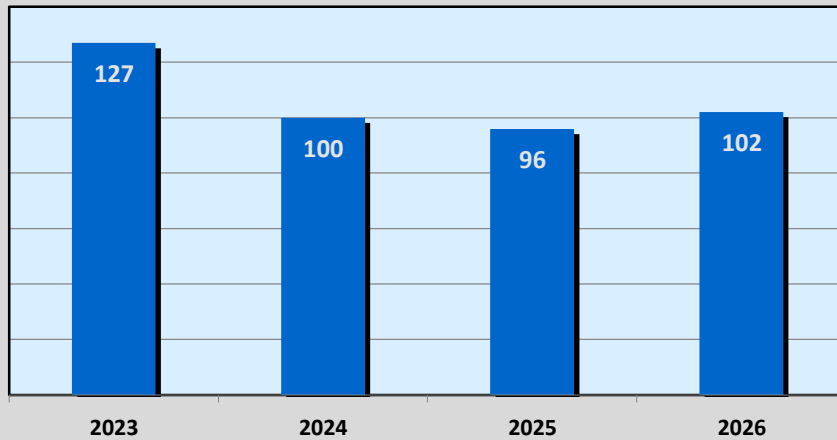
January Calls for Service Comparison



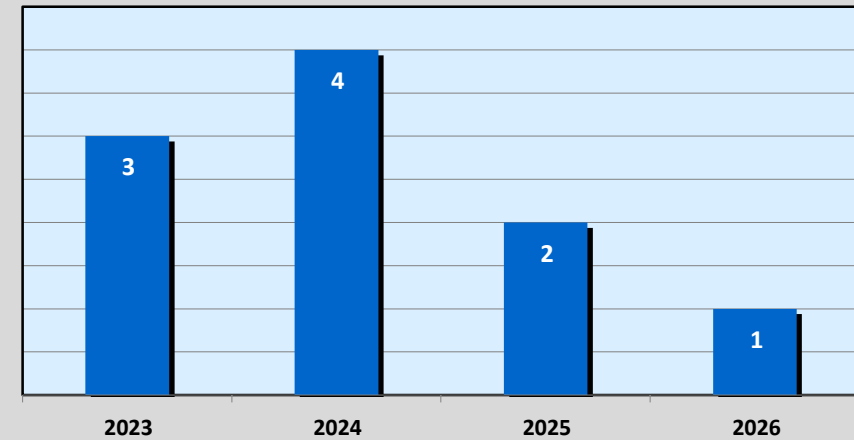
January Traffic Citation Comparison



January Collision Comparison

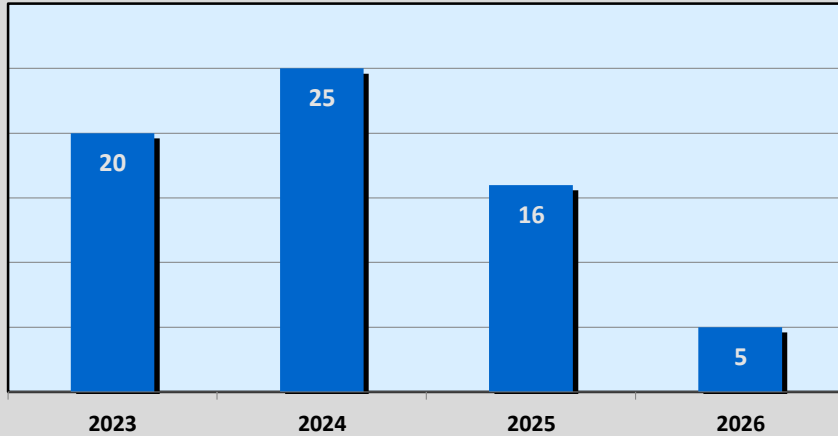


January Burglary Comparison

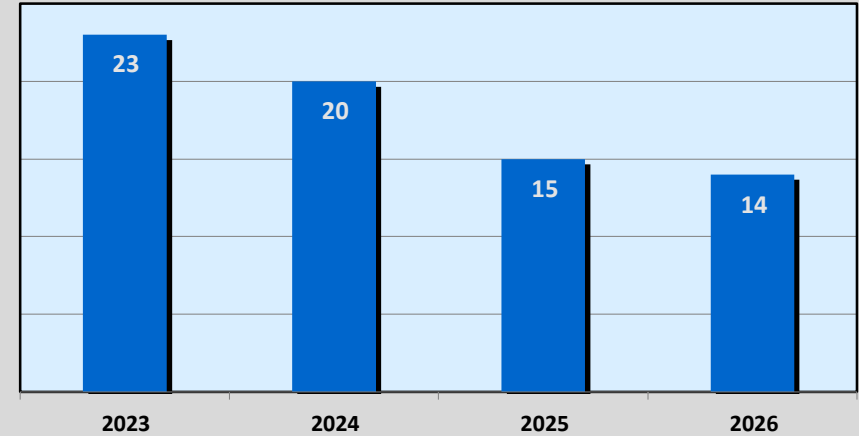


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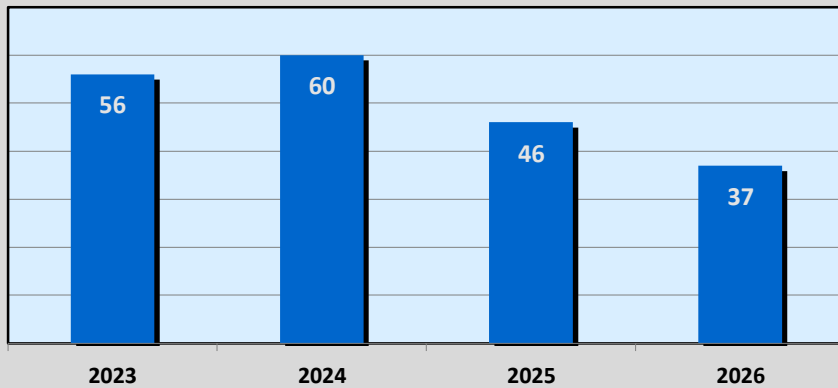
January Theft Comparison



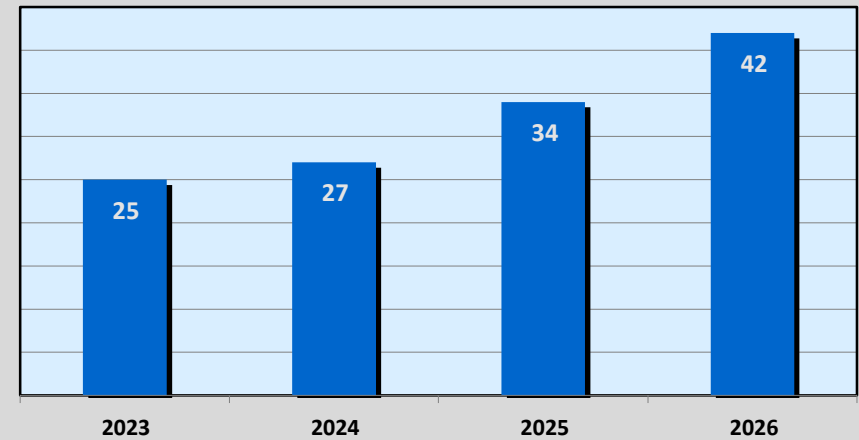
January Assault Comparison



January Domestic Calls for Service Comparison



January Arrest Comparison

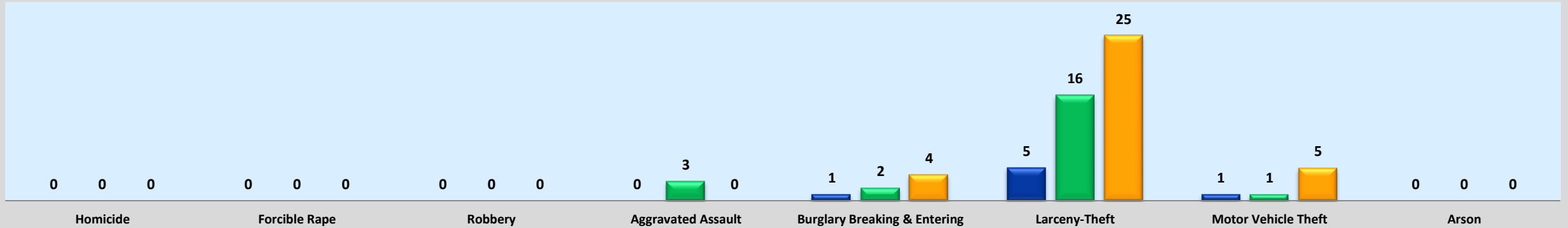


DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year-to-Date
January

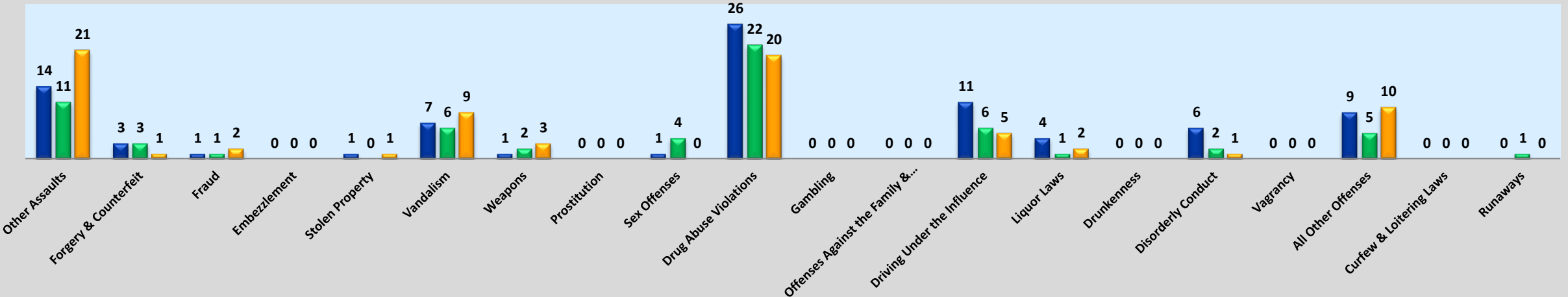
Part I Crimes

■ 2026 ■ 2025 ■ 2024



Part II Crimes

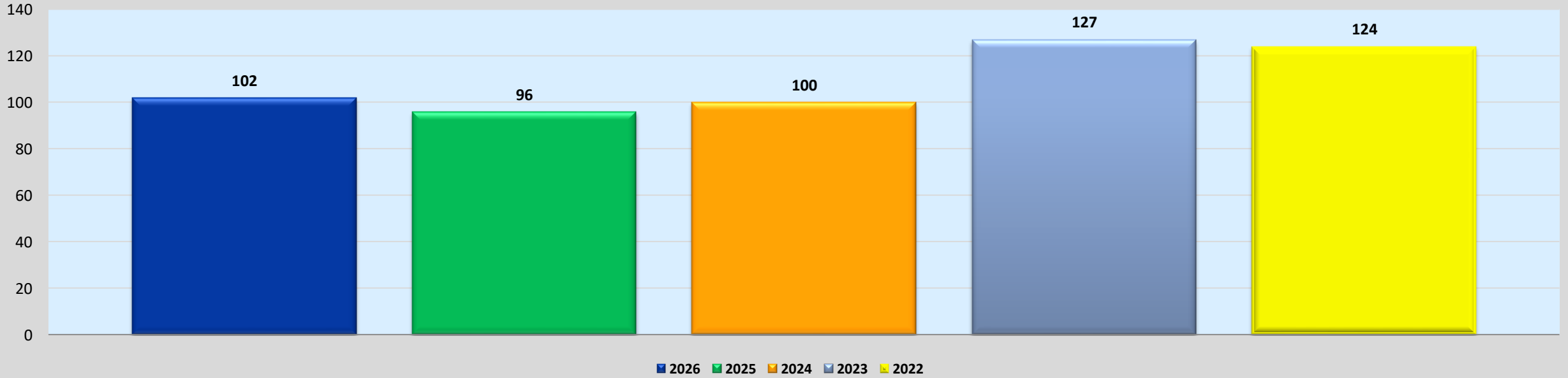
■ 2026 ■ 2025 ■ 2024



DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year-to-Date
January

Collisions



Law Enforcement Advisory Committee

- Discussion to address “False Alarm” calls
- CALEA Assessment
- BPD Goals for 2026
- E-Bikes

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Meetings Attended by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz

Every Wednesday – Senior Staff Communications Meeting

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

Jan 5th – Attend Eagle Scout Project meeting

Jan 5th – Retention / Morale meeting

Jan 5th – Promotional Ceremony – Corporal Ramirez

Jan 6th – Command Staff meeting

Jan 7th – Meeting with Town Manager

Jan 8th – Attend PAT Applicant Testing

Jan 8th – Attend Legal meeting

Jan 8th – Law Enforcement Citizen Advisory Committee meeting

Jan 12th – Attend CIP meeting

Jan 12th – Attend meeting with Finance Director

Jan 13th – Attend Town Council meeting

Jan 14th – Meeting with Budget & Procurement Manager (Police Technology Grant)

Jan 15th – Meeting with Town Manager

Jan 15th – Meeting with Human Resource Director

Jan 15th – End of Phase meeting – Recruit Polo

Jan 16th – CALEA Conference call

Jan 19th – Attend MLK Memorial Program & Youth Day

Jan 20th – Attend PAT Applicant Testing

Jan 20th – Conduct All Hands meeting

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Meetings Attended by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz cont.

- Jan 21st** – Executive Level Command Staff meeting
- Jan 21st** – Attend January Birthday & Anniversary Celebration
- Jan 21st** – Teams meeting with Urban SDK
- Jan 21st** – Retention / Morale meeting
- Jan 21st** – All Hands meeting
- Jan 22nd** – Meeting with Town Manager
- Jan 22nd** – Attend Ribbon Cutting Celebration for LJG Events
- Jan 22nd** – Budget meeting
- Jan 26th** – Attend Wellness Committee meeting
- Jan 26th** – Attend CIP meeting
- Jan 27th** – Meeting with Enterprise Fleet
- Jan 27th** – Attend Quarterly Town Council Workshop
- Jan 27th** – End of Phase meeting – Recruit Carter
- Jan 27th** – End of Phase meeting – Recruit Sandoval
- Jan 27th** – End of Phase meeting – Recruit Smalley
- Jan 28th** – Meeting with Representative from First Presbyterian Church
- Jan 29th** – Meeting with Town Manager
- Jan 29th** – Zoom meeting with Intime
- Jan 29th** – Attend Principals Luncheon

Commendations -	None
Complaints -	None

Police Department Demographics as of January 31, 2026

DEPARTMENT	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	2	2	1	17	22
Male	8	5	3	37	53
Grand Total	10	7	4	54	75

SWORN OFFICERS	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Grand Total
Female	1			9	10
Male	7	5	3	34	49
Grand Total	8	5	3	43	59

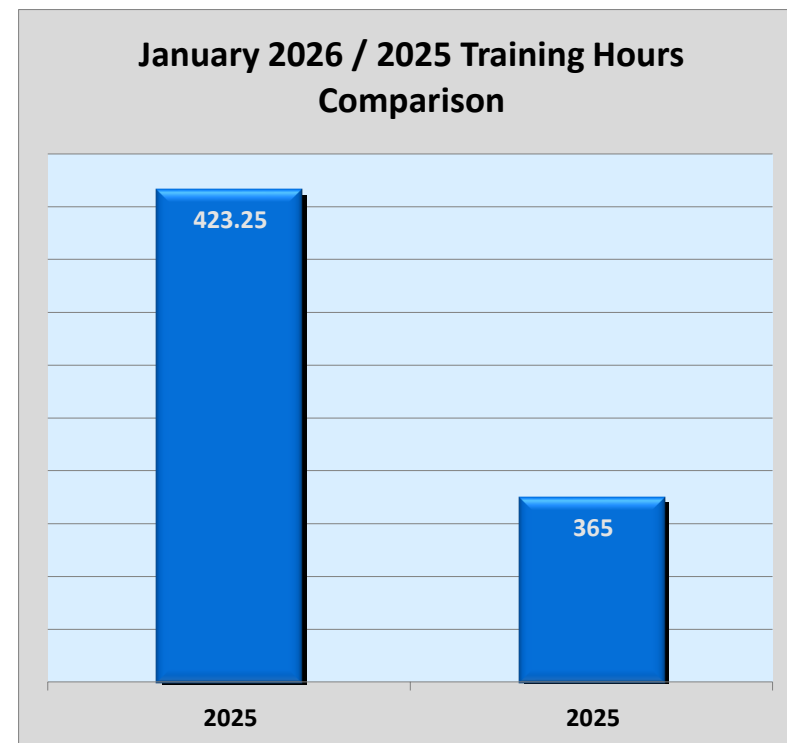
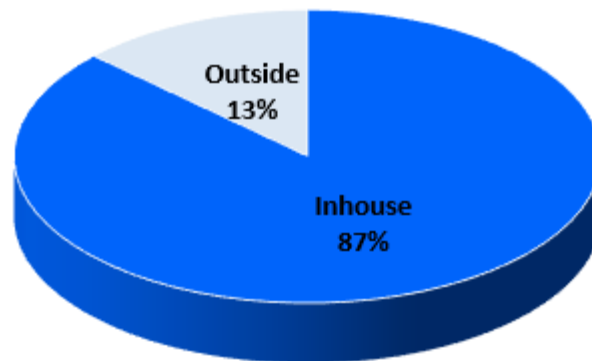
January Officer Training

In-House

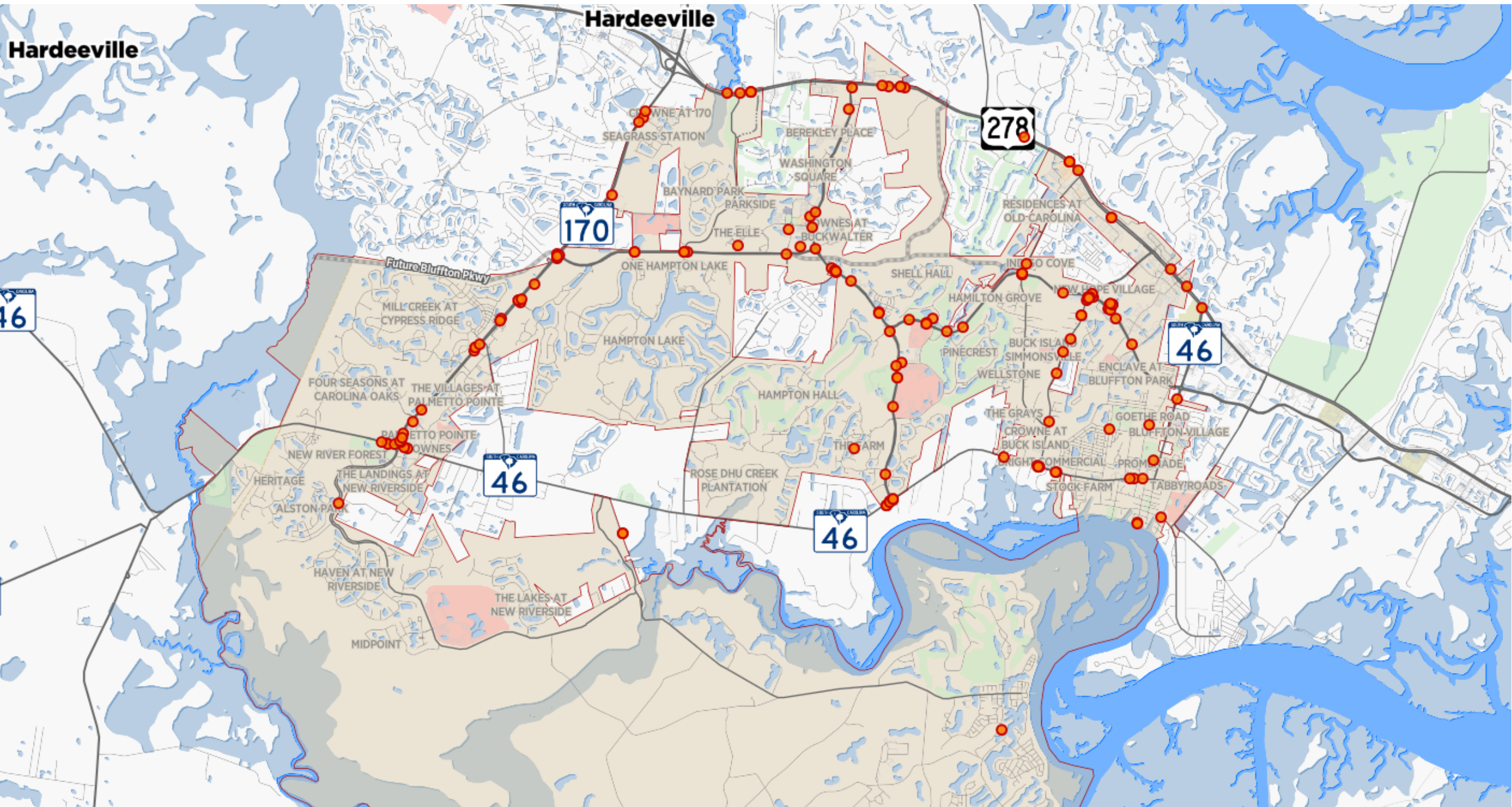
- Hazmat First Responder Awareness (FRA) Level 1 – 2 Officers
- Line-Up 2026 January-February – 49 Officers
- Autism Crisis Intervention Training – 42 Officers
- Legal Update 2025 - Part 2 – 17 Officers
- Mental Illness – 12 Officers
- Intox DMS Recertification – 2 Officer
- Operator Recertification - DataMaster – 1 Officer
- CDV Annual DV 2025 - Cultural Humility – 1 Officer
- Glock Red Dot / Rifle Qualification – 7 Officers
- Glock 47/Glock 19 Qualifications – 22 Officers
- Glock 47 Qualifications – 8 Officers
- Active Countermeasures; Touch Drills – 1 Officer
- Controlling the Distance While Moving Closer to a Subject – 1 Officer
- Extreme Ownership Leadership Training – 1 Officer
- Foundations in Law Enforcement – 1 Officer

Outside

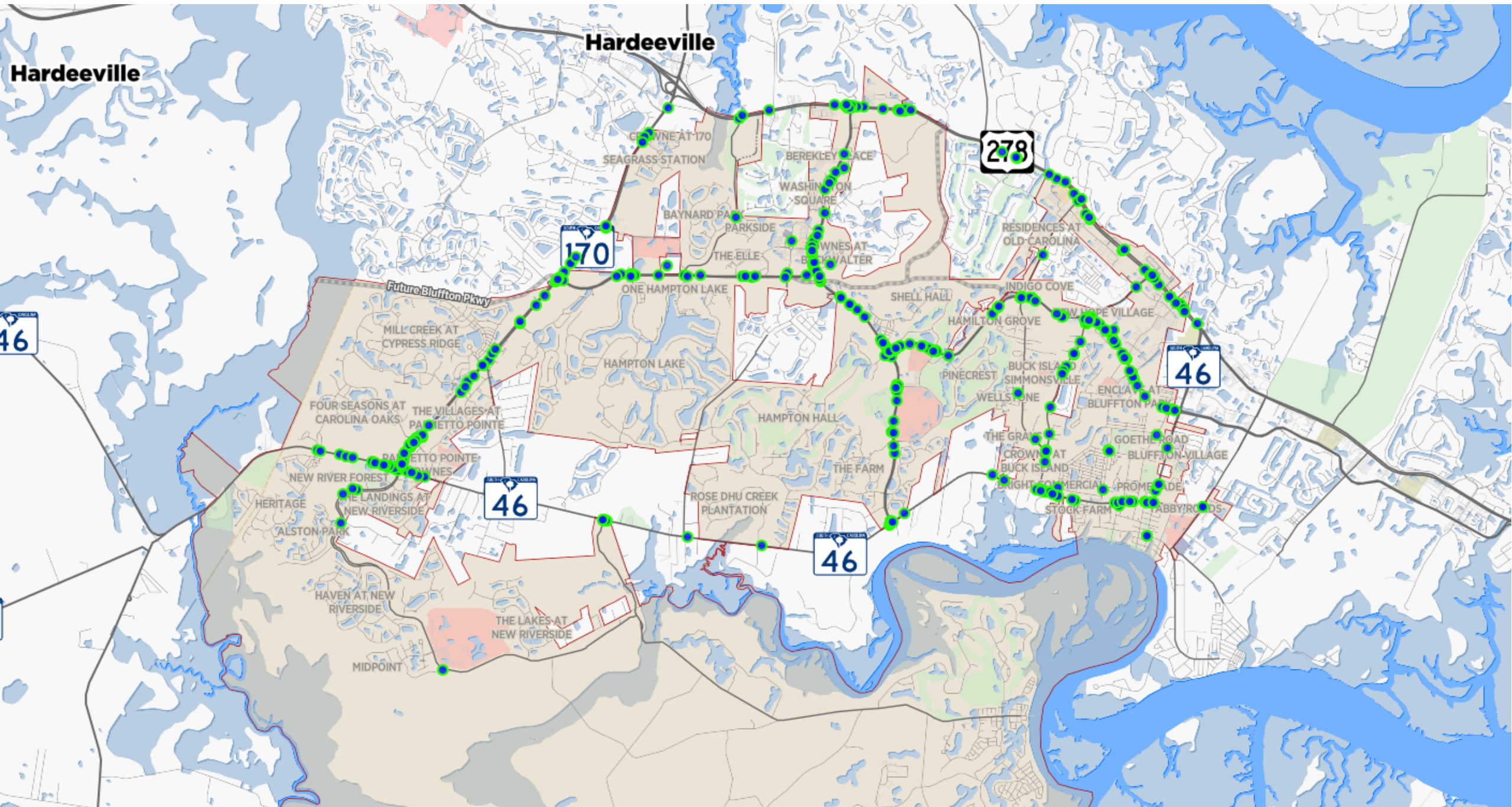
- Safe Schools Conference – 1 Officer
- FBI LEEDA SLI – 1 Officer



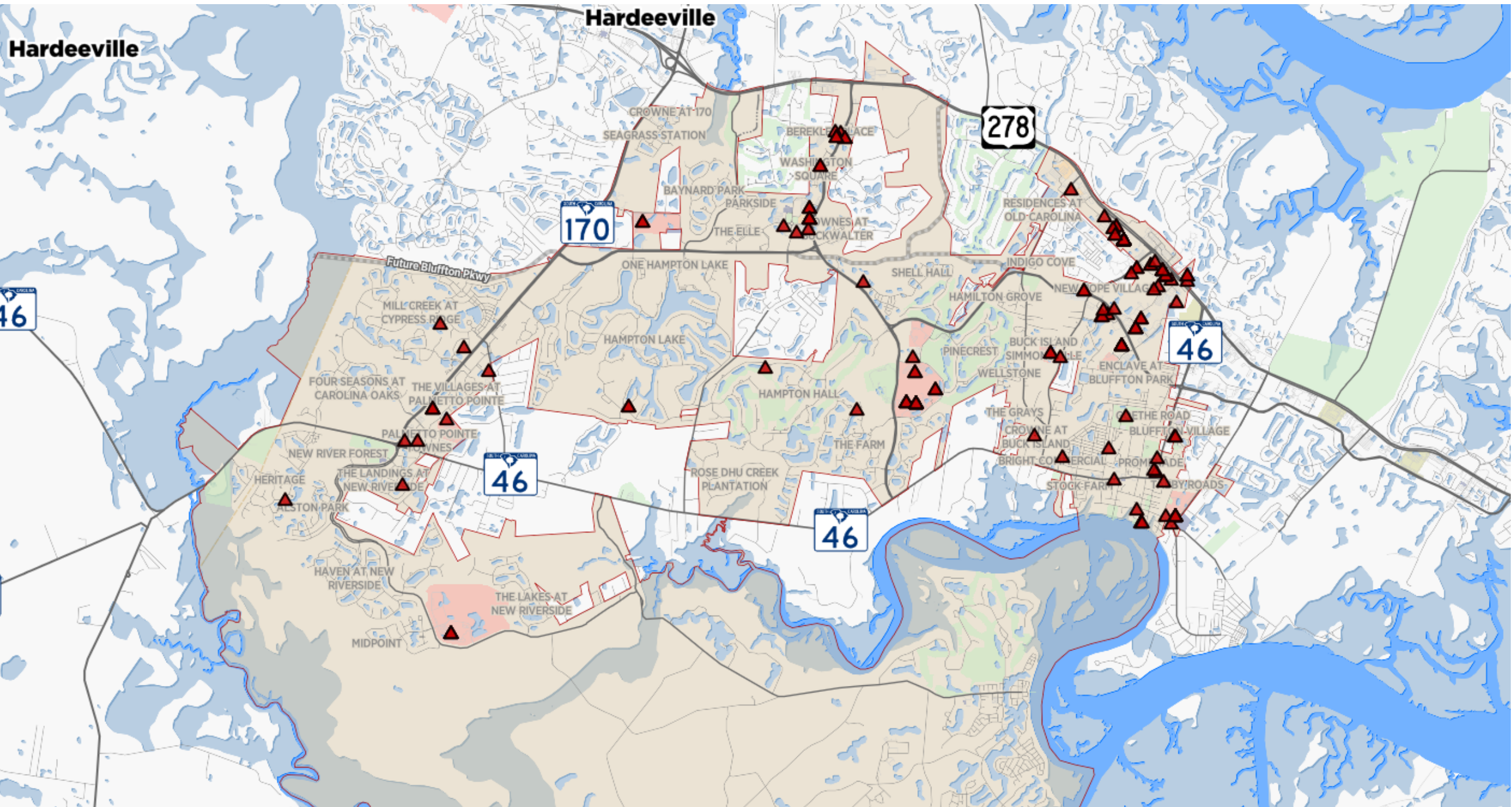
CITATIONS ISSUED (150) January 2026



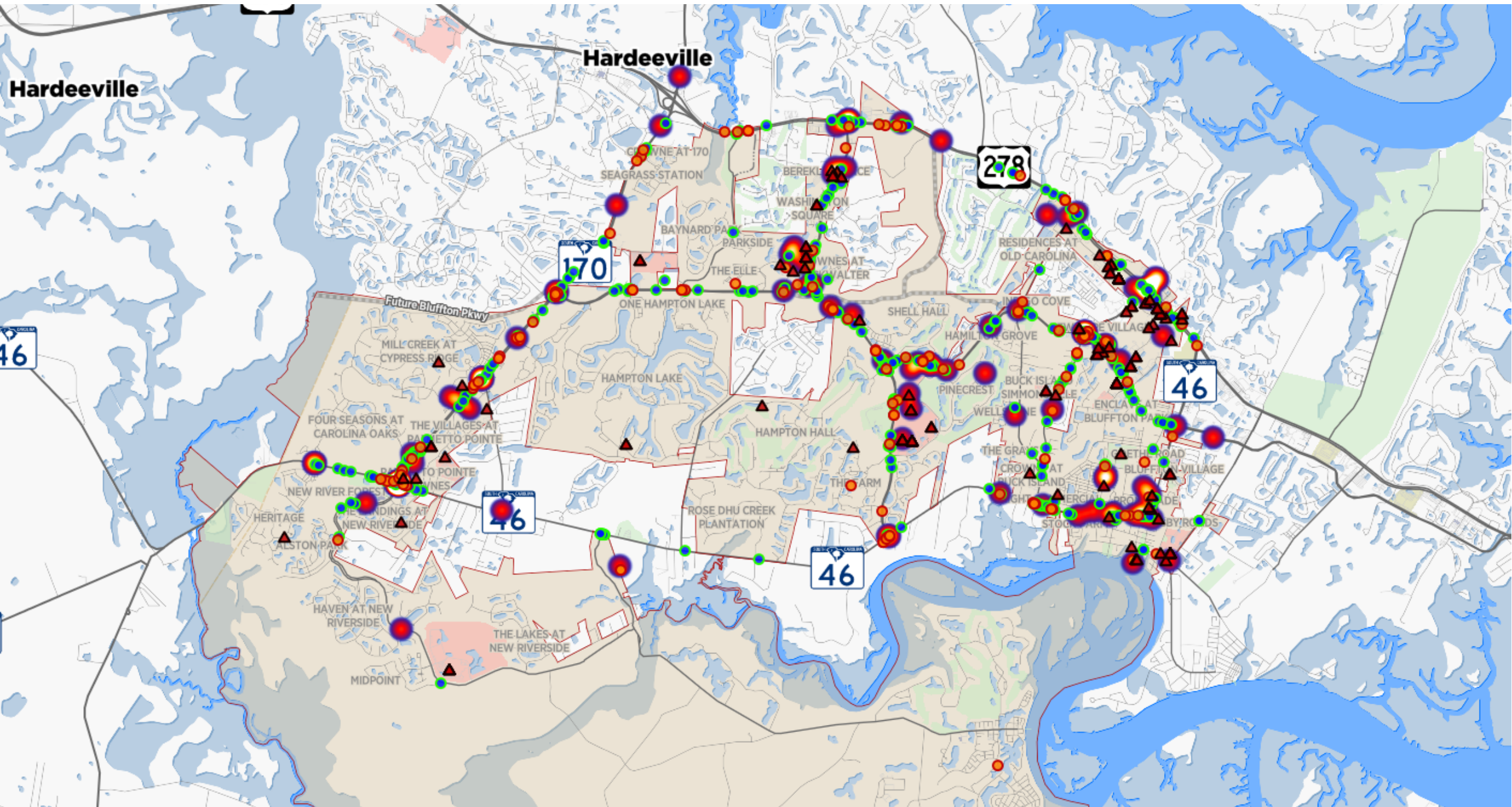
WARNINGS ISSUED (499) January 2026



#1 CALL TYPE – Activated Alarms (166) January 2026



Collisions, Citations, Warnings and Activated Alarms – January 2026



PATROL DIVISION

CALLS FOR SERVICE TOP 10 CALL TYPES	
Activated Alarm	166
Case Follow Up	96
Disturbance	88
911 Hang-Up	77
Accident	61
Reckless Driving	47
Noise Complaint	39
Domestic	33
Assist Motorist	30
Suspicious Vehicle	28

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 1047

AVERAGE PER DAY: 37

PRO-ACTIVE PATROLS	
Extra Patrol - Business	1975
Extra Patrol - Residence	587
Traffic Stop	530
Traffic Enforcement	13

PATROL DIVISION

UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATIONS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Operating Vehicle While License/Registration Expired	42
Driving Without a SC License – 1 st Offense	20
Driving Under Suspension; License not Suspended for DUI – 1 st Offense	17
Possession of 28G (1oz) Or Less of Marijuana – 1 st Offense	13
Failure to Return License Plate and Registration Upon Loss of Insurance – 1 st Offense	6
Public Disorderly Conduct	5
Speeding; More than 15 but less than 25 MPH Over the Speed Limit	5
Failure to Maintain Proof of Insurance in Motor Vehicle	3
Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle; 1 st Offense	3
Speeding; Greater Than 25 MPH Over the Speed Limit	3

TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED: 150

AVERAGE PER DAY: 5

UNIFORM TRAFFIC WARNINGS TOP 10 VIOLATIONS	
Defective Equipment	127
Speeding	93
Vehicle License Violation	65
Other	64
Changing Lanes Unlawfully	35
Improper Lane Use	26
Improper Turn	20
Disregarding Stop Sign	18
Improper Lights	18
Disregarding Traffic Signal	8

TOTAL WARNINGS ISSUED: 499

AVERAGE PER DAY: 18

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	
Cases Assigned	7
Incident Reports	2
Supplemental Reports	67
Cases Closed	7
Arrests Made	12
Arrest Warrants	19
Juvenile Petitions	2
Bond Court	4
Case Call Outs	1
Search Warrants	1
Prelims/Grand Jury	4

Case Call Outs:

None

Mental Health Advocate:

CIT: 0

Referrals - 12

Follow Ups - 30

Supplemental Reports - 13

Victim Advocate:

Case Call Outs: 0

Incident Reports: 0

Case Closed: 1

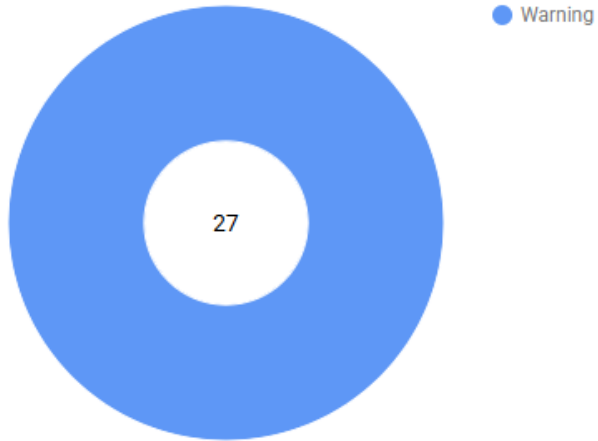
Bond Court: 2

Supplemental Reports: 7

ICAC Cases Assigned: 5

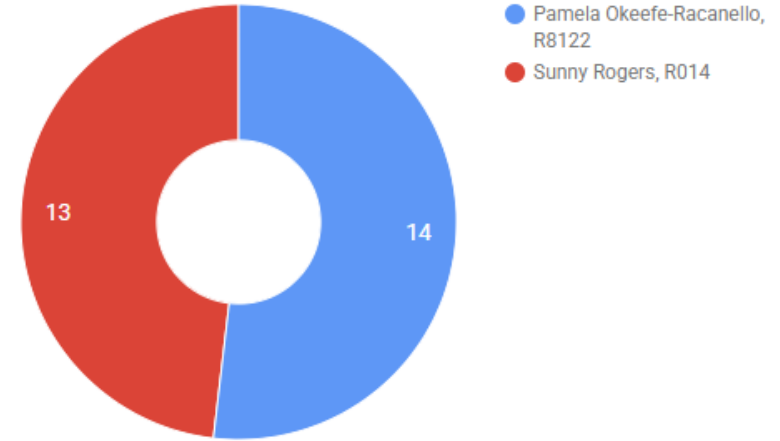
COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSISTANTS

Tickets By Status Last 30 Days



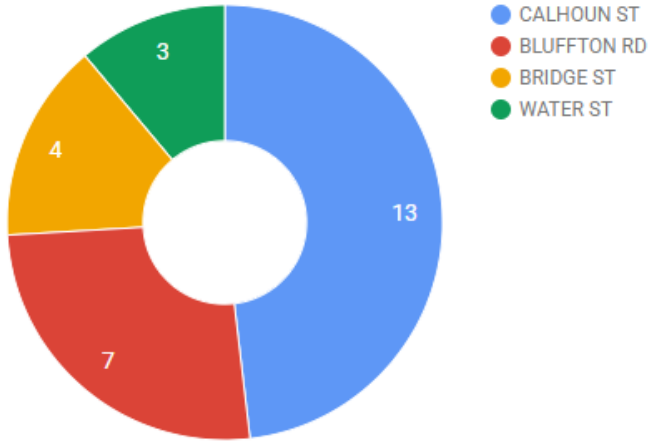
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Tickets By Officer Last 30 Days



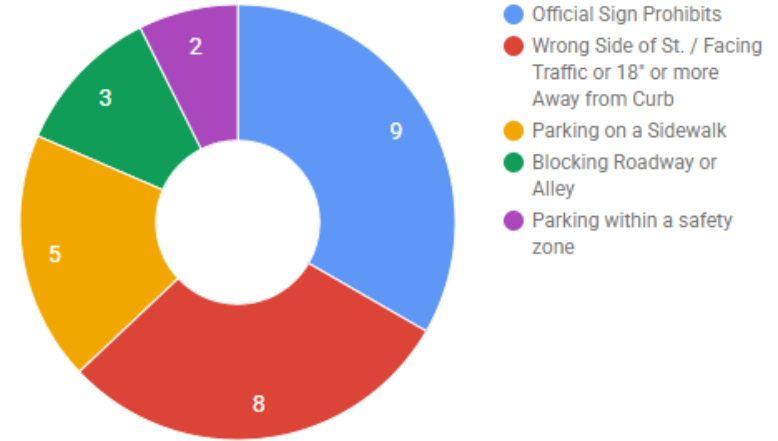
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Tickets By Location Last 30 Days



Total Count: 27 As of 1/28/2026, 12:00:00 AM

Tickets By Violation Last 30 Days



Total Count: 27 As of 1/28/2026, 12:00:00 AM

DOWNTOWN CITATIONS (27) – January 2026



CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement:

William Bonhag

- Multiple business advertisement signs removed various location throughout Bluffton.
- Issued several NOV's for business license HTAX and ATAX

Complaints / Property Checks / Follow-ups / Ordinance Letters

- Resident Chris Hawkins had his car towed from Squat & Gobble when he parked on their lot to go and eat at the pizza restaurant. The sign was posted in the tree as they failed to see it. Contact was made to the owner of Squat & Gobble with an NOV 1/6/26 to remove their sign from the tree in accordance with our municipal code. Sign moved to a more visual place.
- Kristy Carge and I met with Matt Cunningham on 11/4/25 to review his Bridge Collective operation as he needs to obtain a commercial Business license for his 1st floor businesses that are in operation, along with his second-floor apartment rentals. Matt's due date is January 15th, 2026 due to the taxes owed. Summons issued for Court on 2/17/26
- Ian Duncan, owner of The Grind x 2, is scheduled now for Court 2/17/26 as his lateness for tax payments continue to be late or failure to pay. Prior to court appearance Kristy Carge and I shall review any payments from Mr. Duncan.

1 Able Street

- Complaint filed with Kristy Carge regarding work being conducted at this location at all hours.
- Met with the property and business owner Veronica Jimenez for Talikas Trim Inc. that is licensed at 11 Sugary Drive not 1 Able Street.
- 11/5/25 Stop work Decal was placed on the house until all permits are obtained for the construction work being done.
- NOV was issued for NO BL at this location resulting in all construction materials and equipment needs to be removed due to Residential Zoned area.
- Returning to site by Wednesday 11/12/25 to review progress.
- As of 1/12/26 no permits or change of BL address have occurred
- 1/22/26 received a neighbor complaint from working late and toxic smells due to painting in and out of a tented area that was supposed to be removed after NOV issued 11/5/25 with a compliance date of 11/10/25
- On 1/22/25 2 tickets were issued: 1 for NO BL and 1 for unlawful continuance. Court matter for 2-17-26

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement continued:

The Lakes at New Riverside/School Project

- Since the beginning of December, I have answered 3 complaints from a renting resident at 250 Hartwell Road with regards to overnight pumping that has finally been rectified as follows by Bill Morris of Thompson Turner as of 1/9/26.
 1. Spoke with the Foreman again this morning and he admitted that his guys forgot to turn off the pump.
 2. Email to be sent for a formal reminder
 3. A TTC employee will be dedicated to walking down to the pump at 5pm to ensure it gets turned off.
 4. A text reminder will be sent daily to the site foreman to remind him to turn it off.
 5. If needed a sound blanket corral will be built around the pump in the event the pump needs to be run outside of working hours (not yet needed) we don't foresee needing to do this, but it's a fallback measure.
- In the future if needed they have an employee living down the road from the site for any concerns moving forward.

11 Oliver Court/Midgard Storage Units

- 1/13/26 complaint sent to us by SCDES Colin Scherer regarding a tenant complaint at this location for garbage and rats.
- This Business was visited for inspection this morning and found cleaned buildings and traps set up around the exterior. Lt. DeStasio was notified regarding this matter.
- Midgard had their exterminator Arrow treat for their issue.
- Colin will inform the original complainant.

15 Wharf Street

- 1/21/26 John Smith resident at this address complained that Garfield Moss placed fencing on his property and has been trespassing on his property. Mr. Smith also stated that he placed gates on the roadway side blocking access to residents.
- Sidney Holland and I responded to this address to listen to his concerns and suggested he pursue his concerns in Civil Court with his attorney.
- This is a property dispute as to who owns what.

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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement continued:

10 Buck Island

- Hull & Husk had constructed an oversized white tent in the parking lot of his located business to work on creating wood burning pellets without any permits or approval.
- Kevin Icard Director of Growth Management has been in a back-and-forth discussion with the owner Jared Jester, debating the usage of the exterior parking lot.
- NOV was issued on 12/1/25 with a compliance date of 12/22/25 due to ongoing discussions with Kevin Icard this date was postponed.
- Kevin Icard emailed Jared Jester on 12/18/25 with a 30-day extension as of this date.
- The compliance date set for removal of all items is now 1/17/26. The tent is down now pending trailers in lot.

161 Buck Island

- This property is located behind Sharon Bowns house who has complained about the owner working on site w/o any permits.
- 6/25 Stop work order was placed at the site only to be removed by the owner with the sign being turned around where he placed his business license for land clearing w/o contacting water shed to answer his violations.
- 1/8/26, Bill Baugher and I met with Joaquin Costillo at Bill's office to explain his violations and the process for obtaining permits moving forward. Mr. Baugher has issued him 3 tickets and Codes issued 1 for his actions on site.
- Court with defense council is set for 3/31/26 at 9am

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

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Covered the following schools due to SRO absence: Cross Schools	Covered Lowcountry Community Church student ministry
Responded to Calls for service at:	May River Montessori School Visit
Buckwalter Parkway @ Bluffton Parkway (assist motorist)	Assisted CID and Chatham Couty on a search warrant at 829 Bakers Court
Pritchardville Elementary School (missing child)	Presentation at USC Beaufort for Town of Bluffton Golf Cart laws
Attended Bluffton Community Kitchen (Campbell AME Church)	FBI-LEEDA Supervisor Leadership Institute course Jan-18-23 rd Winston-Salem NC
Attended Cross Schools Family Chapel Day	Attended Town Council Workshop at Bluffton Municipal court
Follow up: 215 Hulston Landing Road	Assisted Bluffton HS SRO detail with visiting Georgia head football coach Kirby Smart
Covered May River High School Basketball	Attended Town Council Meeting at Bluffton Municipal Court
Covered the Historic Preservation Review Committee	Attended Bluffton Farmers Market on Thursdays
Assisted with a DJJ transport from Columbia SC to Beaufort SC then to Union SC	Covered Bluffton Town Municipal Court security on Tuesdays
TASER annual operator online training	Police Substation Walk-ins January: 4