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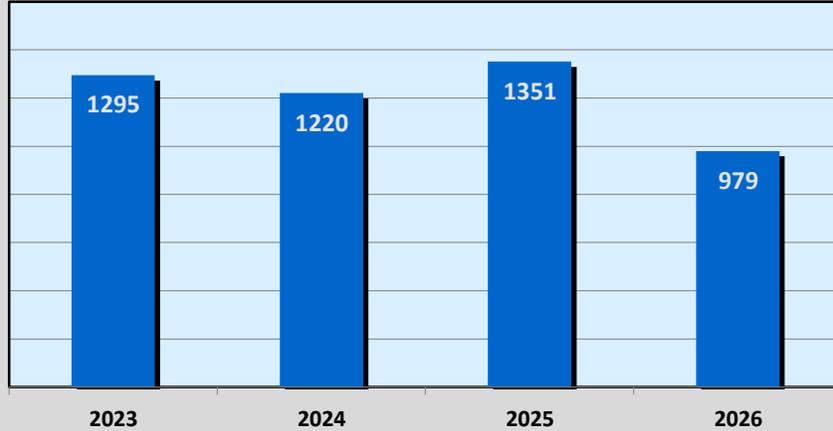
# BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 31, 2026

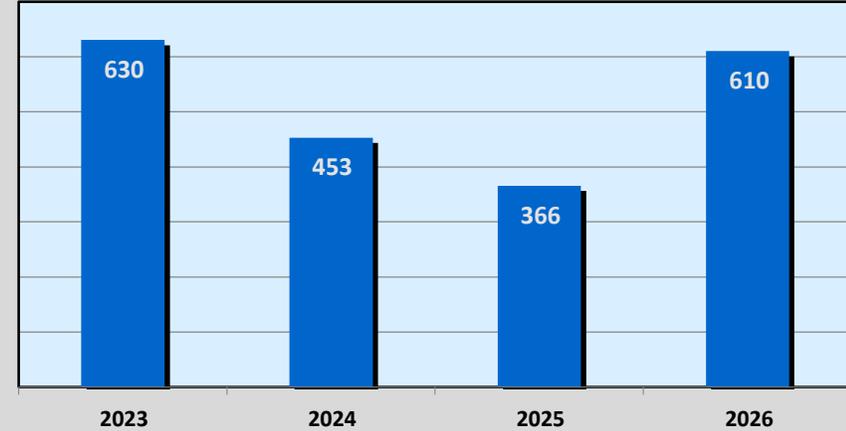
Presented by Chief Joseph Babkiewicz

# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

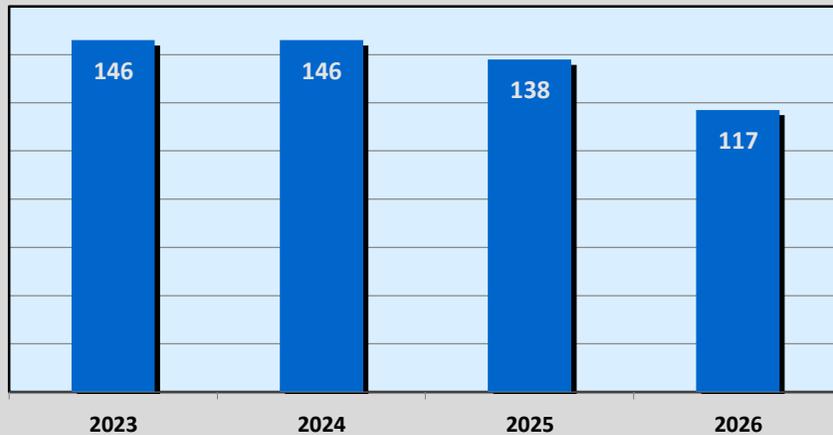
## March Calls for Service Comparison



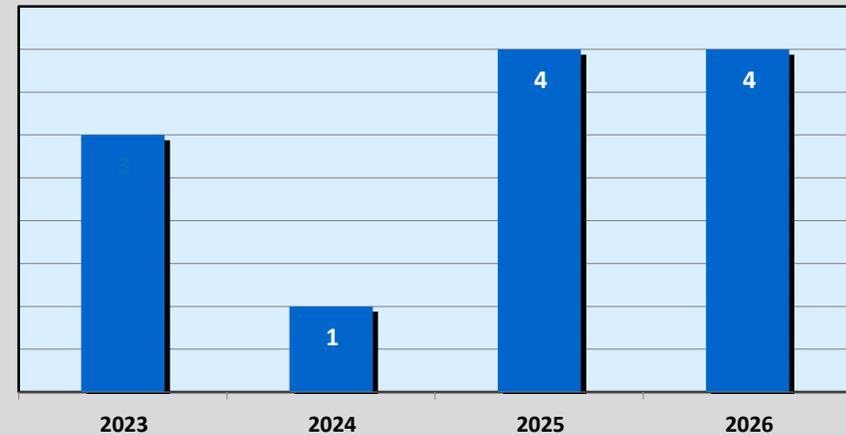
## March Traffic Citation Comparison



## March Collision Comparison

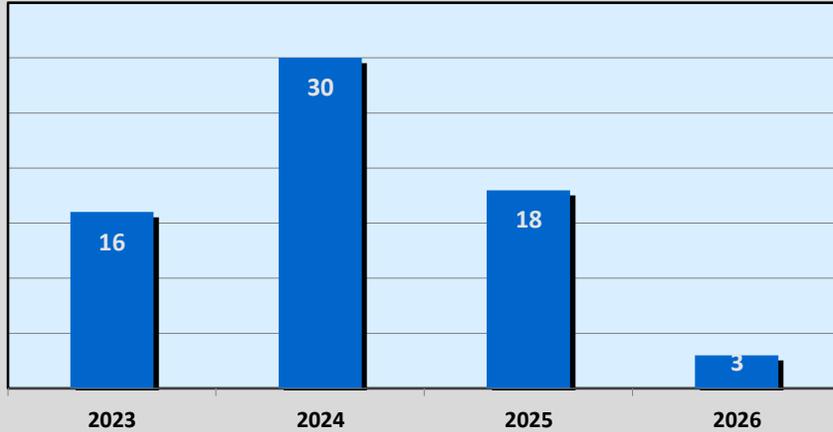


## March Burglary Comparison

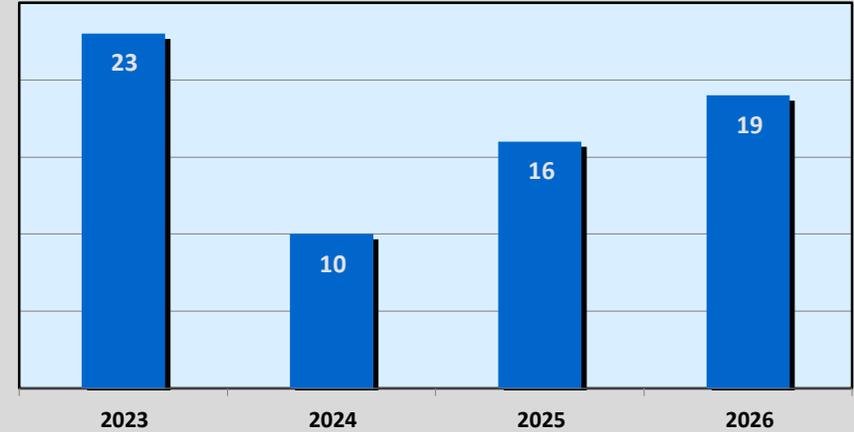


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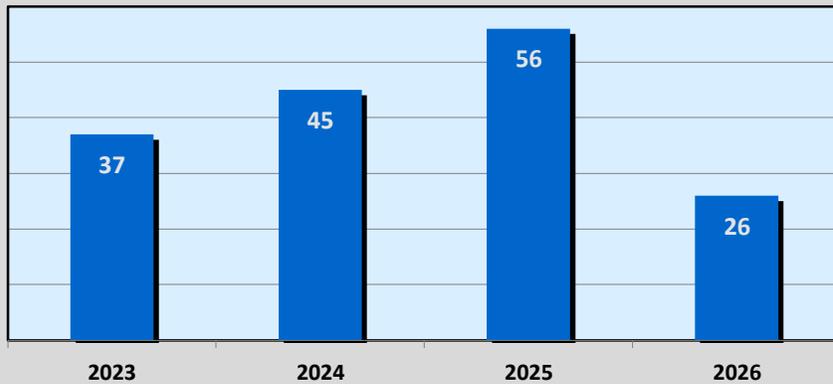
## March Theft Comparison



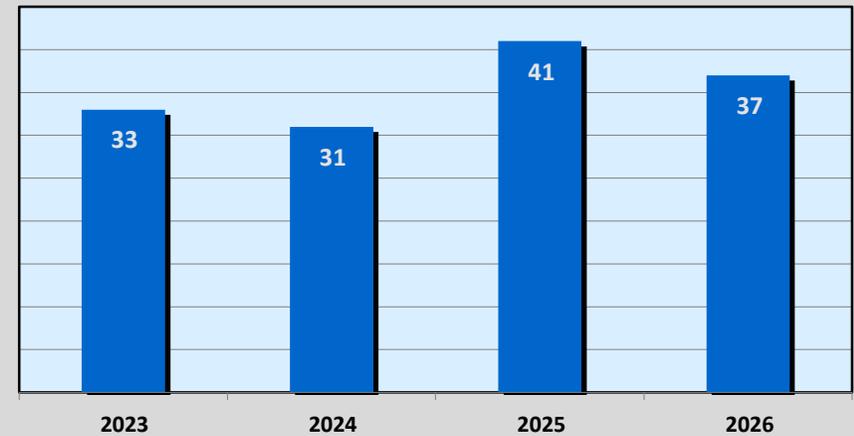
## March Assault Comparison



## March Domestic Calls for Service Comparison



## March Arrest Comparison

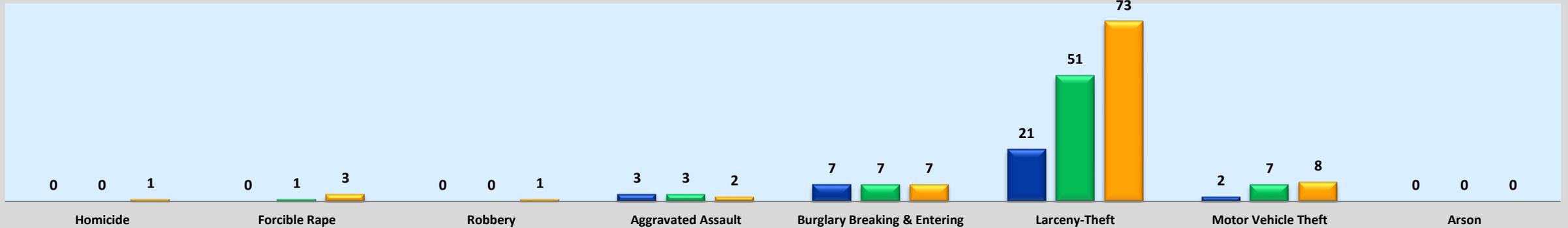


# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## Year-to-Date March

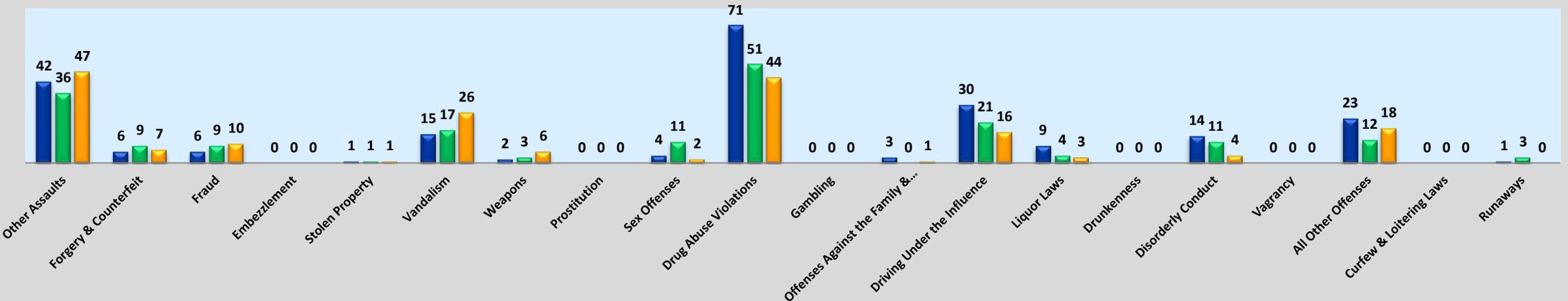
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■ 2026 ■ 2025 ■ 2024



### Part II Crimes

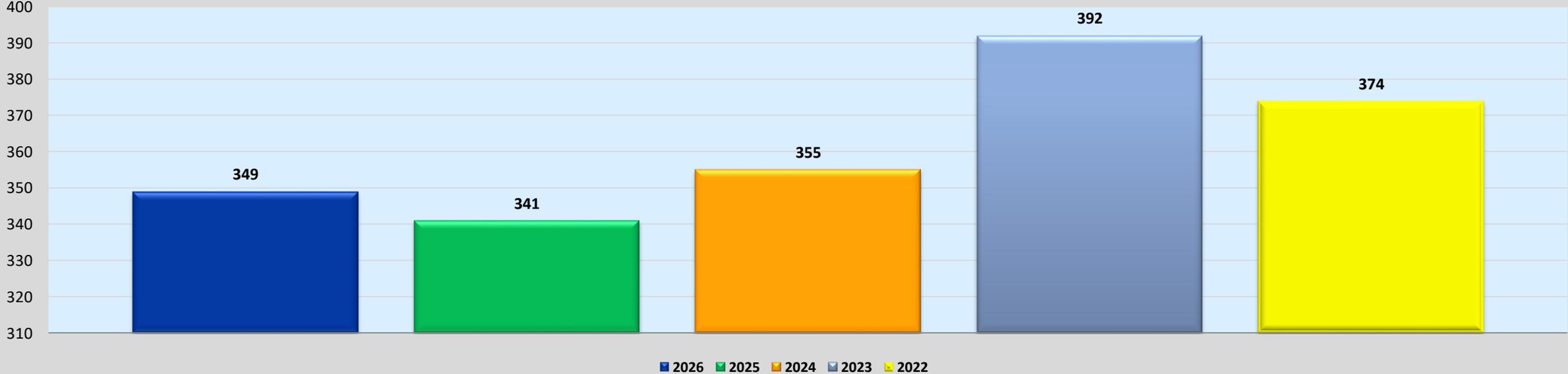
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# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Year-to-Date  
March

Collisions



## **Law Enforcement Advisory Committee**

- Flock Camera Usage – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- Proposal for “False Alarm” Calls for Service
- E-Bike Safety Concerns
- CALEA On-Site Assessment conducted in February
- CIT / Mental Health 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Training

# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

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

**Every Wednesday** – Senior Staff Communications Meeting

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

**Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Executive Staff meeting

**Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Attend E-Bikes Committee Kick Off meeting

**Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Retention/Morale Committee meeting

**Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Police Applicant Physical Agility Testing

**Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Command Staff meeting

**Mar 4<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Transportation Advisory Committee meeting

**Mar 5<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Urban SDK Google meeting

**Mar 5<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Legal Hours meeting

**Mar 7<sup>th</sup>** – Attend March Madness Basketball @ Boys –N- Girls Club

**Mar 9<sup>th</sup>** – Executive Staff meeting

**Mar 9<sup>th</sup>** – Attend ReadyOps Google meeting demonstration

**Mar 10<sup>th</sup>** – Attend bi-weekly Legal meeting

**Mar 10<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Town Council

**Mar 11<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Police Grant meeting with Budget/Grant Administrator

**Mar 11<sup>th</sup>** – Attend March Birthday/Anniversary Celebration

**Mar 11<sup>th</sup>** – Retention/Award Committee meeting

**Mar 12<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Special Olympics Track & Field Event

**Mar 12<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Town Manager and Davis Family

**Mar 12<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Mobile Town Hall @ The Haven

**Mar 12<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Law Enforcement Citizen Advisory Committee meeting

# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

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

- Mar 16<sup>th</sup>** – Executive Staff meeting
- Mar 16<sup>th</sup>** – Attend March Wellness Committee meeting
- Mar 17<sup>th</sup>** – Police Applicant Physical Agility Testing
- Mar 17<sup>th</sup>** – Firearms meeting
- Mar 18<sup>th</sup>** – Attend NAACP General meeting
- Mar 19<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Town Manager
- Mar 19<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Nancy Mace visit @ Wright Family Park
- Mar 19<sup>th</sup>** – Retention / Awards Committee meeting
- Mar 20<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting with Kiwanis Club representative
- Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Attend E-Bikes meeting
- Mar 24<sup>th</sup>** – Participate in Cooking Breakfast for Staff in celebration of First Responder Wellness Week
- Mar 24<sup>th</sup>** – Lunch Meeting
- Mar 24<sup>th</sup>** – Attend bi-weekly Legal meeting
- Mar 24<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Monthly Command Staff meeting with Human Resource
- Mar 25<sup>th</sup>** – Attend Response After A Critical Incident Mental Health Presentation
- Mar 25<sup>th</sup>** – Lions Club presentation
- Mar 25<sup>th</sup>** – Monthly meeting with Town Manager
- Mar 25<sup>th</sup>** – Award Nomination meeting
- Mar 26<sup>th</sup>** – May River Law Enforcement Class LEC Tour
- Mar 26<sup>th</sup>** – Boys –N- Girls Club Youth of the Year
- Mar 30<sup>th</sup>** – Executive Staff meeting
- Mar 31<sup>st</sup>** – Meeting with Mayor and Town Manager

# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

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

## Police Department Demographics as of March 31, 2026

| DEPARTMENT         | Black     | Hispanic | Other    | White     | Grand Total |
|--------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| Female             | 2         | 2        | 1        | 17        | 22          |
| Male               | 8         | 5        | 3        | 36        | 52          |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>53</b> | <b>74</b>   |

| SWORN OFFICERS     | Black    | Hispanic | Other    | White     | Grand Total |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| Female             | 1        |          |          | 9         | 10          |
| Male               | 7        | 5        | 3        | 33        | 48          |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>58</b>   |

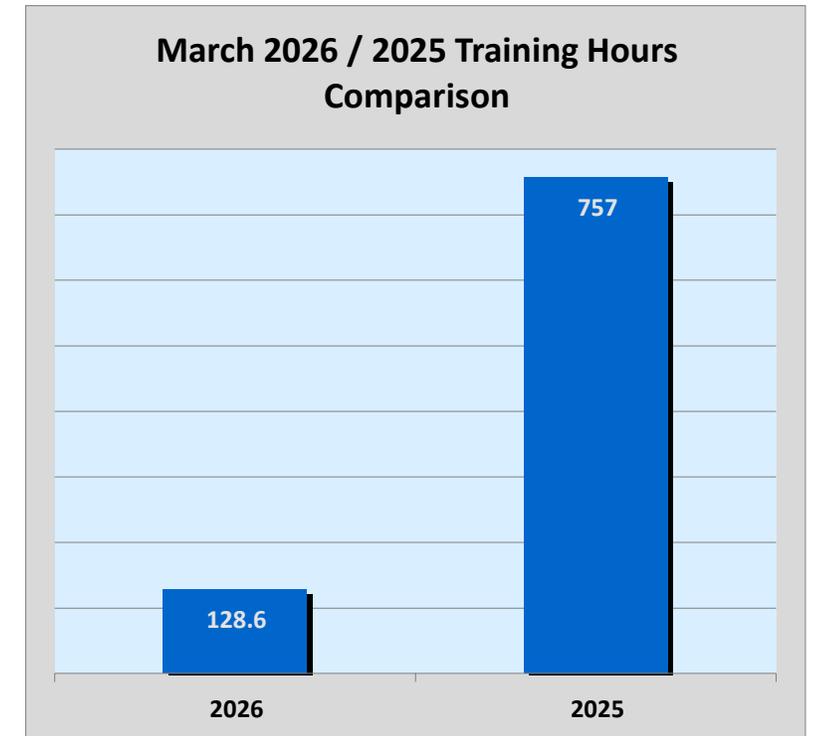
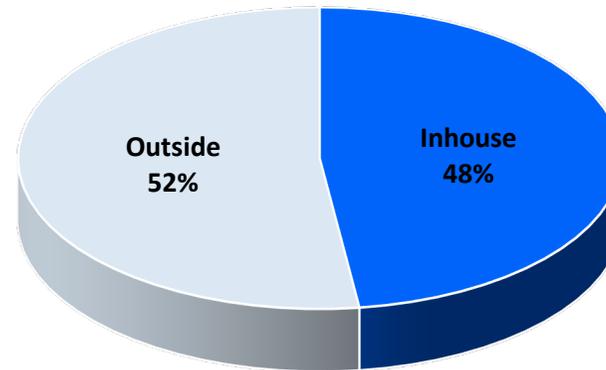
## March Officer Training

### In-House

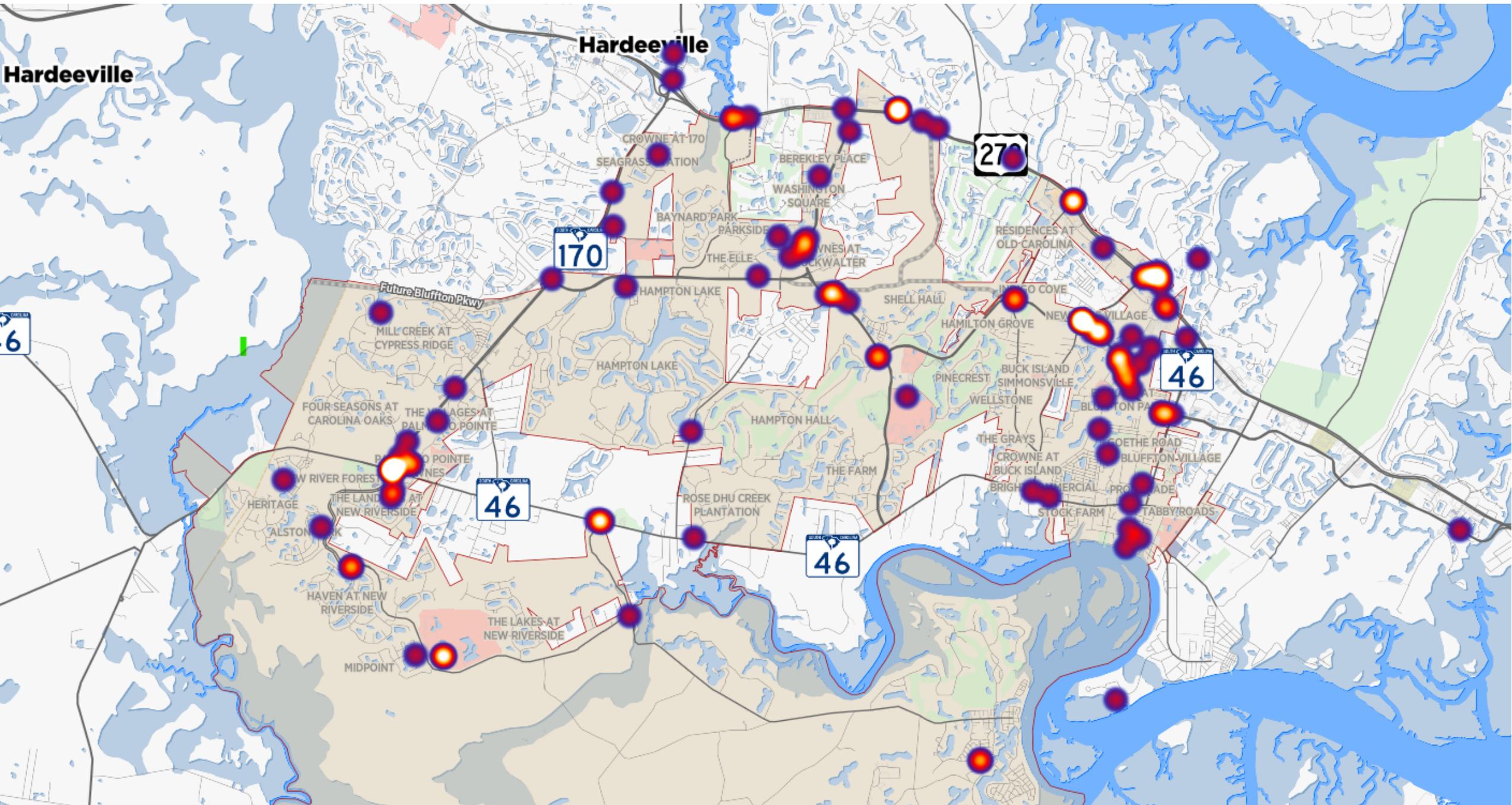
Legal Update 2025 - Part 2 - 1 Officer  
Studio - Mental Illness - 2 Officers  
Line-Up 2026 March-April - 39 Officers  
Legal Update 2026 - Part 1 - 13 Officers  
A Different Look at Weapon Disarming - 1 Officer  
Active Listening in Crisis Situation - 1 Officer  
Active Shooter - 1 Officer  
Create an Agency "Fail List" - 1 Officer  
Developing Leadership - 1 Officer

### Outside

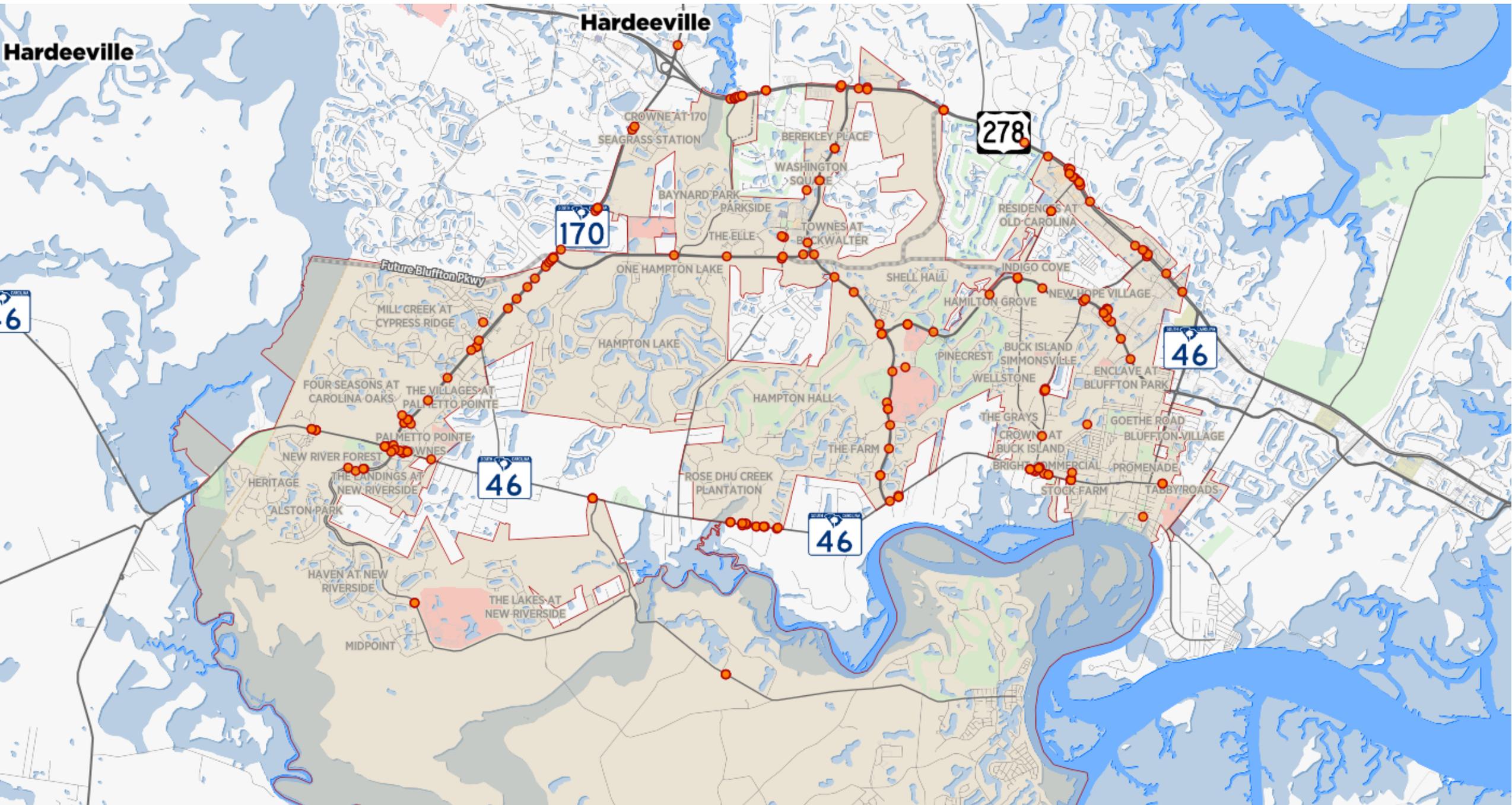
NRA Patrol Rifle Instructor Course - 1 Officer  
Mental Health First Aid Instructor Training - 1 Civilian



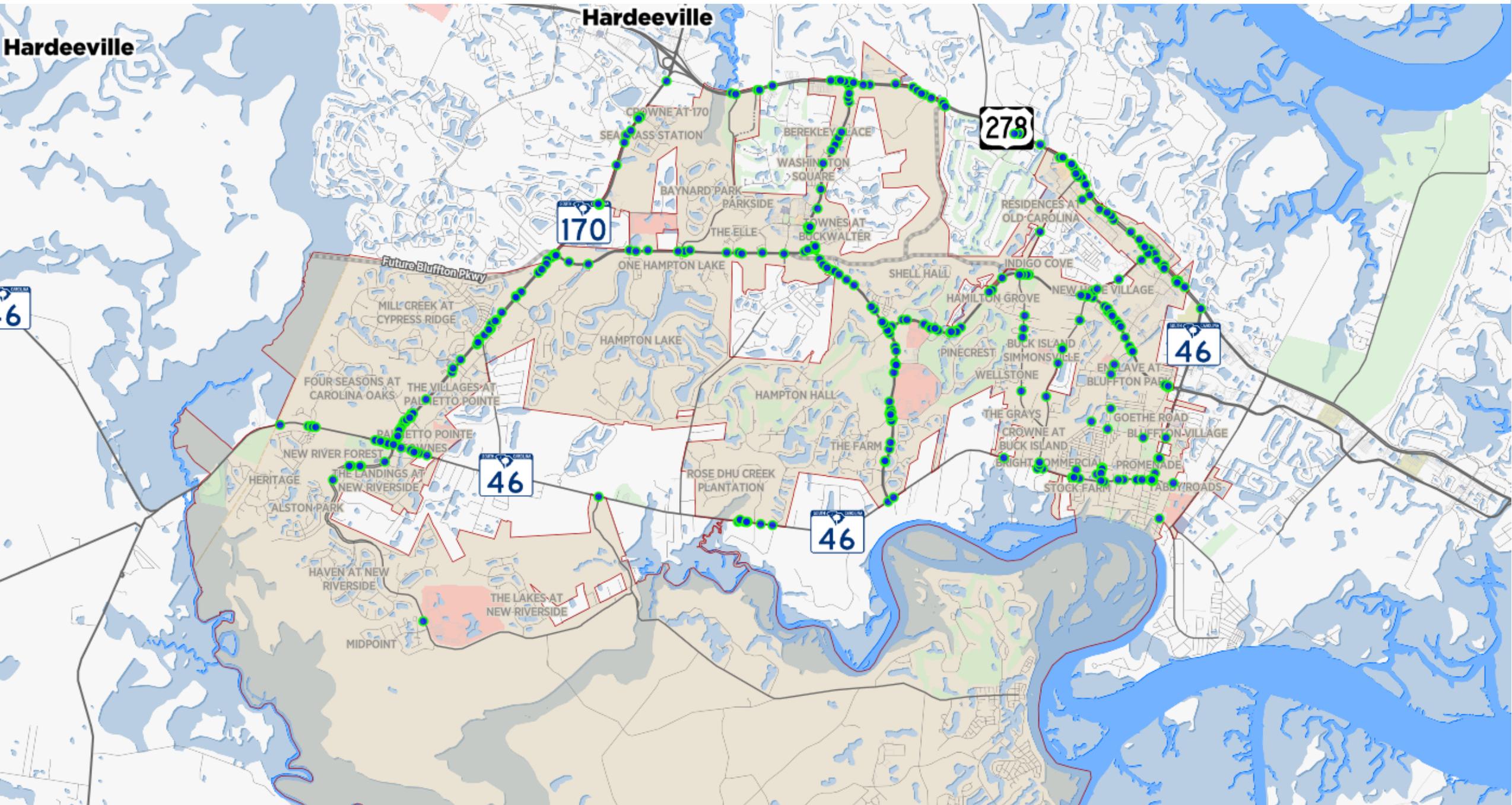
# COLLISIONS (117) March 2026



# CITATIONS ISSUED (203) March 2026



# WARNINGS ISSUED (407) March 2026



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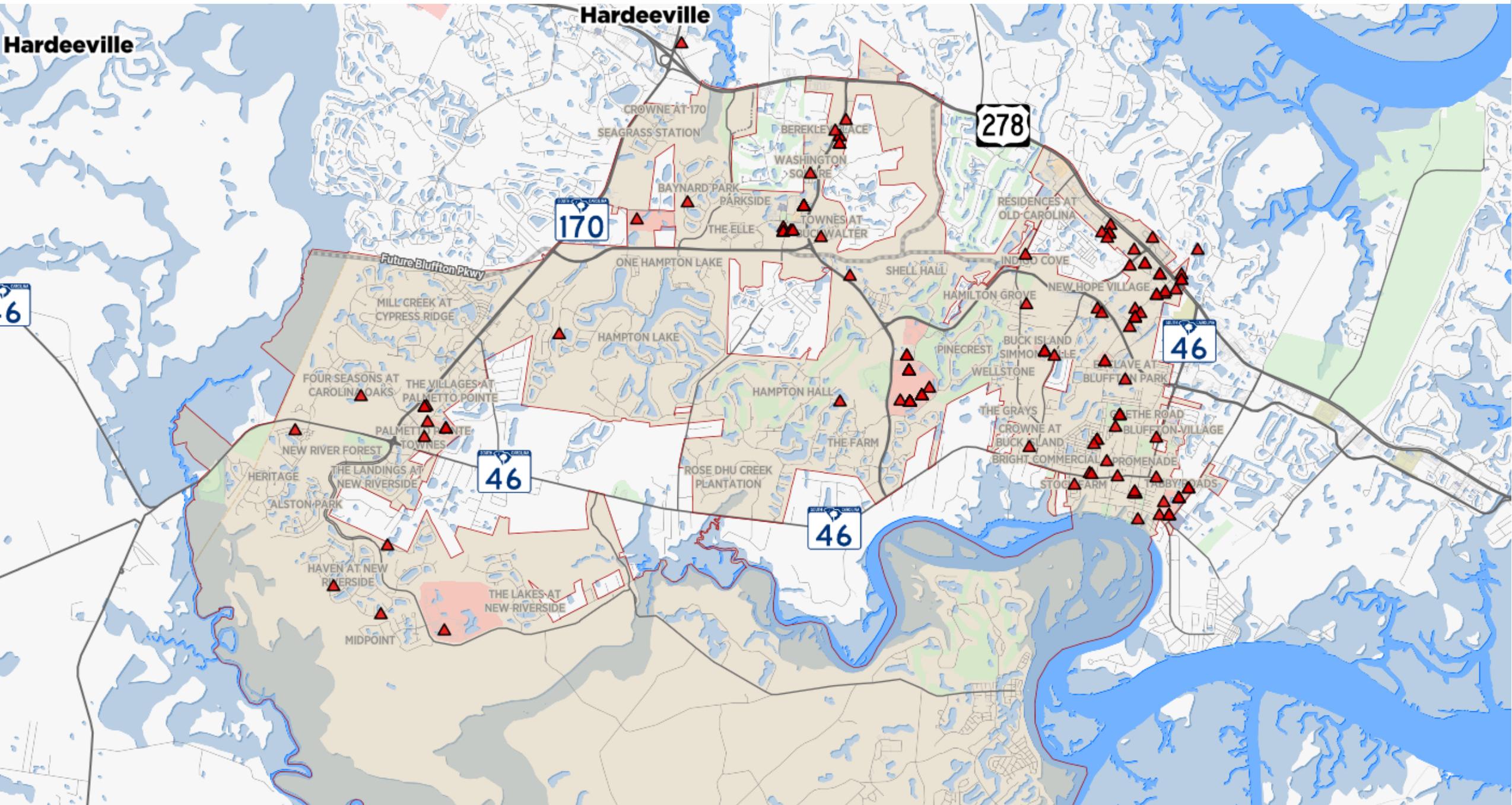
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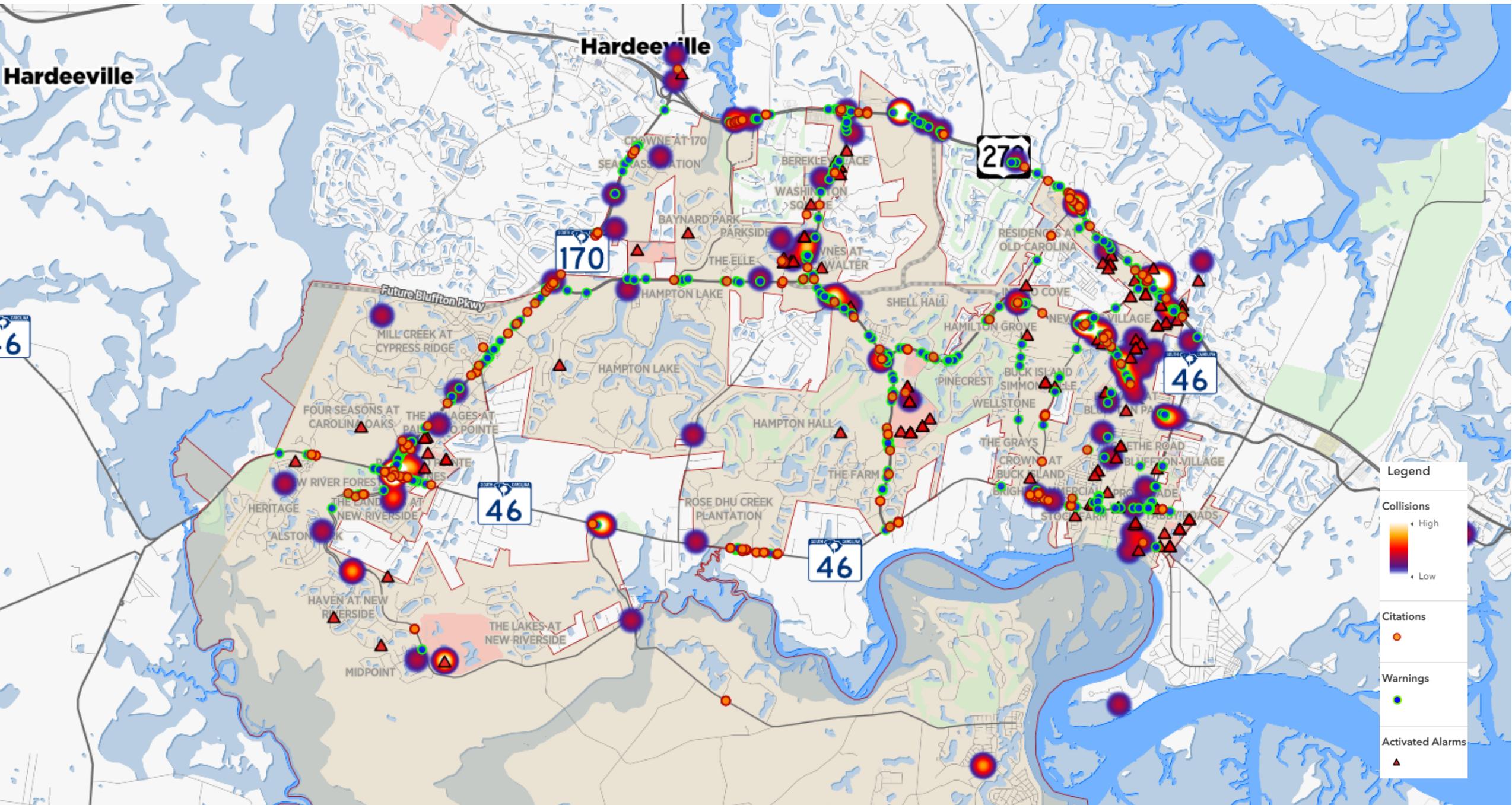
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# #1 CALL TYPE – Activated Alarms (143) March 2026



# Collisions, Citations, Warnings and Activated Alarms – March 2026



**Legend**

- Collisions**
  - High
  - Low
- Citations**
- Warnings**
- Activated Alarms**

# PATROL DIVISION

## CALLS FOR SERVICE TOP 10 CALL TYPES

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Activated Alarm  | 143 |
| 911 Hang-Up      | 103 |
| Case Follow Up   | 84  |
| Disturbance      | 77  |
| Accident         | 74  |
| Reckless Driving | 41  |
| Assist Motorist  | 36  |
| Fraud/Scam       | 30  |
| Noise Complaint  | 28  |
| Traffic Hazard   | 27  |

**TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 979**

**AVERAGE PER DAY: 41**

## PRO-ACTIVE PATROLS

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Extra Patrol - Business    | 2077 |
| Traffic Stop               | 544  |
| Extra Patrol - Residential | 413  |
| Traffic Enforcement        | 23   |

| UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATIONS<br>TOP 10 VIOLATIONS                          |    |
|---|----|
| Operating Vehicle While License/Registration Expired                    | 34 |
| Driving without a SC License - 1st Offense                              | 22 |
| Speeding; More than 15 but less than 25MPH over the Speed Limit         | 21 |
| Driving Under Suspension - License not Suspended for DUI                | 16 |
| Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle - 1st Offense                         | 11 |
| Failure to Maintain Proof of Insurance in Motor Vehicle                 | 9  |
| Failure to Return License Plate and Registration Upon Loss of Insurance | 9  |
| Speeding; More than 10 but less than 15MPH over the Speed Limit         | 8  |
| Speeding; Greater than 25 MPH over the Speed Limit                      | 7  |
| Possession of 28G (1 oz) or less of Marijuana                           | 7  |

TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED: 203

AVERAGE PER DAY: 9

| UNIFORM TRAFFIC WARNINGS<br>TOP 10 VIOLATIONS |     |
|---|-----|
| Speeding                                      | 107 |
| Defective Equipment                           | 64  |
| Vehicle License Violation                     | 47  |
| Improper Lane Use                             | 37  |
| Changing Lanes Unlawfully                     | 35  |
| Improper Turn                                 | 19  |
| Disregarding Stop Sign                        | 16  |
| Disregarding Traffic Signal                   | 9   |
| Texting Violation                             | 8   |
| Improper Lights                               | 7   |

TOTAL WARNINGS ISSUED: 407

AVERAGE PER DAY: 18

# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

| CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Cases Assigned          | 24 |
| Incident Reports        | 12 |
| Supplemental Reports    | 35 |
| Cases Closed            | 21 |
| Arrests Made            | 0  |
| Arrest Warrants         | 0  |
| Bond Court              | 5  |
| Case Call Outs          | 0  |
| Search Warrants         | 0  |
| Prelims/Grand Jury      | 5  |
| Family Court Petitions  | 0  |

## **Mental Health Advocate:**

CIT: 0

Referrals - 10

Follow Ups - 30

Supplemental Reports - 17

## **Victim Advocate:**

Case Call Outs: 0

Incident Reports: 5

Case Closed: 11

Bond Court: 4

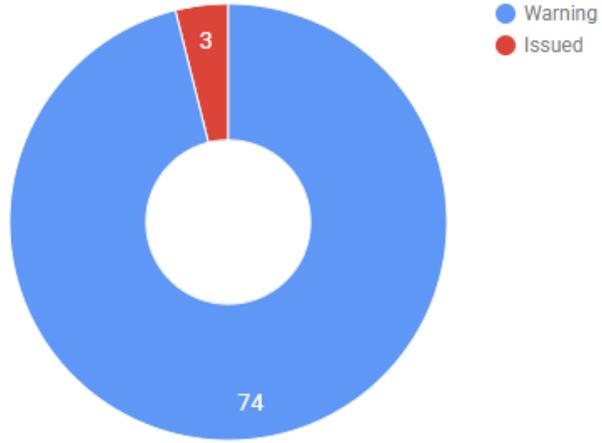
Supplemental Reports: 21

ICAC Cases Assigned: 3

Total ICAC Cases: 9

# COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSISTANTS

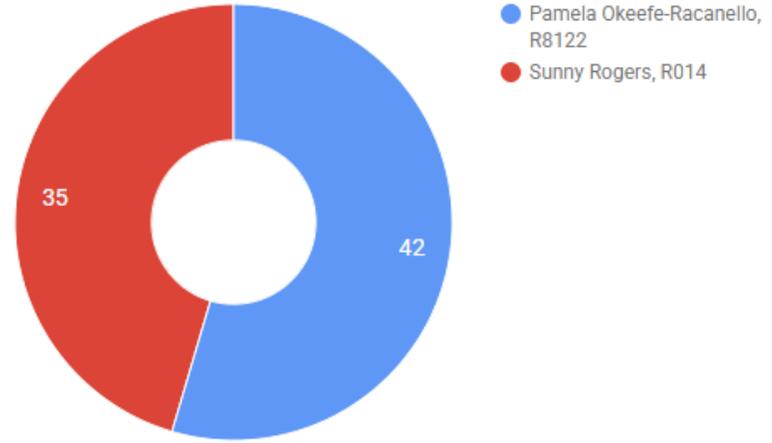
Tickets By Status Last 30 Days



Total Count: 77

As of 3/24/2026, 12:00:00 AM

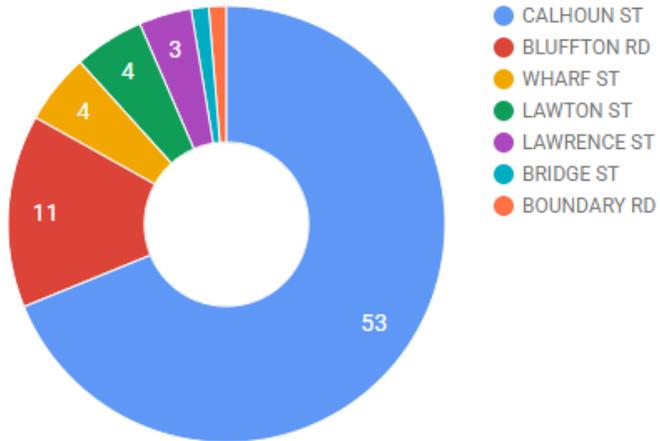
Tickets By Officer Last 30 Days



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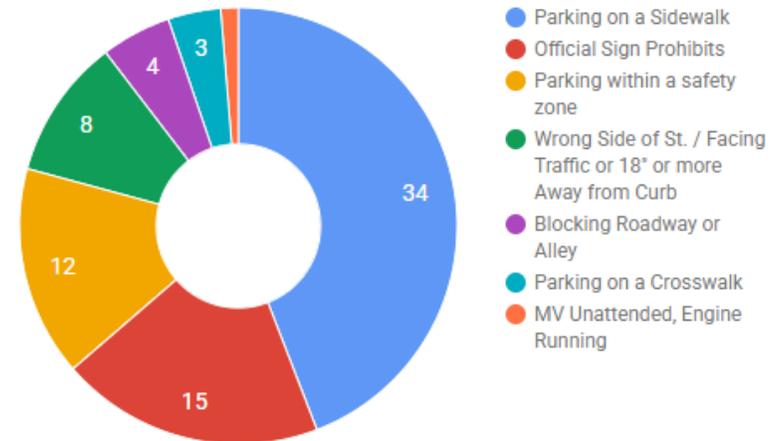
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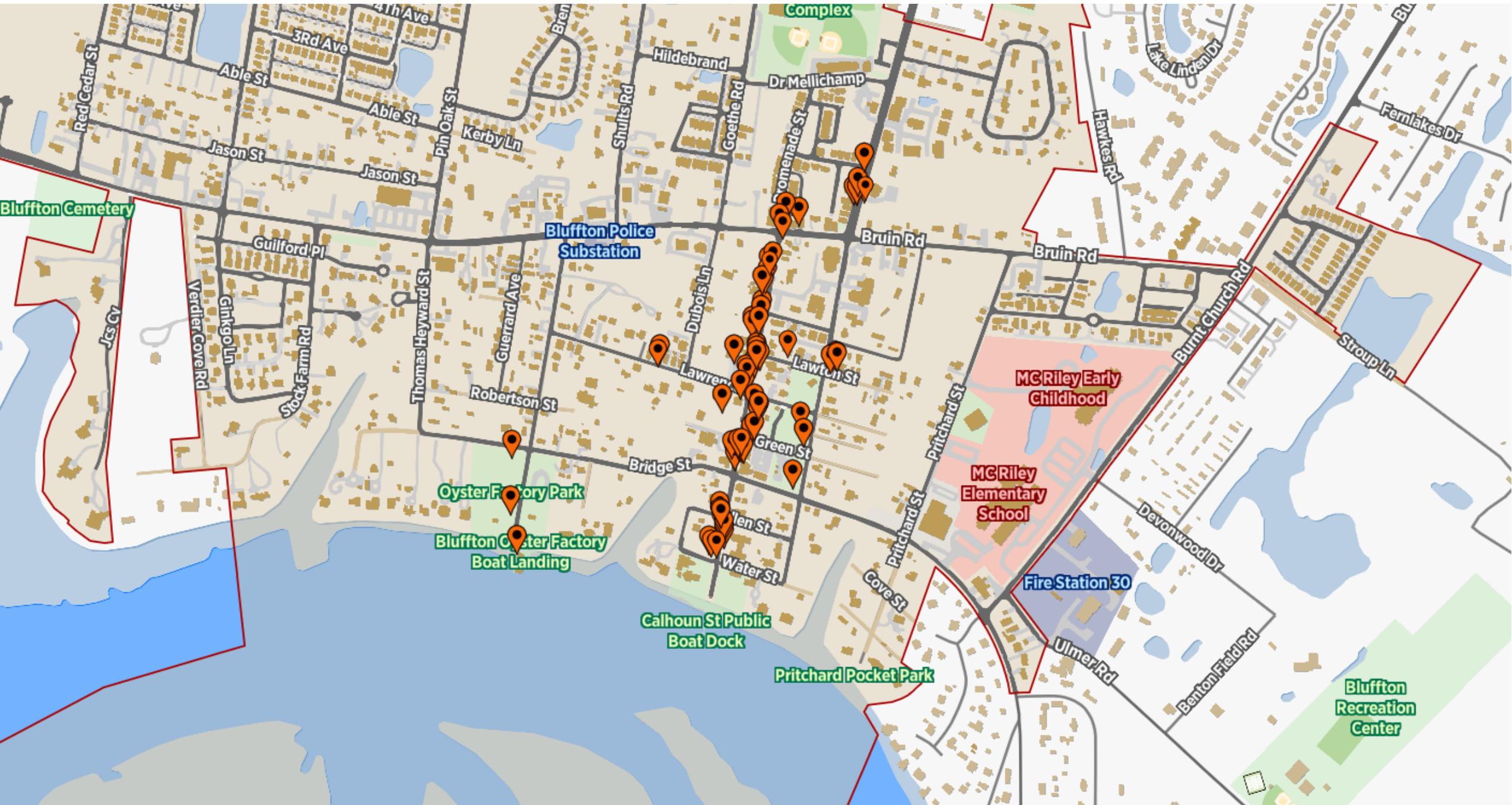
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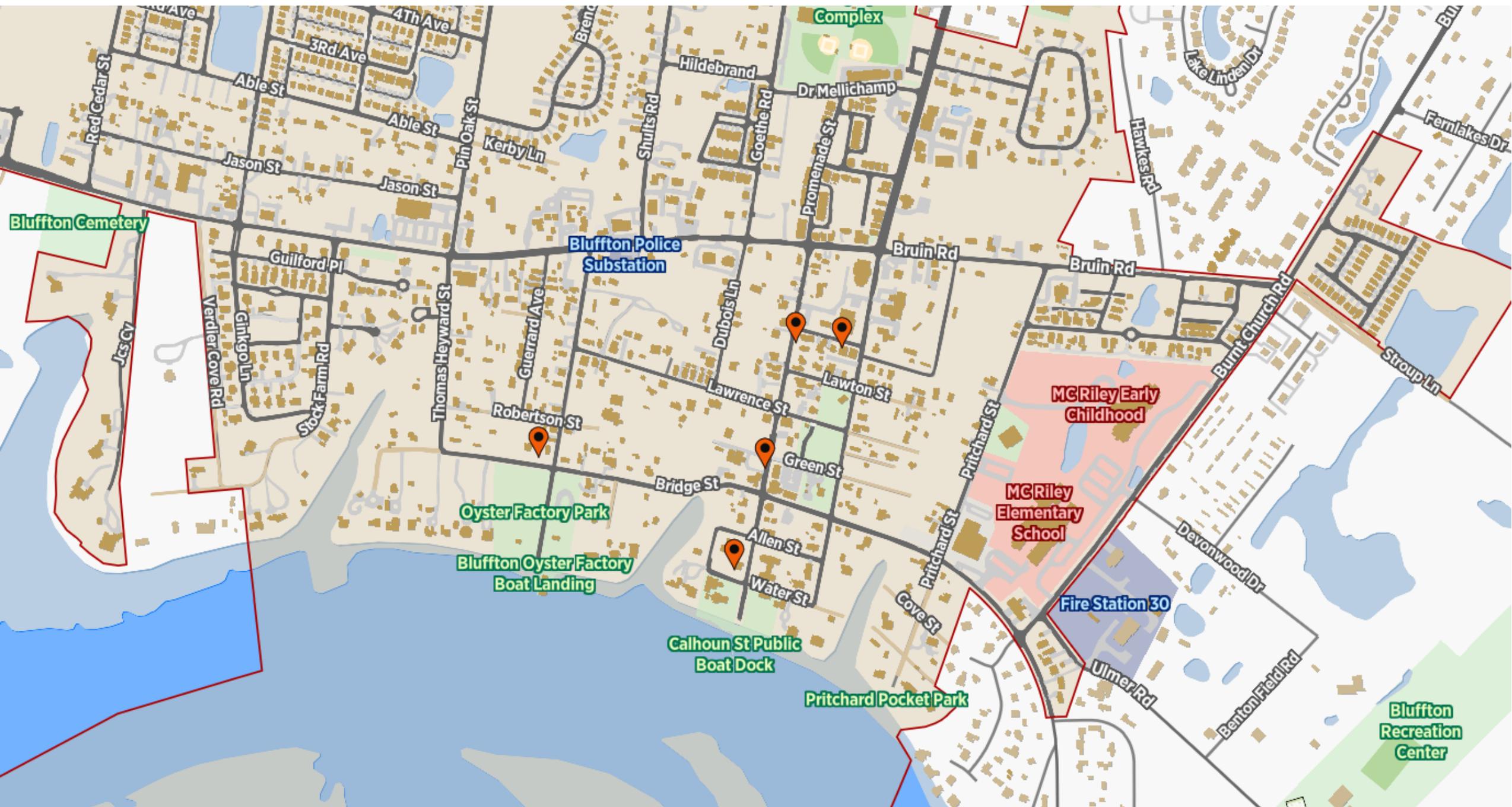
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# DOWNTOWN CITATIONS (77) – March 2026



# DOWNTOWN CITATIONS (5) – February 2026



# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## **Code Enforcement:**

William Bonhag

- 14 Notices of Violation were issued this month.

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

- 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. On Tuesday 2/17/26 Matt appeared in court requesting a continuation, Court is now set for 3/10/26 at 9am. This was concluded as Matt paid up to date.

## **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.
- On 3/4/26 Officer Young notified Codes as people were inside of this building. Upon receiving this information, codes along with the assistance of 2 officers and Sidney Holland Building Safety were able to re-secure this building with Notice Of Violation placed on the back door. This site will continually be monitored to keep people out of this Unsafe structure.

## **161 Buck Island Road**

- 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 is scheduled for 3/31/26 at 9am as Mr. Costillo retained the services of defense attorney Carol Miller.

# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## Code Enforcement continued:

### 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
- Tickets were paid in full \$2,175.00 with the understanding to stop all work, obtain permits and remove the trailer and painting tent.
- Compliance date is 4/1/2026.

### 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.
- 2 Summons were issued to Jennifer Velez along with an NOV for accumulations prohibited with a compliance date of Thursday 2/19/26. Possibly another citation to be issued.
- On 3/10/25 citations found the defendant guilty on both as the defendant never contacted court and failed to appear.

### 250 Hartwell Road

- Resident/Renter at this residence contacted codes regarding noise complaints, along with pumps being left on at night.
- On 3/20/26 at 9am Thompson Turner Superintendent Jim Stiteler and I met with Mr. Gerhardstein to review his concerns. Jim gave him his contact information should he have any further concerns. Mr. Gerhardstein was satisfied with our meeting and the outcome moving forward.

# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## Code Enforcement continued:

### Four Seasons at Carolina Oaks / BACA Concrete & Construction

- 2/10/26 Tuesday, I received a complaint from David Swisher residing at 20 Brandywine Lane, an address towards the rear section where ongoing construction work is happening. Mr. Swisher and his wife fully understand ongoing construction.
- Monday morning 2/16/26 at approximately 5:50am BACA concrete was pouring concrete prior to the 7am working hour. Along with a pump truck disturbing the quiet of the residents.
- Contacted Tom from KHOV and then received a call from Miguel BACA owner of the company, to apologize for early work and will adhere to the 7am-7pm municipal ordinance, until daylight savings which is 7am-9pm M-S and noon to 7pm Sundays. Codes issued an NOV regarding the early start.
- 2/17/26 Tuesday, I received a second complaint from David Swisher residing at 20 Brandywine Lane, an address towards the rear section where ongoing construction work is happening. This time crews were working after 9pm with lights and creating lots of noise, disturbing the quiet for the residents. 7pm is the time limit to stop all work.
- This matter will be taken up with Miguel BACA at the site visit today 2/18/26. Phone call to the owner was not going through. Spoke with Steve site manager for KHOV, he will make sure times are adhered too moving forward.

# STRATEGIC ACTION & FOCUSED ENFORCEMENT TEAM

## S.A.F.E Team

Attended Bluffton Farmer's Market

Attended Bluffton Community Kitchen (Campbell AME Church)

### CONDUCTED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AREAS:

Assisted CID with a transport from Berkely County SC to Beaufort SC

Bluffton Parkway

Attended Armed Forces Benefit Association at LEC

The Landings

Attended Bluffton Oyster Roast

Highway 278//Fording Island Rd

Attended Low Country Church Student Ministry

May River Rd// Old Town

Completed Line-Up March April 2026 Acadis online training

Okatie Highway 170

Attended Wrigh Family Park Congresswoman Nancy Mace interview

Buckwalter Parkway

Participated in Bluffton PD wellness week and PAT course

Police Substation Walk-Ins complaints: 2

### TRAFFIC STATS:

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Tickets:          | 98 |
| Warnings:         | 73 |
| Warrants:         | 3  |
| Incident Reports: | 14 |
| Arrest:           | 7  |
| Transport:        | 1  |
| Drugs             | 1  |