

AGENDA

Board of Wildlife Resources
Law Enforcement Committee
7870 Villa Park Drive, Board Room
Henrico, Virginia 23228

August 20, 2025
2:00 pm

Committee Members: Mr. Will Wampler, Chair, Mr. James Edmunds, Mr. Michael Formica, Mr. George Terwilliger, Mr. James Maclin

DWR Staff Liaison: Colonel John Cobb

1. Call to Order and Welcome
Mr. Wampler
2. Approval of May 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes
Mr. Wampler
3. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item
Mr. Wampler
4. W3 Natural Resources Training Academy – Progress Report
Colonel John Cobb
5. Law Enforcement Chief Update
Colonel John Cobb
6. Director's Report
Mr. Ryan Brown
7. Chair's Report
Mr. Wampler
8. Additional Business/Comments
Mr. Wampler

Final Action

9. Next Meeting Date: Date to be voted on August 21, 2025
Mr. Wampler
10. Adjournment
Mr. Wampler

Draft Meeting Minutes
Law Enforcement Committee
Board of Wildlife Resources
7870 Villa Park Drive, Board Room
Richmond, Virginia 23228

May 21, 2025
2:00 pm

Present: Mr. Michael Formica, **Chair**, Mr. George Terwilliger, and Mr. Jon Cooper; **Board Members in attendance:** Mr. James Edmunds, Mr. Will Wampler, Mr. Lynwood Broaddus, Ms. Laura Walters, Mr. Woody Woodall, Mr. Brian Vincent; **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan J. Brown; **Deputy Directors:** Ms. Becky Gwynn and Mr. Darin Moore; **Director's Working Group:** Mr. George Braxton, Colonel John Cobb, Ms. Stacey Brown, Ms. Shelby Crouch, Mr. Paul Kugelman

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:45 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair noted for the record that there was a quorum present for the meeting.

Meeting Minutes: The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2025, committee meeting. Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve the March 19, 2025, committee meeting. Mr. Terwilliger second the motion. Ayes: Formica, Terwilliger, Cooper

Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item: The Chair called for Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item.

- Mr. Gary Kimberlin spoke regarding the year-to-date hunting dog complaints
- Judge Charlton (virtual) spoke regarding Law enforcement Hunting data Report

The Chair thanked the speakers for their comments.

New Wildlife Crime Watch Partnership: The Chair called on Major Frank Spuchesi for a presentation.

Major Frank Spuchesi gave a presentation on the New Wildlife Crime Watch Partnership.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Major Spuchesi for his presentation.

Law Enforcement Chief Update: The Chair called on Colonel Cobb for an update.

Colonel Cobb reported:

1. True Wildlife Crime Podcasts (4 series nearly 1/2 million combined views)
 - Exposing a Prolific Turkey Poacher
 - Inside Virginia's Elite K9 Team
 - The Hollywood Buck Case
 - The Poaching Spree That Shocked Southwest Virginia
 - Newest one next week – Strippers at Kerr Dam (Mecklenburg County)
2. Current Basic Academy Update (w/MRC enrollment)
 - Training Personnel Changes:
Major Milt Robinson retired and Jody Blackwell is the Academy Director
 - On Week 11 of 28, still have all 14 DWR Recruits (4 MRC Recruits)
 - 14th Basic Academy Graduation is on September 12, 2025
3. W3 (Woods*Wildlife*Water) Natural Resources Training Academy (Update)
 - Established Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives
 - Launched the Membership Program for individual donations
 - Can see this info at our new webpage <https://dwr.virginia.gov/w3>
 - Having partnership meetings and preparing for corporate sponsors
 - Planning to give a Detailed Progress Report at the August Law Committee

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Colonel Cobb for his update.

Director's Report: The Chair called on Executive Director Ryan Brown for his Director's Report.

The Director reported:

- The Director thanked the Law Enforcement for their work with this agency.

Chair's Report:

The Chair thanked Law Enforcement staff for their presentations and always is appreciative of hearing the great work from law staff.

The Chair announced the next Law Enforcement committee meeting will be Wednesday, August 22, 2025, and asked if there were any additional comments, hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Frances Boswell



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Department of Wildlife Resources

Stefanie K. Taillon
Secretary of Natural
and Historic Resources

Ryan J. Brown
Executive Director

To: Members of the Board
From: Major Ryan M. Shuler
Date: August 20, 2025
Subject: LE Committee Report on Hound Hunting Related Data

Hunting Dog Data Summary – 01/05/2025 to 07/31/2025

HDOGS Incident Code: This call type will be utilized when the complaint being made does not involve a violation of law, such as hunting dogs running at large across private property.

- DWR collects activity and species data for this complaint type.

HVDOGS Incident Code: This call type will be utilized when there is a hunting related violation reported that involves a hunting dog. An example would be hunter retrieving his dog while carrying a firearm on prohibited property.

- DWR collects activity and species data for this complaint type.

Complaint Data:

- DWR received a total of 1522 hunting related complaints from 01/05/2025 to 07/31/2025
 - HDOG Complaints: 158
 - Species reported being chased was deer: 58
 - Species reported being chased was bear: 5
 - Involved dogs running across property w/o permission: 134
 - HVDOG Complaints: 35
 - Species reported being chased was deer: 19
 - Species reported being chased was bear: 0
 - Involved dogs running across property w/o permission: 15

2024		2025	
Total Hunting CFS	1407	Total Hunting CFS	1522
HDOGs	197	HDOGs	158
HVDOGs	52	HVDOGs	35

*This table displays the YOY difference based on the same time period.

*The information in this report may change due to the resolution of currently pending matters.

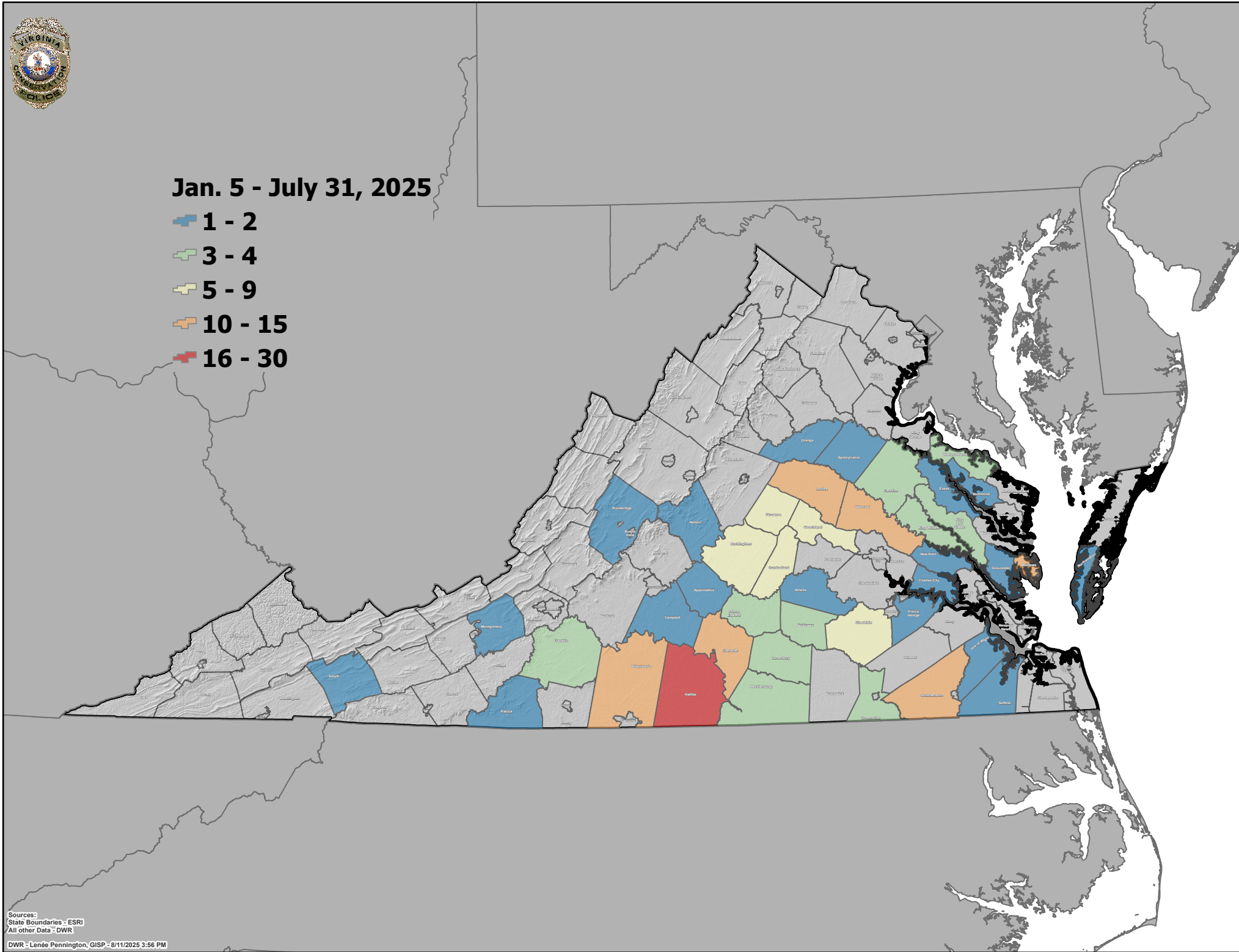
January 5, 2025 – July 31, 2025 HDOGS & HVDOGS Call Counts

County/City Name	Number of Calls
Amelia County	1
Appomattox County	2
Buckingham County	9
Campbell County	2
Caroline County	3
Charles City County	1
Charlotte County	11
Cumberland County	8
Dinwiddie County	8
Essex County	2
Fluvanna County	6
Franklin County	3
Gloucester County	1
Goochland County	6
Greensville County	3
Halifax County	30
Hanover County	10
Isle of Wight County	1
King and Queen County	3
King William County	3
Louisa County	12
Lunenburg County	3
Mathews County	15
Mecklenburg County	3
Montgomery County	1
Nelson County	1
New Kent County	1
Northampton County	1
Nottoway County	4
Orange County	1
Patrick County	1
Pittsylvania County	12
Prince Edward County	4
Prince George County	1
Richmond County	1
Rockbridge County	1
Smyth County	1
Southampton County	10
Spotsylvania County	2
Suffolk City	1
Westmoreland County	4
Grand Total	193



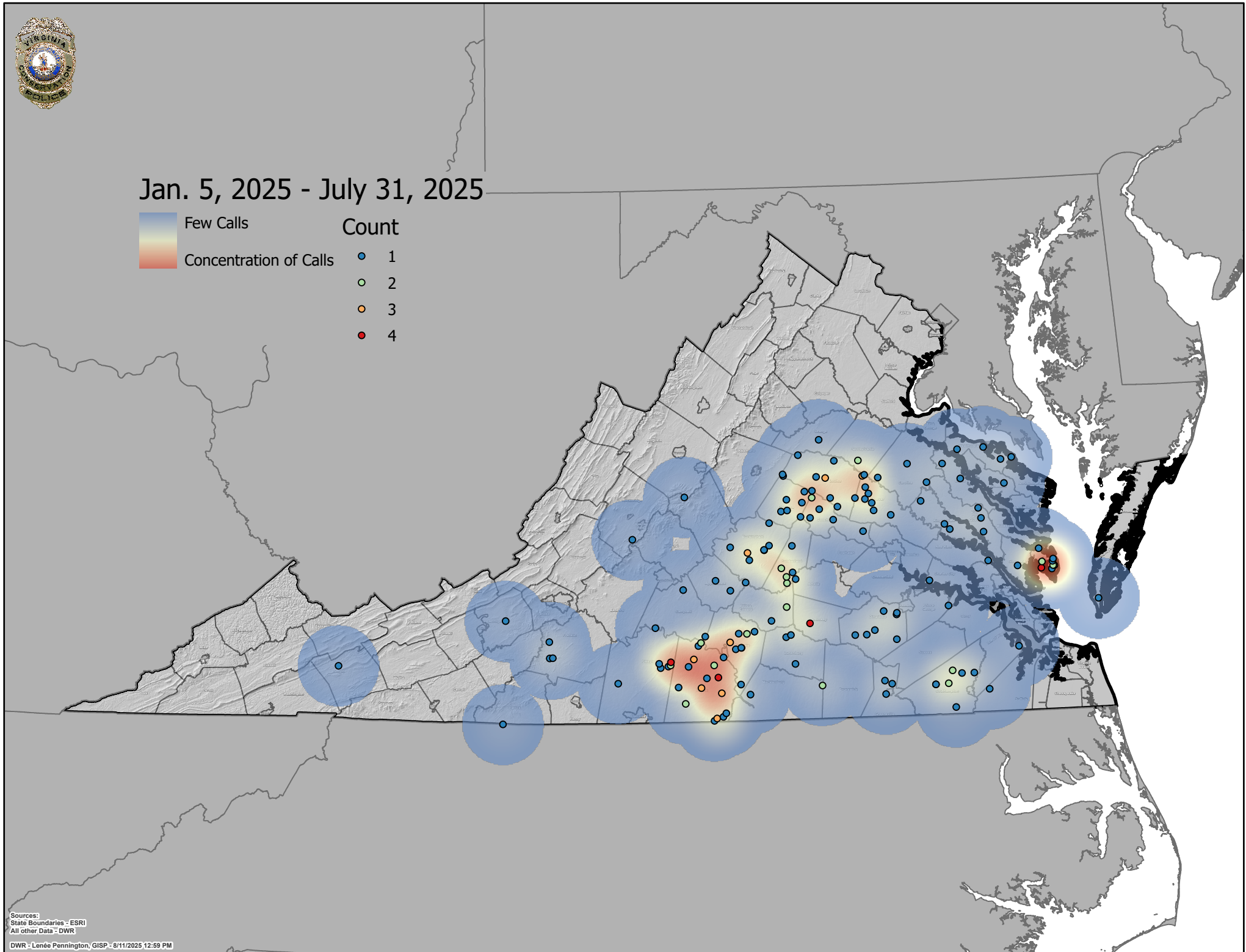
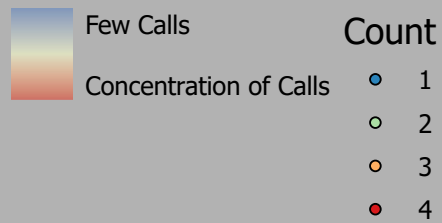
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Sources:
State Boundaries - ESRI
All other Data - DWR

DWR - Lenée Pennington, GISP - 8/11/2025 12:59 PM