

AGENDA

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

October 22, 2025

1:45 pm

Or

Following adjournment of the Finance Committee

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 August 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes
Mr. Wampler
3. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item
Mr. Wampler
4. VLEPSC First Re-Accreditation
Captain Rob Ham
5. Operation Midnight Express (OME) Summary
Major Ryan Shuler
6. Law Enforcement Chief Update
Colonel John Cobb
7. Director's Report
Mr. Ryan Brown

Final Action

8. Chair's Report
Mr. Wampler
9. Additional Business/Comments
Mr. Wampler
10. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026
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

August 20, 2025
2:00 pm

Present: Mr. Will Wampler, **Chair**, Mr. George Terwilliger, Mr. James Maclin, Mr. James Edmunds and Mr. Michael Formica; **Board Members in attendance:** Mr. Lynwood Broaddus, Ms. Laura Walters, Mr. Woody Woodall, Mr. Jon Cooper, Ms. Marlee Dance, Mr. Parker Slaybaugh; **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, Mr. Michael Lipford, Mr. Mike Bednarski, Mr. Bob Smet.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 May 21, 2025, committee meeting. Mr. Formica made a motion to approve the May 21, 2025, committee meeting. Mr. Maclin second the motion. Ayes: Wampler, Edmunds, Formica, Terwilliger, Maclin

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

- Mr. Raymond Carter spoke regarding Hound hunting
- Mr. Mike Carter spoke regarding Hound hunting
- Mr. Gary Kimberlin spoke regarding Hound hunting
- Mr. Judge Charlton (virtual) spoke regarding Hound hunting

The Chair thanked the speakers for their comments.

W3 Natural Resources Training Academy – Progress Report: The Chair called on Colonel John Cobb for a presentation.

Colonel Cobb gave a presentation on the progress on the W3 Natural Resources Training Academy.

Speakers:

- Mr. Rich Goszka spoke regarding the DWR training academy

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Colonel Cobb for his presentation.

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

Colonel Cobb reported:

1. VLEPSC State Re-Accreditation (First Term) - Next Week
 - On-site Assessment of last four years, including:
 - Static Display and Ride-alongs
 - Facility and Evidence Inspection
 - File Review and Proof Compliance
2. Current Basic Academy Update (w/MRC enrollment)
 - On Week 24, 13 of 14 DWR Recruits (4 of 5 MRC Recruits) - 17 total
 - They are in Boat Operations Training this week (Buggs Island)
 - 14th Basic Academy Graduation on September 12
 - Fairmount Christian Church (6502 Creighton Rd, Mechanicsville)
 - Doors open at 1:30 pm - Program starts at 2:00 pm
3. Current Recruitment Effort for 15th Basic Academy (February 25)
 - We received 418 completed applications
 - Applicants were then asked to complete a brief personal history questionnaire, and we received 213 responses
 - Based on further screening and the results of the written examination and the physical fitness testing, we currently have 97 applicants
 - They will be moving onto interviews on September 2-5
 - Followed by background investigations and polygraphs

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

Mr. Edmunds, and other board members had a brief discussion on “open field doctrine” that other states have for law enforcement and their concerns for Virginia law enforcement.

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

The Director reported: In the essence of time Director Brown deferred his report.

Chair's Report: Mr. Wampler thanked the Board Chairman for being appointed to Chair the Law Enforcement Committee and appreciates the opportunity.

The Chair announced the next Law Enforcement committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 22, 2025, and asked if there were any additional comments, hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 3:10 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: October 22, 2025
Subject: LE Committee Report on Hound Hunting Related Data

Hunting Dog Data Summary – 01/05/2025 to 09/30/2025

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 a 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 2080 hunting-related complaints from 01/05/2025 to 09/30/2025
 - HDOG Complaints: 245
 - Species reported being chased was deer: 80
 - Species reported being chased was bear: 12
 - Involved dogs running across property w/o permission: 206
 - HVDOG Complaints: 53
 - Species reported being chased was deer: 26
 - Species reported being chased was bear: 5
 - Involved dogs running across property w/o permission: 24

2024		2025	
Total Hunting CFS	2000	Total Hunting CFS	2080
HDOGs	258	HDOGs	245
HVDOGs	74	HVDOGs	53

*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 – September 30, 2025

HDOGS & HVDOGS Call Counts

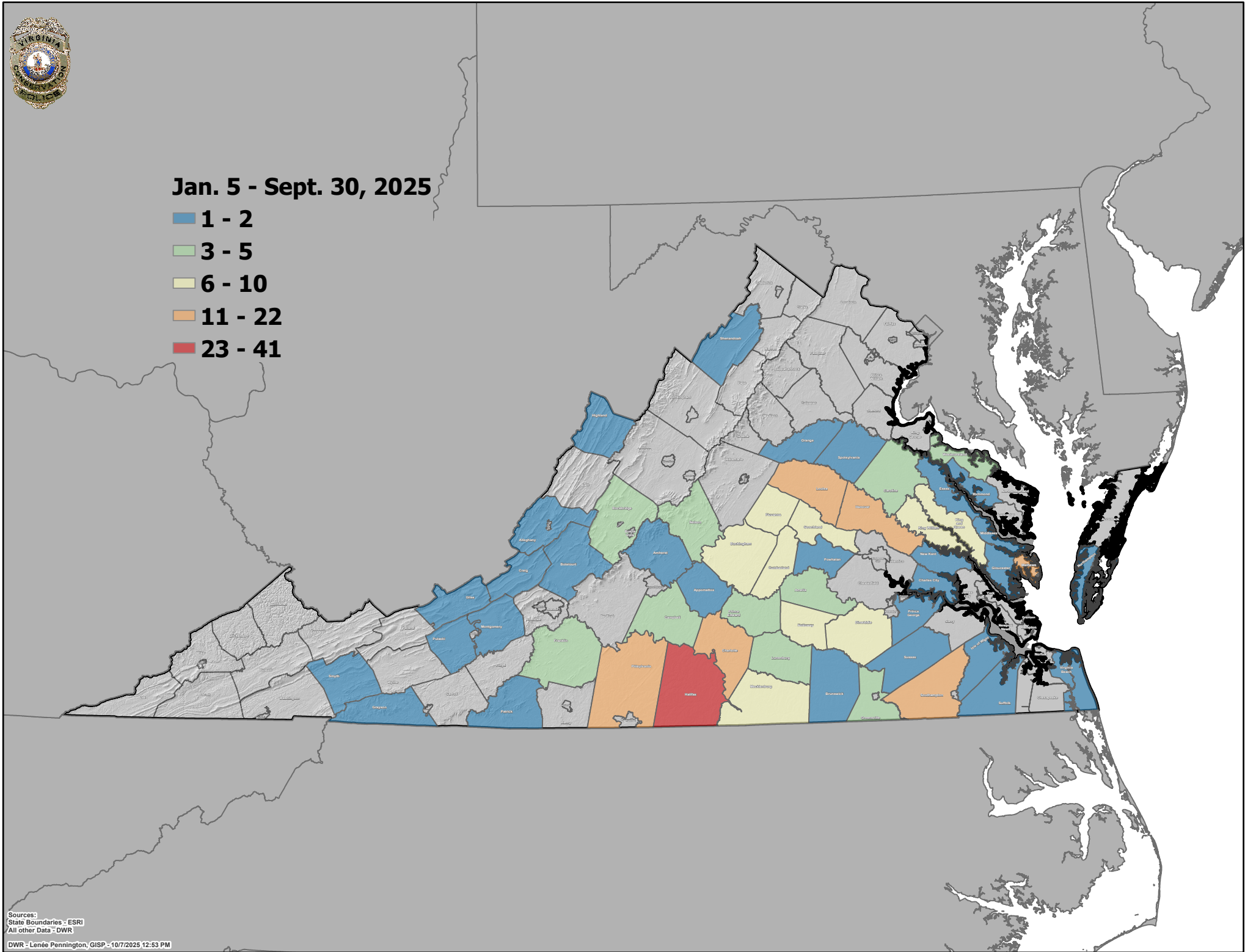
County/City Name	Number of Calls
Alleghany County	1
Amelia County	3
Amherst County	1
Appomattox County	2
Botetourt County	1
Brunswick County	1
Buckingham County	10
Campbell County	3
Caroline County	3
Charles City County	1
Charlotte County	15
Craig County	1
Cumberland County	8
Dinwiddie County	10
Essex County	2
Fluvanna County	10
Franklin County	4
Giles County	1
Gloucester County	1
Goochland County	7
Grayson County	1
Greensville County	4
Halifax County	41
Hanover County	15
Highland County	1
Isle of Wight County	1
King and Queen County	9
King William County	7
Louisa County	15
Lunenburg County	4
Mathews County	20
Mecklenburg County	7
Middlesex County	1
Montgomery County	1
Nelson County	5
New Kent County	1
Northampton County	1
Nottoway County	10
Orange County	2
Patrick County	1
Pittsylvania County	18

County/City Name	Number of Calls
Powhatan County	1
Prince Edward County	4
Prince George County	1
Pulaski County	1
Richmond County	2
Rockbridge County	3
Shenandoah County	2
Smyth County	1
Southampton County	22
Spotsylvania County	2
Suffolk City	2
Sussex County	1
Virginia Beach City	1
Westmoreland County	5
Grand Total	298



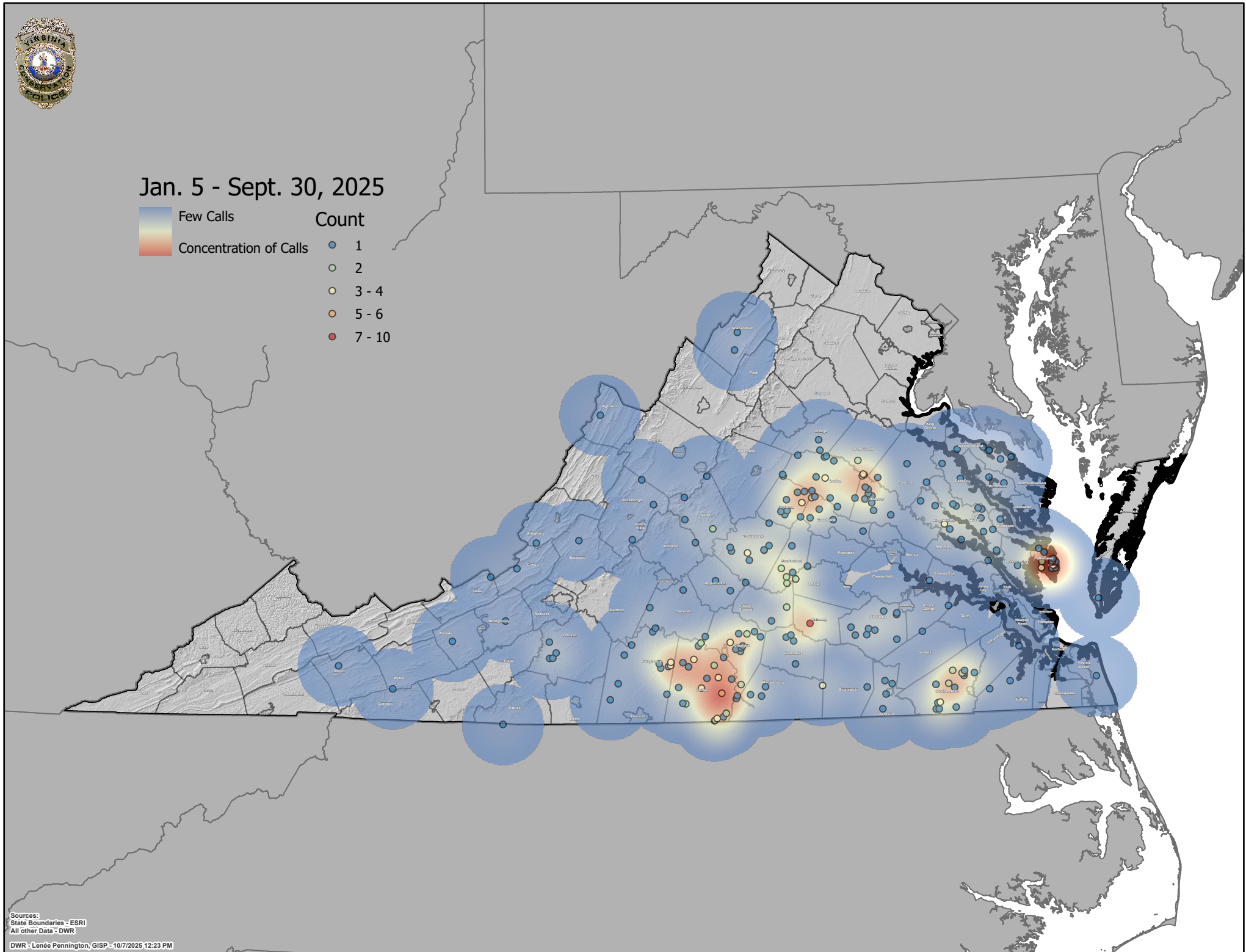
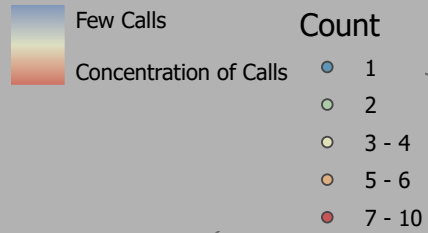
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Sources:
State Boundaries - ESRI
All other Data - DWR

DWR - Lenée Pennington, GISP - 10/7/2025 12:23 PM