

AGENDA

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

August 19, 2026

2:00 pm

OR

Following adjournment of the Finance Committee

Committee Members: Mr. Will Wampler, Chair, Mr. James Maclin, Vice Chair, Mr. Woody Woodall, Mr. Lynwood Broaddus, Mr. Michael Formica

DWR Staff Liaison: Colonel John Cobb

1. Call to Order and Welcome
Mr. Wampler
2. Approval of May 20, 2026, Meeting Minutes
Mr. Wampler
3. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item
Mr. Wampler
4. VCP Honor Guard Program
Senior Office James A. Hale
5. Law Enforcement Chief Update
Colonel John Cobb
6. Director's Report
Mr. Ryan Brown

Final Action

7. Chair's Report
Mr. Wampler
8. Additional Business/Comments
Mr. Wampler
9. Next Meeting Date: TBD
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 20, 2026
2:00 pm

Present: Mr. Will Wampler, **Chair**, Mr. James Edmunds and Mr. James Maclin; **Absent:** Mr. George Terwilliger and Mr. Michael Formica; **Board Members in attendance:** Mr. Lynwood Broaddus, Ms. Laura Walters, Mr. Woody Woodall, Mr. Jon Cooper, Ms. Marlee Dance; **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, Dr. Mike Bednarski, Ms. Rebecca Lane.

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 18, 2026, committee meeting. Mr. Edmunds made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2026, committee meeting. Mr. Maclin seconded the motion. Ayes: Wampler, Edmunds, Maclin

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

- Judge Carlton (P)
- Gary Kimberlin (V)

The Chair thanked our speakers for their comments.

Fleet Management: The Chair called on Mr. Jesse MacLelland for a presentation.

Mr. MacLelland gave a presentation on the Law Enforcement Fleet Management Program. He presented the behind the scenes look at each stage of the vehicle's lifecycle, from acquisition and upfitting to distribution, reallocation, and final teardown.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Jesse MacLelland for his presentation.

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

Colonel Cobb reported:

1. Leadership Work Session at Holiday Lake (Update)
 - Goal - Mission Success and Operational Improvement Team Survey
 - Defining Success for our Field Force
2. Second PBA Quarterly Meeting / Region Meetings (three of four completed)
 - Presented Next Step Solutions to our Field Force
3. SNHR / Public Safety & Law Enforcement Services Display (Update)
 - w/DCR and VMRC at First Landing State Park
4. National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial (two remaining fallen officers)
5. National Safe Boating Week / 6 Media Ride-alongs (through PIO Shelby Crouch)
6. Senior Officer Kevin Webb was honored as the NAWEOA Officer of the Year.

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. He shares concern with the Law budget and all the divisions and hopes the increases will come though to help some of the challenges.

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Director Brown for his report.

Chair's Report: Mr. Wampler reported he is concerned about the Law Enforcement budget and looks forward to working through this budget cycle.

The Chair asked if anyone had any other comments, he announced the next meeting will be Wednesday, August 19, 2026, and adjourned the meeting at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Frances Boswell



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Department of Wildlife Resources

David L. Bulova
Secretary of Natural
and Historic Resources

Ryan J. Brown
Executive Director

To: Members of the Board

From: Major Ryan M. Shuler 

Date: August 19, 2026

Subject: LE Committee Report on Hound Hunting Related Data

This memorandum provides an overview of hound-hunting-related data collected by the Law Enforcement Division between January 4, 2026, and July 31, 2026.

The attachments are as follows:

- Hound Call-for-Service Workflow
- HDOGS & HVDOGS Call-for-Service Counts by Jurisdiction
- HDOGS Complaint Data Overview
- HVDOGS Complaint Data Overview
- Map – Call by County
- Map – Hot Spot

HDOGS Incident Code (No Violation of Law): This call type will be used when the complaint does not involve a violation of the law, such as hunting dogs running at large on private property.

HVDOGS Incident Code (Violation of Law): This call type will be used when a hunting-related violation involving a hunting dog is reported. An example would be a hunter retrieving his dog while carrying a firearm on prohibited property.

Complaint Data:

- DWR received a total of 1745 hunting-related complaints from 01/04/2026 to 07/31/2026
 - Complaints without a violation (HDOGS): 177
 - Species reported being chased were deer: 45
 - Species reported being chased were bear: 1
 - Involved dogs running across property w/o permission: 165
 - Complaints with a violation (HVDOG) Complaints: 24
 - Species reported being chased were deer: 4
 - Species reported being chased were bear: 3
 - Involved dogs running across property w/o permission: 11

2025		2026	
Total Hunting CFS	1523	Total Hunting CFS	1745
HDOGS (no violation)	159	HDOGS (no violation)	177
HVDOGS (violation)	35	HVDOGS (violation)	24

*The table displays the YOY difference for the same time period.

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



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Hound Hunting Complaint Call for Service and Case Reporting Workflow

Step 1. Complaint Received

A complaint involving a hunting dog is received by:

- Communications Center
- Conservation Police Officer directly

Result: A Call for Service (CFS) must be created for ALL complaints involving hunting dogs.

Step 2: Determine the Incident Code

Is a violation of the law being reported?

A. NO violation reported

- Examples:
 - Dogs running across property where they are not welcome
 - Hunter retrieving their dog on foot and not carrying a weapon (Right-To-Retrieve)
- Action: Use Incident Code: HDOGS

B. YES, a violation of the law is reported

- Examples:
 - Person(s) retrieving dogs on prohibited property while carrying a firearm
 - Tracking collar was removed from a hunting dog without the permission of the dog's owner
- Action: Use Incident Code: HVDOGS

C. Complaint involves a dog but is not related to hunting

- Examples:
 - Dog running at large on public or private property
 - General dog complaint
- Action: Use Incident Code: OMDOGS

Step 3: Hound Hunting Form Requirement

For the following incident codes: HDOGS and HVDOGS

- Action Required:
 - The Hound Hunting Form must be completed.

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- When completing the form, all applicable categories in the call for service type dropdown must be selected (See the table below).

Step 4: Handling HDOGS and HVDOGS CFS

A. If the caller DOES NOT request officer contact

- Dispatcher will:
 - Add the Hound Hunting Form
 - Complete required fields
 - Save and close the CFS

B. If the caller DOES request officer contact

- The CPO will:
 - Contact the complainant
 - Respond to the scene if needed
 - Add the Hound Hunting Form to the CFS
 - Complete required fields
 - Save and close the CFS
 - Create a case report regardless of whether enforcement action was taken (HVDOGS only)

Call for Service Type table:

Call For Service Type	
01 Dogs running across prohibited property (no violation of law)	
02 Dog retrieval (no violation)	
03 Dog retrieval with firearm or vehicle	
04 Trespass to hunt with dog(s)	
05 Dog hunting closed season (running dogs outside season)	
06 Dog traffic (hunters parking in road right-of-way, reckless driving ect.)	
07 Dog injury (shot, caught in a trap)	
08 Dogs bait (release dogs on a baited site)	
09 Dogs chasing/injuring livestock	
10 Dogs ID Tag (hunting dogs without collar/tag)	
11 Dog theft (stolen dog)	
12 Dog collar theft (take collar off of dog)	
13 Hunting Accident while Hunting with Dog(s)	
14 No Violation / Dogs on Permitted Property	

January 4 – July 31, 2026 HDOGS & HVDOGS Call Counts

County/City Name	Number of Calls
Albemarle County	2
Amelia County	5
Appomattox County	1
Augusta County	1
Bath County	2
Bland County	1
Brunswick County	1
Buchanan County	2
Buckingham County	6
Campbell County	4
Caroline County	5
Charles City County	1
Charlotte County	9
Chesterfield County	1
Culpeper County	2
Cumberland County	3
Dickenson County	1
Dinwiddie County	1
Fluvanna County	8
Franklin County	1
Gloucester County	2
Goochland County	2
Greene County	3
Greensville County	2
Halifax County	33
Hanover County	10
James City County	1
King and Queen County	5
King William County	1
Lancaster County	1
Louisa County	6
Lunenburg County	13
Madison County	1
Mathews County	12
Mecklenburg County	4
Nelson County	2
Northumberland County	2
Nottoway County	5
Orange County	2
Pittsylvania County	5
Prince Edward County	10
Prince George County	1
Richmond County	1
Rockbridge County	1
Rockingham County	1
Scott County	4
Smyth County	1

County/City Name	Number of Calls
Southampton County	10
Spotsylvania County	1
Sussex County	1
Washington County	1

HDOGS Data (No Violations) – January 4, 2026, through July 31, 2026

177 HDOGS complaints received during this period

**CPO/dispatcher select all that apply to each complaint for type and game. Due to this, the call for service type number and game type number can be larger than the total number of calls

Call For Service Type	Total	Game Type	Total	Retrieval Related	Total
01 Dogs running across prohibited property (no violation of law)	165	Big Game - Bear	1	Yes	13
02 Dog retrieval (no violation)	5	Big Game - Deer	45	No	139
03 Dog retrieval with firearm or vehicle	2	Big Game - Elk	0	Unknown	25
04 Trespass to hunt with dog(s)	0	Big Game - Turkey	0	Grand Total	177
05 Dog hunting closed season (running dogs outside season)	5	Migratory - Other	0		
06 Dog traffic (hunters parking in road right-of-way, reckless driving ect.)	2	Migratory - Waterfowl	0		
07 Dog injury (shot, caught in a trap)	0	Non-Game	1	Permitted Field Trials	Total
08 Dogs bait (release dogs on a baited site)	0	Protected Federal	0	Yes	7
09 Dogs chasing/injuring livestock	2	Small Game - Coyote/Fox	16	No	137
10 Dogs ID Tag (hunting dogs without collar/tag)	1	Small Game - Fowl/Preserve	0	Unknown	33
11 Dog theft (stolen dog)	0	Small Game - Non-Migratory Birds	0	Grand Total	177
12 Dog collar theft (take collar off of dog)	0	Small Game - Other	1		
13 Hunting Accident while Hunting with Dog(s)	0	Small Game - Quail	0		
14 No Violation / Dogs on Permitted Property	5	Small Game - Rabbit	6	How Reported	Total
Grand Totals	187	Small Game - Raccoon	5	APHIS	2
		Small Game - Squirrel	0	Crimeline	94
		Threatened and Endangered Species	0	Officer	9
		Unknown	107	Other	0
		Grand Total	182	Park/DWR Office	2
				Phone	46
				SO/PD	11
				TIP 411	12
				Unknown	1
				Grand Total	177

HVDOGS Data (Violations) – January 4, 2026, through July 31, 2026

24 HVDOGS complaints received during this period

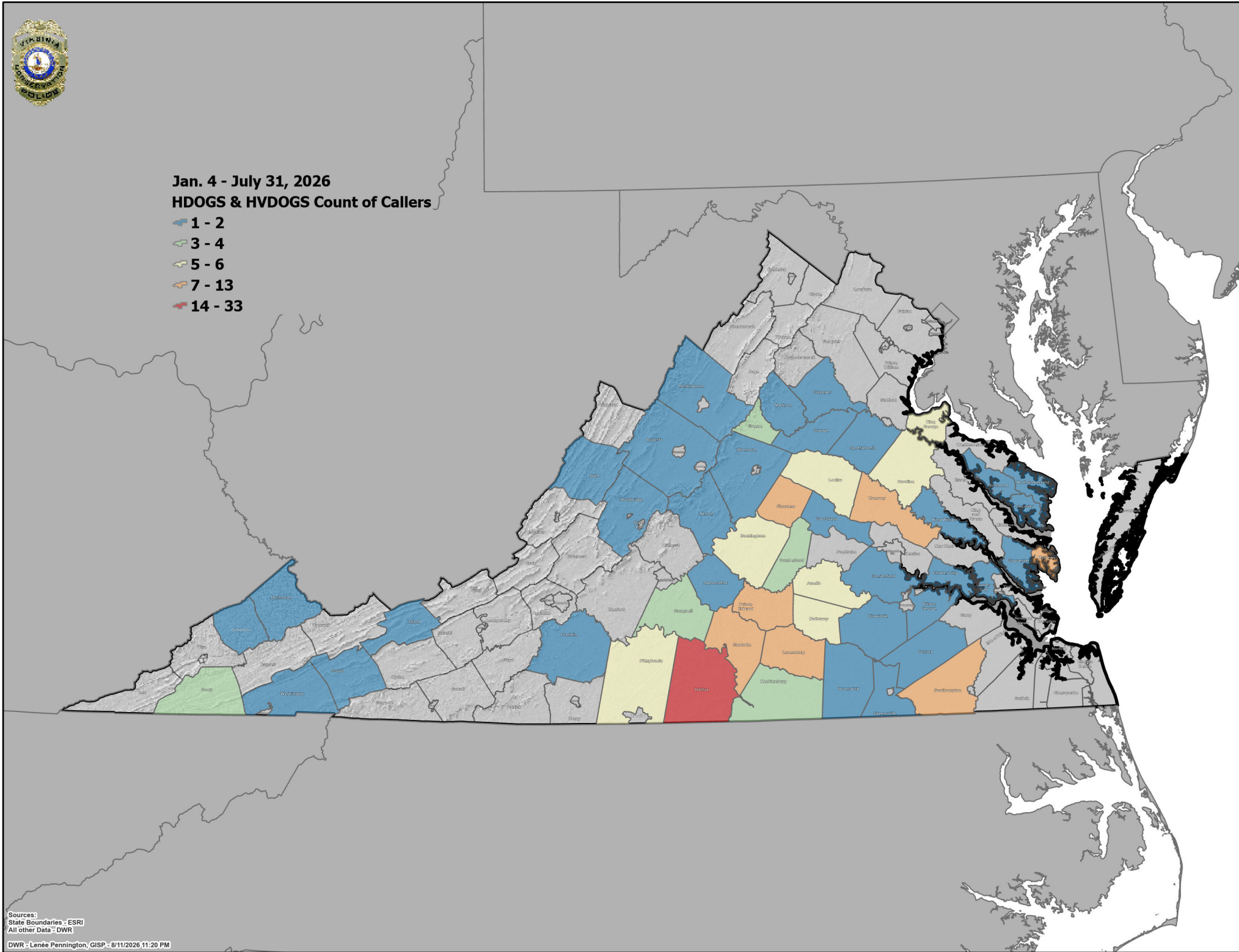
**CPO/dispatcher select all that apply to each complaint for type and game. Due to this, the call for service type number and game type number can be larger than the total number of calls

Call For Service Type	Total	Game Type	Total	Retrieval Related	Total
01 Dogs running across prohibited property (no violation of law)	11	Big Game - Bear	3	Yes	8
02 Dog retrieval (no violation)	3	Big Game - Deer	4	No	14
03 Dog retrieval with firearm or vehicle	5	Big Game - Elk	0	Unknown	2
04 Trespass to hunt with dog(s)	3	Big Game - Turkey	0	Grand Total	24
05 Dog hunting closed season (running dogs outside season)	7	Migratory - Other	0		
06 Dog traffic (hunters parking in road right-of-way, reckless driving ect.)	0	Migratory - Waterfowl	0		
07 Dog injury (shot, caught in a trap)	0	Non-Game	0	Permitted Field Trials	Total
08 Dogs bait (release dogs on a baited site)	0	Protected Federal	0	Yes	2
09 Dogs chasing/injuring livestock	0	Small Game - Coyote/Fox	2	No	20
10 Dogs ID Tag (hunting dogs without collar/tag)	0	Small Game - Fowl/Preserve	0	Unknown	2
11 Dog theft (stolen dog)	1	Small Game - Non-Migratory Birds	0	Grand Total	24
12 Dog collar theft (take collar off of dog)	1	Small Game - Other	0		
13 Hunting Accident while Hunting with Dog(s)	0	Small Game - Quail	0		
14 No Violation / Dogs on Permitted Property	2	Small Game - Rabbit	0	How Reported	Total
Grand Totals	33	Small Game - Raccoon	7	APHIS	0
		Small Game - Squirrel	0	Crimeline	4
		Threatened and Endangered Species	0	Officer	9
		Unknown	9	Other	0
		Grand Total	25	Park/DWR Office	3
				Phone	4
				SO/PD	3
				TIP 411	1
				Unknown	0
				Grand Total	24



Jan. 4 - July 31, 2026
HDOGS & HVDOGS Count of Callers

- 1 - 2
- 3 - 4
- 5 - 6
- 7 - 13
- 14 - 33





Jan. 4 - July 31, 2026

HDOGS & HVDogs Count of Callers

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 - 5
- 6 - 7

Few Calls
Concentration of Calls

