

AGENDA

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

March 18, 2026

2:00 pm

OR

Following adjournment of the Finance Committee

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

DWR Staff Liaison: Colonel John Cobb

1. Call to Order and Welcome
Mr. Wampler
2. Approval of January 21, 2026, Meeting Minutes
Mr. Wampler
3. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item
Mr. Wampler
4. 15th Basic Academy Recruit Introductions
First Sergeant Amanda Nevel
5. VCP Roadmap – Project Completion
Captain Rob Ham
6. Law Enforcement Chief Update
Colonel John Cobb

Final Action

7. Director's Report
Mr. Ryan Brown
8. Chair's Report
Mr. Wampler
9. Additional Business/Comments
Mr. Wampler
10. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2026
Mr. Wampler
11. Adjournment
Mr. Wampler

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

January 21, 2026
2:30 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. Bob Smet, Ms. Rebecca Lane.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:30 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 October 22, 2025, committee meeting. Mr. Edmunds made a motion to approve the October 22, 2025, committee meeting. Mr. Maclin seconded the motion. Ayes: Wampler, Edmunds, Terwilliger, Maclin, Formica

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

- Mr. Gary Kimberlin spoke regarding Interpretation of laws (virtual)
- Mr. Judge Charlton spoke regarding hound hunting (virtual)

The Chair thanked our speakers for their comments.

Law Enforcement Training Overview: The Chair called on Captain Jody Blackwell for a presentation.

Captain Blackwell gave a presentation on the Law Enforcement Training.

Mr. Tim Wyatt with Criminal Justice Services presented Colonel Cobb and Captain Blackwell a Certificate for Law Enforcement Re-Certification of Law Enforcement Accreditation.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Captain Blackwell for his presentation.

Update on Recruitment and Hiring Process: The Chair called on Captain Kopelove for an Update.

Captain Kopelove gave an Update on the Recruitment and Hiring Process.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Captain Kopelove for his Update.

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

Colonel Cobb reported:

1. Governor's Inauguration Security Team – 12 members
2. Requested Vacancy Map, including pending transfers
3. Virginia Conservation Police PBA Board Meeting (followed by quarterly meetings)
4. Leadership Workshop at Holiday Lake (March 24 to 26)
 - Team Survey - Improve Organizational Efficiency and Effectiveness
5. National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial approved for inclusion our last two remaining fallen officers, which will be formally dedicated on May 13, 2026
6. 8th Annual VCP Awards Ceremony on March 18 (Committee Day)
7. Wildlife Crime Watch Trailer coming along well

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.

- Director Brown gave an observation on the supporting data you received on the Law Enforcement Management System – It wasn't set up for a complaint system, it is a system for one purpose, and we are trying to use for another purpose and digest the information we best we can.

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

Chair's Report: Mr. Wampler reported:

- Thanked all the CPO's and Administrative staff for all the work they do.
- In reaching out to CPO's in the field, a lot of positive feed back and positive morale
- Captain Blackwell tremendous feedback on Training
- Mentioned a lot of vacant counties we need to work on
- Fleet mileage is high on older vehicles at this time

The Chair asked if anyone had any other comments and hearing none, he announced the next meeting will be March 18, 2026, and adjourned the meeting at 3:30 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: March 18, 2026
Subject: LE Committee Report on Hound Hunting Related Data

This memorandum provides an overall summary of hound hunting–related data collected by the Law Enforcement Division between January 4, 2026, and February 28, 2026.

Based on the input received, we have added additional attachments to this memorandum. The attachments are as follows:

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

HDOGS Incident Code: 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: 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 690 hunting-related complaints from 01/04/2026 to 02/28/2026
 - HDOG Complaints: 75
 - Species reported being chased were deer: 22
 - Species reported being chased were bear: 1
 - Involved dogs running across property w/o permission: 72
 - HVDOG Complaints: 6
 - Species reported being chased were deer: 1
 - Species reported being chased were bear: 2
 - Involved dogs running across property w/o permission: 2

2025		2026	
Total Hunting CFS	608	Total Hunting CFS	690
HDOGS	72	HDOGS	75
HVDOGS	12	HVDOGS	6

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

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



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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

HDOGS & HVDOGS Call Counts by Jurisdiction

January 4, 2026 – February 28, 2026

County	Count
Amelia County	3
Augusta County	1
Buchanan County	1
Caroline County	3
Charles City County	1
Charlotte County	2
Culpeper County	1
Cumberland County	3
Dinwiddie County	1
Fluvanna County	2
Gloucester County	1
Greene County	2
Halifax County	12
Hanover County	4
James City County	1
King and Queen County	3
King William County	1
Lancaster County	1
Lunenburg County	3
Madison County	1
Mathews County	6
Nelson County	1
Northumberland County	2
Nottoway County	3
Orange County	2
Pittsylvania County	4
Prince Edward County	8
Prince George County	1
Richmond County	1
Rockingham County	1
Scott County	1
Southampton County	3
Sussex County	1

HDOGS Data - January 4, 2026 through February 28, 2026

75 HDOGS complaints received during this period of time

**CPO/dispatcher select all that apply to each complaint for type and game

Call For Service Type	Total
01 Dogs running across prohibited property (no violation of law)	72
02 Dog retrieval (no violation)	0
03 Dog retrieval with firearm or vehicle	0
04 Trespass to hunt with dog(s)	0
05 Dog hunting closed season (running dogs outside season)	0
06 Dog traffic (hunters parking in road right-of-way, reckless driving ect.)	1
07 Dog injury (shot, caught in a trap)	0
08 Dogs bait (release dogs on a baited site)	0
09 Dogs chasing/injuring livestock	1
10 Dogs ID Tag (hunting dogs without collar/tag)	0
11 Dog theft (stolen dog)	0
12 Dog collar theft (take collar off of dog)	0
13 Hunting Accident while Hunting with Dog(s)	0
14 No Violation / Dogs on Permitted Property	2
Grand Totals	76

Game Type	Total
Big Game - Bear	1
Big Game - Deer	22
Big Game - Elk	0
Big Game - Turkey	0
Migratory - Other	0
Migratory - Waterfowl	0
Non-Game	0
Protected Federal	0
Small Game - Coyote/Fox	8
Small Game - Fowl/Preserve	0
Small Game - Non-Migratory Birds	0
Small Game - Other	1
Small Game - Quail	0
Small Game - Rabbit	5
Small Game - Raccoon	1
Small Game - Squirrel	0
Threatened and Endangered Species	0
Unknown	42
Grand Total	80

Retrieval Related	Total
Yes	0
No	64
Unknown	11
Grand Total	75

Permitted Field Trials	Total
Yes	1
No	58
Unknown	16
Grand Total	75

How Reported	Total
APHIS	0
Crimeline	40
Officer	6
Other	1
Park/DWR Office	0
Phone	18
SO/PD	3
TIP 411	6
Unknown	1
Grand Total	75

HVDOGS Data - January 4, 2026 through February 28, 2026

6 HVDOGS complaints received during this period of time

**CPO/dispatcher select all that apply to each complaint for type and game

Call For Service Type	Total
01 Dogs running across prohibited property (no violation of law)	2
02 Dog retrieval (no violation)	2
03 Dog retrieval with firearm or vehicle	3
04 Trespass to hunt with dog(s)	1
05 Dog hunting closed season (running dogs outside season)	1
06 Dog traffic (hunters parking in road right-of-way, reckless driving ect.)	0
07 Dog injury (shot, caught in a trap)	0
08 Dogs bait (release dogs on a baited site)	0
09 Dogs chasing/injuring livestock	0
10 Dogs ID Tag (hunting dogs without collar/tag)	0
11 Dog theft (stolen dog)	1
12 Dog collar theft (take collar off of dog)	1
13 Hunting Accident while Hunting with Dog(s)	0
14 No Violation / Dogs on Permitted Property	0
Grand Totals	11

Game Type	Total
Big Game - Bear	2
Big Game - Deer	1
Big Game - Elk	0
Big Game - Turkey	0
Migratory - Other	0
Migratory - Waterfowl	0
Non-Game	0
Protected Federal	0
Small Game - Coyote/Fox	0
Small Game - Fowl/Preserve	0
Small Game - Non-Migratory Birds	0
Small Game - Other	0
Small Game - Quail	0
Small Game - Rabbit	0
Small Game - Raccoon	2
Small Game - Squirrel	0
Threatened and Endangered Species	0
Unknown	2
Grand Total	7

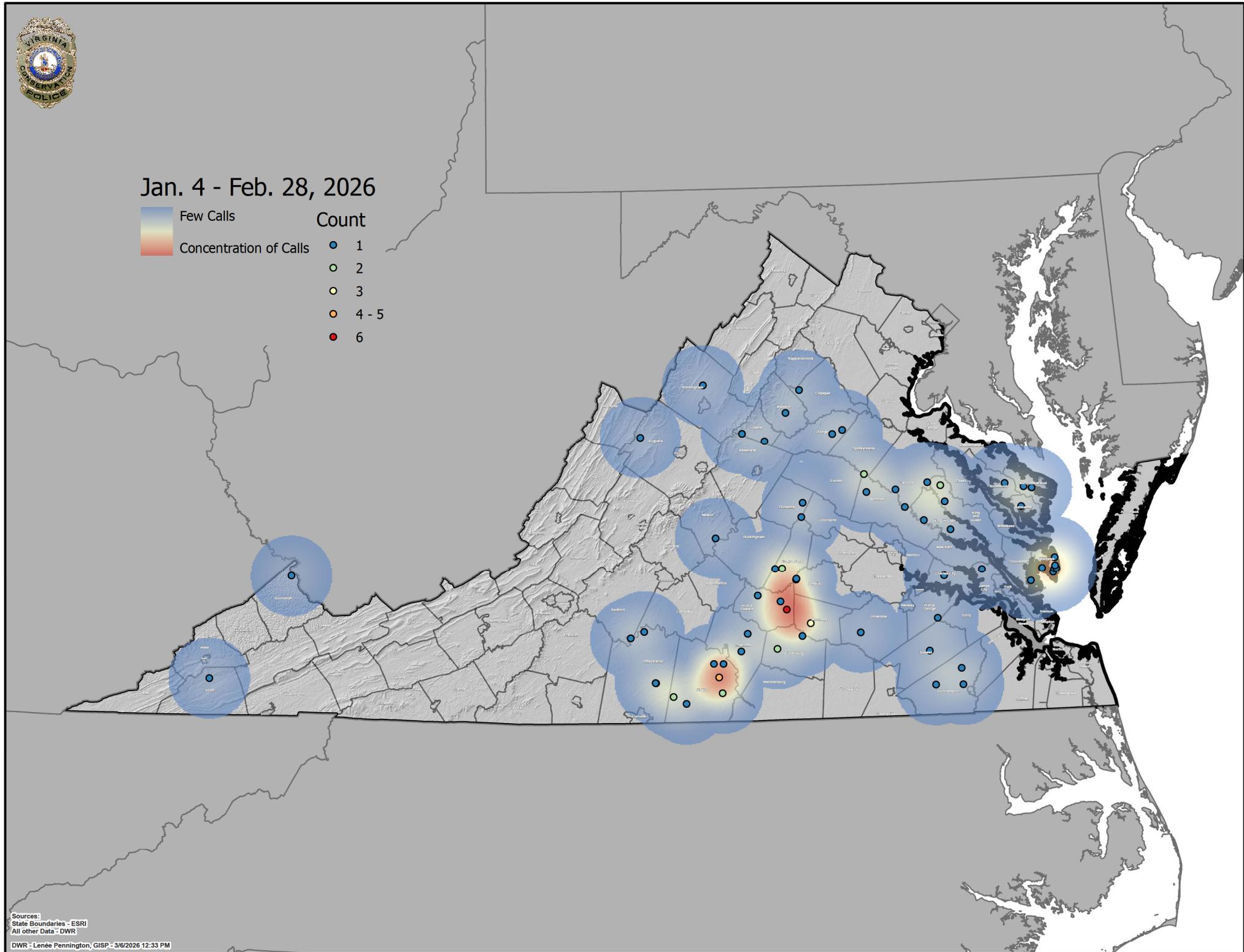
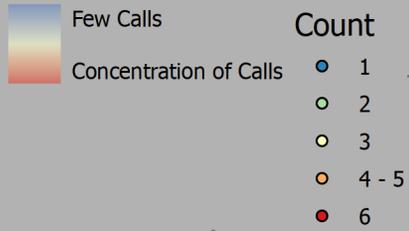
Retrieval Related	Total
Yes	5
No	1
Unknown	0
Grand Total	6

Permitted Field Trials	Total
Yes	1
No	4
Unknown	1
Grand Total	6

How Reported	Total
APHIS	0
Crimeline	0
Officer	2
Other	0
Park/DWR Office	0
Phone	1
SO/PD	2
TIP 411	1
Unknown	0
Grand Total	6



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Sources:
State Boundaries - ESRI
All other Data - DWR
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