



**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**  
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WESTMINSTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

October 4, 2024

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **This Week in Rec: An Update from Recreation Director Herb Poole**

- Basketball registration will open in the coming weeks.
- Westminster will host the Oconee County 8U and 10U and 6U City Soccer Tournaments on the week of October 14.
- Both scoreboards at Yusef's Field are now in operation, thanks to the hard work of the Utility Department.
- The concession stand and restrooms at Yusef's Fields are near ready.
- The Recreation Department fed lunch three days for the youth of the community during the days following Hurricane Helene. Lunches were provided by community donations.
- The Recreation Department is planning to feed 50 kids a day over Fall Break.
- Westminster is hosting a travel baseball tournament this weekend. Westminster is hosting in light of other Upstate facilities being unavailable due to damage to Hurricane Helene.

### **USDA-RD Water System Projects**

Two contractors are being utilized to install the water system improvements funded by the USDA-RD. Both contractors are complete.

### **Miscellaneous Utility Projects**

- SCIIP SEWER: McClam and Associates have begun clearing and staking the project site.
- Heirloom Farms Sewer: Construction on the Sewer system at Heirloom Farms Subdivision (S. Seed Farm Road and HWY 11) has been delayed.
- James Street Water Improvements: City staff have identified areas of James Street as an area of potential water line improvements and will present improvement options for City Council's consideration at the coming City Council meetings.
- Long Creek Highway Chauga River Bridge Water Lines: The collapsing bridge on HWY 76 has City of Westminster Water Lines attached to it. The Utility Department is currently working on bypassing the water lines attached to the bridge. The City will share additional details as available.

### **Oconee Economic Alliance**

The Oconee Economic Alliance Board of Directors met on October 4, 2024. The agenda is attached.

### **Westminster Police Department**

The Monthly Chief’s Report is attached.

**Westminster Planning Commission**

Nothing to report.

**OJRSA**

The OJRSA Board of Commissioners will meet on Monday, October 7, at 4:00pm. The agenda will be made available before the meeting time here: <https://www.ojrsa.org/public-info-archives/>

**PMPA**

Nothing to report.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

October 7, 2024 at 4:00 pm OJRSA Board Meeting at OJRSA

**October 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm Westminster City Council Meeting at the Westminster Fire Department**

October 16, 2024 at 8:30 am Operations & Planning Committee at OJRSA

October 21 at 6:00pm Westminster Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall

October 23-25, 2024 at PMPA Board Retreat in Flat Rock, NC – in lieu of a Board Meeting

**City Council Meeting Schedule**

October 8, 2024	6:00 PM	December 10, 2024	6:00 PM
November 12, 2024	6:00 PM		

**Special Events Calendar**

**October 11-12, 2024 South Carolina Bigfoot Festival – Downtown Westminster**

*(Squatch Themed Festival activities in Downtown Westminster)*

**October 26, 2024 Music on Main- Downtown Westminster**

*(3-5pm car show; 5-9pm free concert on Main Street)*

**October 31, 2024 Boo on Main - Downtown Westminster**

*(5-7pm on Main Street, The City Police Department will provide candy and deliver with downtown businesses. The flyer is attached.)*

**December 6, 2024 – Westminster Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting**

*(more details to come, rain makeup scheduled for December 13)*



# **OCONEE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE**

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, USA

## **Board of Directors Meeting October 4, 2024**

- I. WELCOME**
- II. INVOCATION**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH OEA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER**
- V. ACTION ITEM RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- VI. AUGUST 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT**
- VII. INQUIRIES, LEADS, PROJECTS AND WINS**
- VIII. BUSINESS RETENTION AND ENGAGEMENT (BRE)**
- IX. MARKETING AND OPERATIONS**
- X. BOARD DISCUSSION**
- XI. ADJOURN**



# Westminster Chief of Police Monthly Report

## September 2024

Offenses/Incident Reports	25
Vehicle Accidents	10
Use of Force Incidents	0
DUI	0
Arrests	9
Citations Issued	39
Warnings Issued	53
Traffic Stops	100
Security Checks	310
Total Calls	514
Training Hours	0

**09/01** WMPD responded to 205 N Hampton about a disturbance taking place there. No arrest made

**09/01** WMPD conducted a traffic stop on a possible DUI driver. The driver was very elderly and was escorted back to his residence. The vehicle was left in a store parking lot for family members to pick up later that day.

**09/01** Several traffic stops were conducted due to it being Labor Day weekend. Several warnings and tickets were issued.

**09/02** WMPD responded to the intersection of West Main and Lucky St about an overturned chicken truck.

**09/03** Capt. Pope responded to 205 N. Hampton St. reference to a Petit larceny. The male subject was arrested and charged with Petit Larceny Enhanced and drug charges.

**09/03** Officer T. Price was dispatched to the Subway restaurant located at 1009 E Main St in the city limits of Westminster about a scam

09/03 Lt. Merck took a report from city hall about counterfeit money they received as payment on an account.

09/04 Demo for new software (Smart Cop)

09/04 WMPD investigated a Larceny that occurred at Dollar General on Longcreek Hwy.

09/05 WMPD started preparing for the Apple Festival

09/06 APPLE FESTIVAL

09/06 WMPD responded to an alleged sexual assault that occurred at Burger King

09/06 WPMD responded to a harassment complaint that took place at Ingles

09/07 APPLE FESTIVAL

9/06-07 WMPD along with FD responded to a lot of medical calls at the festival nothing major.

09/07 Sgt. Lunz took a report for assault and battery at the rodeo. The complainant signed a complaint withdrawal.

09/07 WMPD responded to a shots fired call in the area of Highland and Johnson St

09/09 Lt. Merck took another complaint about another sexual assault that took place at Burger King. Inv. is ongoing

09/10 FRANKLYN JONES

09/10 Council Meeting

09/11 Crime Stoppers Golf Tournament

09/11 FRANKLYN JONES was arrested

09/12 Lt. Merck received another complaint about a manager at Burger King touching women in a sexual nature.

09/12 Captain Pope, met with the complainant/victim at the PD (106 E Windsor St.) inside the city limits of Westminster about a harassment

09/13 Lt. Merck responded to a hit and run that occurred on Hwy 24

09/16 Franklyn Jones Again

09/17 Franklyn Jones Again

09/17 Ofc. T. Price was dispatched to 103 James St in Westminster City limits for a reported cardiac arrest.

09/17 Sgt. Lunz conducted a traffic stop where the driver was arrested for numerous charges

09/18 WMPD responded to the residence on Lakeside Dr. after the family reported finding what appeared to be bullet holes in their deceased family father's home.

09/18 Sgt Lunz responded to possible cardiac arrest on Oak St. After EMS arrived and transported the patient it was discovered the caller had active warrants out of Anderson County. The female caller was arrested and transported to jail.

09/20 Sgt Lunz conducted a traffic stop and the driver was arrested for no SCDL

09/23 Officer Price worked a hit-and-run at Yousef's parking lot. Investigations continue

09/23 Sgt Lunz conducted a traffic stop and the driver was arrested for no SCDL

09/25 units with the Westminster Police Department were dispatched to 214 Walhalla St in Westminster City limits about a reported runaway juvenile.

09/30 Sgt. Lunz met with the complainant Jurgen Chillian at the Westminster Police Department about a larceny that had occurred on his property located at 676 Mimosa Rd.

## Updates from the Chief to the Council

09/16 We are happy to welcome new employee Trevor Osterbrink to the WMPD family. He will attend the Criminal Justice Academy in the next couple of months.

09/16 Crime Stoppers awards banquet... **Congrats to Sgt. Andrew Lunz for being named Officer of the Year 2024 for WMPD**

09/17 For those that haven't heard K9 Officer Tyler Price and Capt. Caitlin Pope resigned effective 09/26/2024 to pursue better opportunities. This puts the department short on officers for the time being, but not on the **QUALITY** of service, we will continue to provide to the citizens of Westminster. K9 Rigo will remain with the department as we search for a new handler.

09/18 10 people were interviewed for open positions within the Police Department. Several are going through the background phase.

09/26-29 I attended the South Carolina Police Chief Conference in Myrtle Beach. A lot of knowledge was gained to help strengthen and update the department soon.

09/26 Lt. Merek, Sgt. Lunz and WMPD officers did an amazing job during the hurricane that hit our city.

Chief of Police

THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

BOO!



**DRESS-UP AND TRICK-OR-TREAT**  
**BOO! ON MAIN**

**31  
OCT**

**MAIN STREET**

**DOWNTOWN WESTMINSTER**

**5:00-7:00PM**

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