



OCONEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Corporal Lucas Watts

November 16, 2023 14:19

For the first time in the history of the Oconee County Sheriff's Office the words "shots fired, officer down" were heard. During a traffic stop, Corporal Lucas Watts and several other officers were fired upon by a suspect; Corporal Watts received a gunshot wound to the head. Due to the quick response and critical decisions made by fellow officers on the scene, the medical team that cared for him, the prayers of many, the love of his wife and family and God's miraculous blessing, Lucas survived what doctors believed to be a "non-survivable injury". Lucas is continuing to heal and recover and we ask that you continue to pray for him and his family.



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MESSAGE FROM OUR SHERIFF

The Oconee County Sheriff's Office is proud to present the 2023 Annual Report. This report is a summary of the activity and programs that occurred during the 2023 calendar year.

The Sheriff's Office is committed to making our county a safer place to live, work and play. We strive to be compassionate and responsive to the needs of our citizens by providing professional law enforcement services. Our overall goal is to provide a protective environment while preserving the quality of life we have all grown to enjoy in Oconee County, South Carolina. Our Sheriff's Office is fortunate to have a dedicated group of men and women who are up to the challenge; and come together in a concerted effort to ensure the safety and well-being every individual in our County.

I invite you to become involved with the Sheriff's Office in order to continue forging a strong cooperative partnership that is built upon the characteristics of mutual respect and trust. No law enforcement agency can solve crime or quality of life issues alone. Effective community/police relationships, communication and engagement are critical components of our success. We strive to continue building partnerships with our citizens that promotes public safety for everyone.

I, along with every employee of the Sheriff's Office appreciate the opportunity to serve the citizens and visitors of Oconee County. We thank you for your support and encouragement for Corporal Lucas Watts as well as all of our staff as we strive to continue serving and protecting

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael Crenshaw

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Sheriff



Our Mission Statement

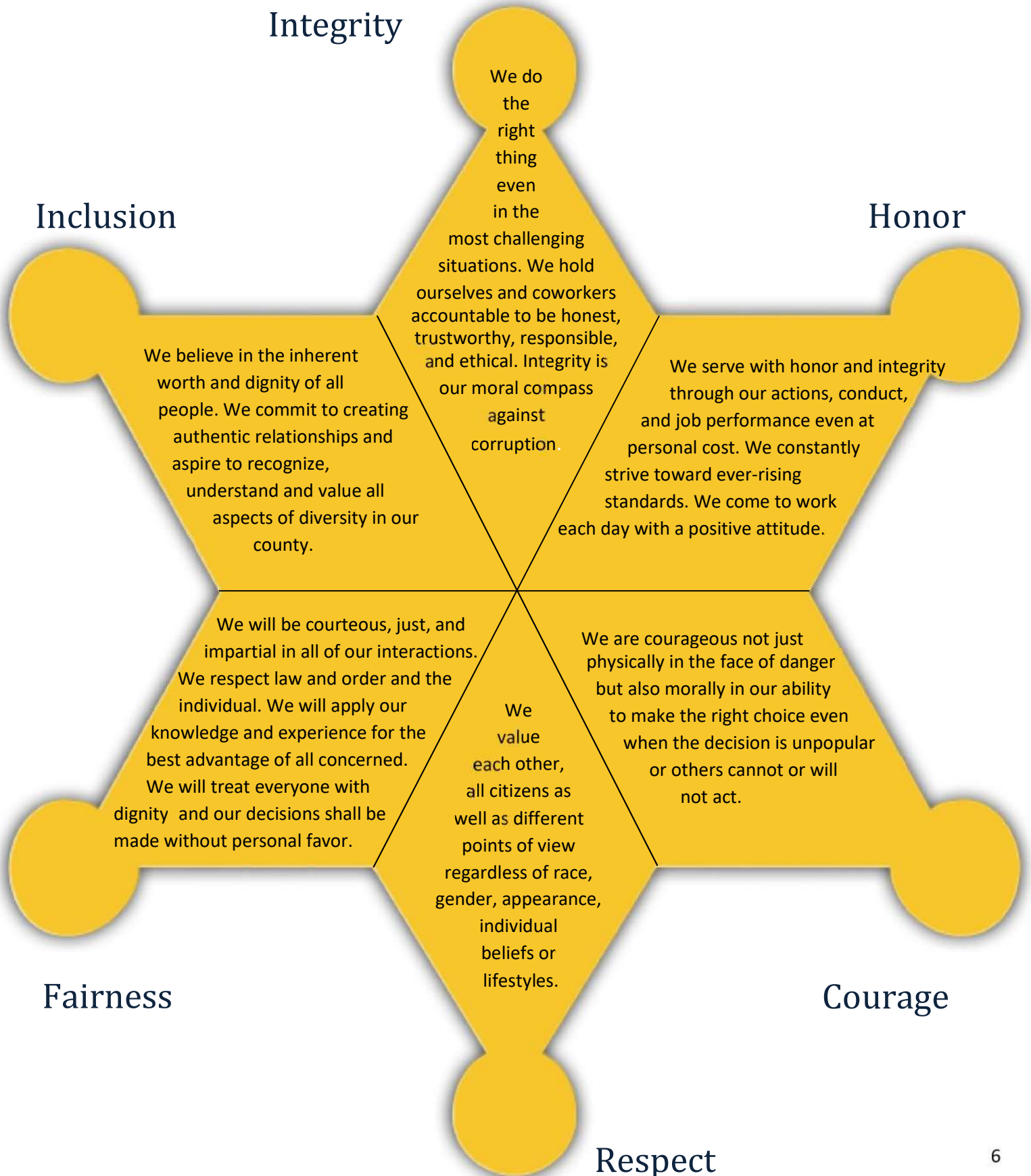
The men and women of the Sheriff's Office are committed to making Oconee County a safer place to live, work, and play. All members of our agency will employ effective Community Policing strategies, with a focus on solving problems that lead to crime³ in our neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces. We will strive to improve the quality of life for all of our citizens. This mission will be accomplished by building a partnership with the community we serve, maintaining high standards of accountability, and proactively but fairly enforcing our laws. We are dedicated to building a strong Oconee by being united with our community.



Our Vision Statement

Building partnerships to promote a safer community.

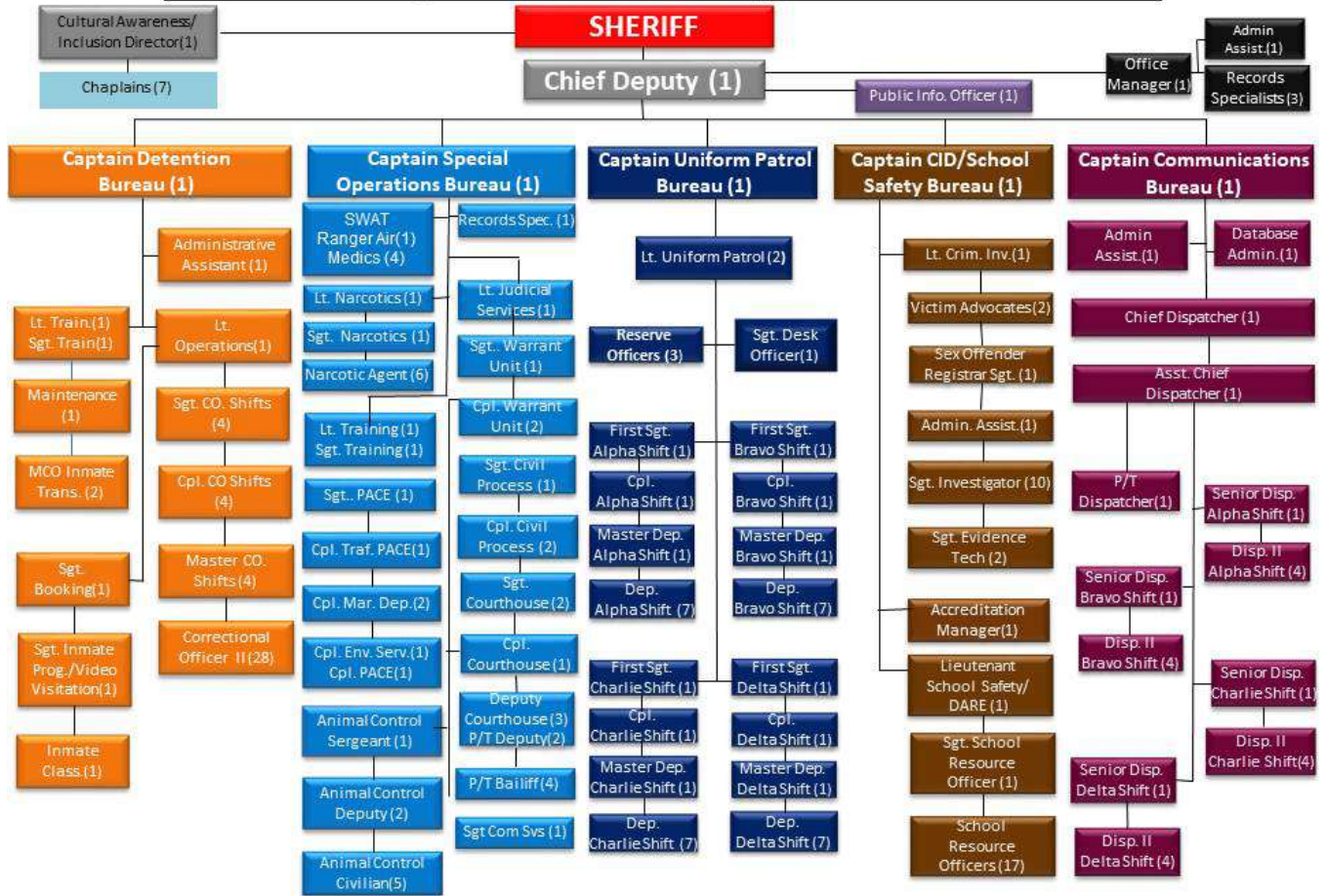
Our Core Values



Major Highlights for 2023

- *Completed the South Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation Program in November 2023. (Expected Accreditation date is March of 2024)*
- *Installed Firearm Safes in all Oconee County Schools*
- *Completed a Full Scale Active Shooter Training Exercise with other local law enforcement and first responder agencies to include family re-unification.*
- *Updated recording capabilities within interview rooms in the Criminal Investigations Bureau*
- *Assumed School Resource Officer responsibility for the Walhalla Middle School - All School Resource Officers in Oconee County Schools are Sheriff's Deputies.*
- *Communications upgrades to our E-911 Center*
- *Expanded D.A.R.E. Program into some Middle Schools*
- *Created partnerships with area Secondary Education Providers to offer more affordable and available education opportunities for our staff members.*
- *Expanded UAS (Drone) program by adding additional drones as well as additional licensed pilots.*
- *Hosted Annual Boys Leadership Camp and Girl's Empowerment Camp.*
- *Tri- County Technical College began coming into the Oconee County Detention Center to offer classes to some of our inmate population.*

Oconee County Sheriff's Office Organizational Chart 2024



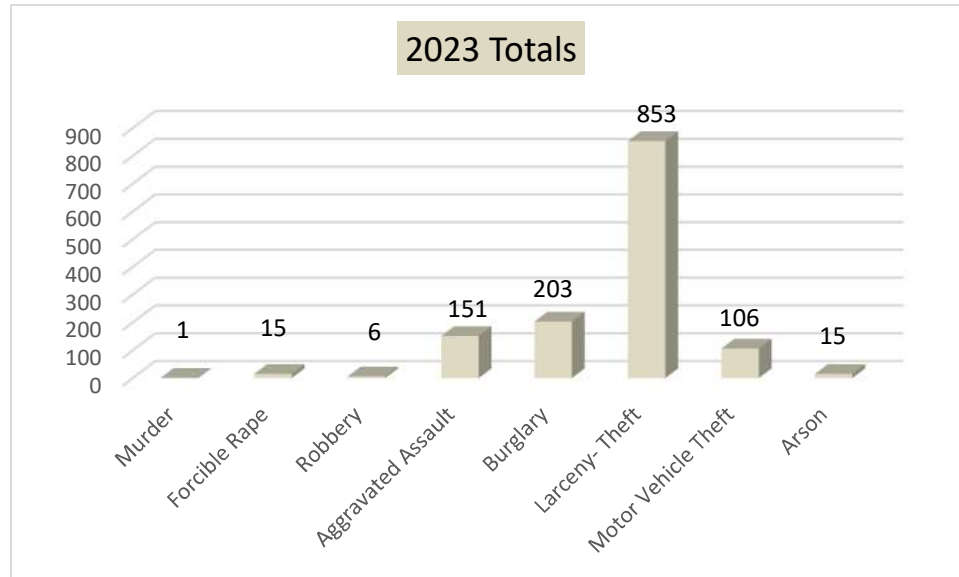
Certified Full Time Deputies	118	Full-time Dispatchers	22
Certified Part Time Deputies	8	Part Time Dispatcher	1
Full Time Civilian Staff	18	Part Time Civilian Staff	5
Certified Detention Officers	48	Sheriff	1

When fully staffed the Sheriff's Office as 220 total paid employees of which 14 are part-time. Our agency is seventy percent (68%) males and thirty percent (32%) females. Which is a 2% increase in female staff members compared to 2022.

The average age of the Road Patrol Deputy is 31.4 years old.

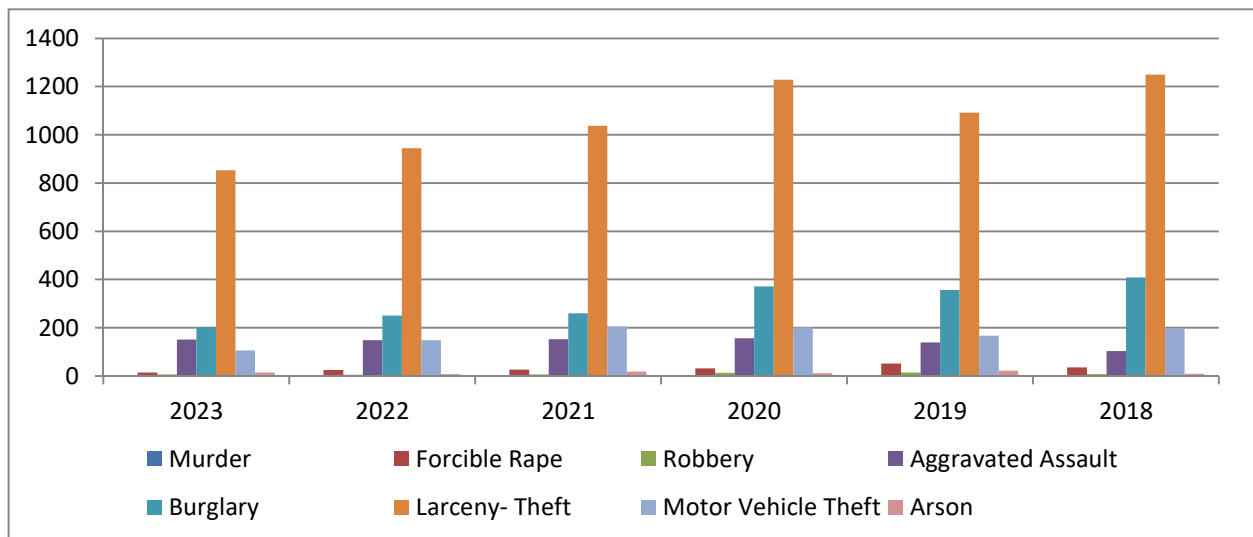
Total staff including reserves, chaplains and pilot is 229 when fully staffed.

CRIME STATISTICS



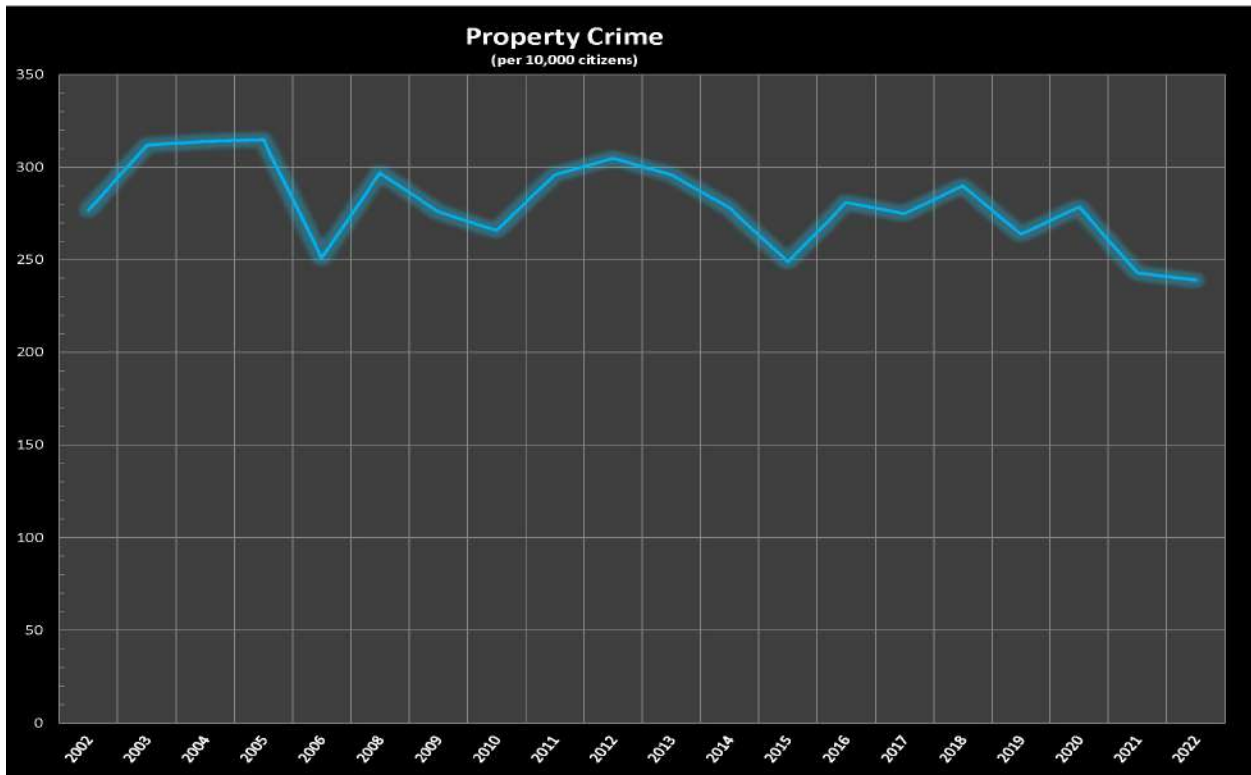
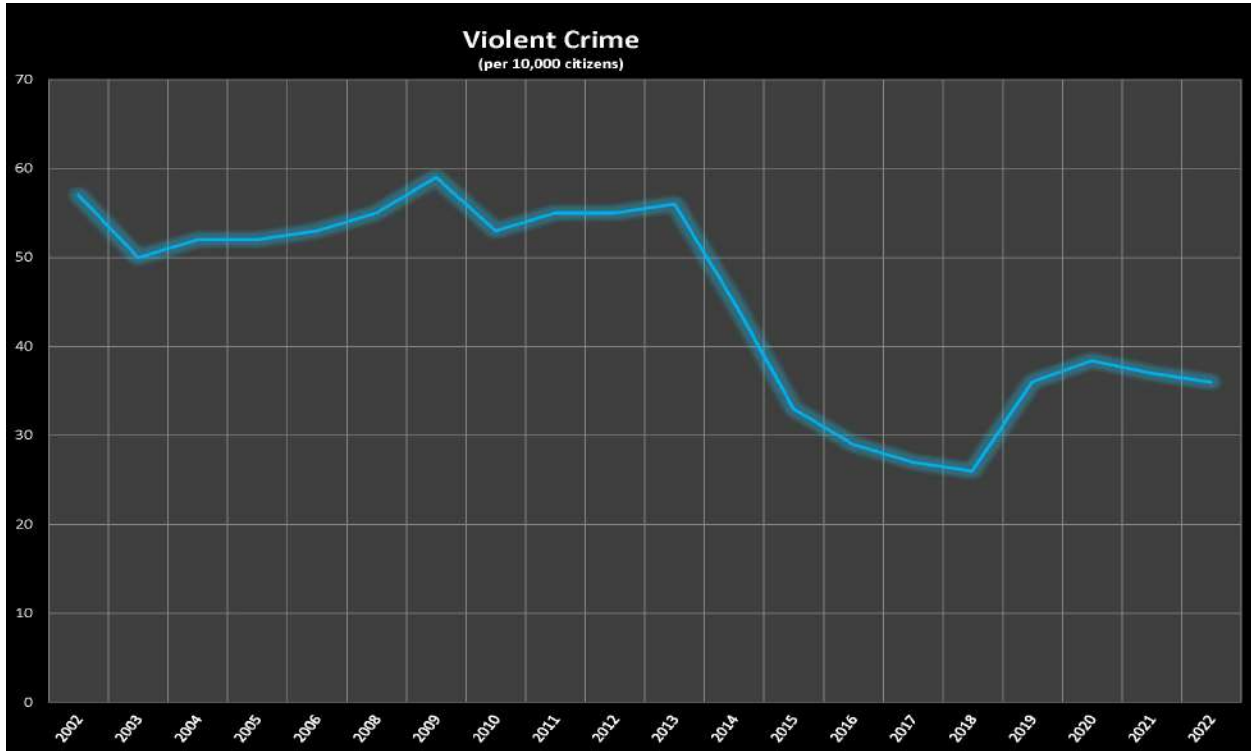
The Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) is the official data on crime known to law enforcement in the US, published by the FBI. Part I index crimes are the eight (8) most serious crimes reported.

(Motor vehicle thefts include reported thefts of mopeds due to UCR reporting requirements.)



*See Statistical Tables at the end of this report for more information concerning Part I Crimes.

Historical Data on Violent Crimes and Property Crimes in Oconee County



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU

The Criminal Investigation Bureau has a Captain and a Lieutenant, along with nine (9) full time criminal investigators, two (2) Victim Advocates, one (1) Sex Offender Registrar, one (1) records specialist and two (2) full time evidence technicians.

2023 Totals

Cases Assigned	1358
Charges Filed	309
Cases Cleared by Exception	38
Cases Unfounded	144
Forensic Crime Scenes Processed	70
Number of items entered into evidence	1180



MISSING PERSONS UNIT

In 2023, deputies responded to 307 calls for service for “missing persons”, which resulted in 103 cases. All persons reported as missing in Oconee County in 2023 have been located. Missing person calls for service also include runaways and elderly dementia patients.

The five people pictured below remain unfound and are still active investigations. These missing persons remain featured on the Crime Stoppers of Oconee County SC website.



Sheila Caver
Missing Since 1998



Faith Roach
Missing Since 2019



Laura Anders
Missing Since 2019



MISSING
Joshua Scott Ivester
MISSING SINCE 02-15-2021



MISSING
Jimmy Whitfield
MISSING SINCE 03-07-1987
CRIME STOPPERS
OF OCONEE COUNTY SC
Call 1-888-CRIME-SC

UNSOLVED CASES UNIT

Deputies, along with other experts, are taking a fresh look at the unsolved cases of the Sheriff's Office. Cases are generally considered a "cold case" after one year, but they are never far from the minds of the deputies involved in searching for the answers needed for these victims and their families.

Many suspects and witnesses to these crimes are now incarcerated for other crimes or deceased. If you have any information regarding any unsolved cases in Oconee County you are encouraged to reach out to law enforcement to share this information. Many people may feel that the information they heard or may know about is not important. However, many times, that bit of information combined with other bits of information that law enforcement may have enables law enforcement to solve a case.

Please call the Oconee County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Unit at 864-718-1052 or if you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers of Oconee County Inc. using the P3 App on your iOS or Android device, by visiting www.oconeescrimestoppers.com or by calling 1-888-CRIME-SC.



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UNSOLVED CASE VICTIMS



Stacy Brook Holsonback
Manual Strangulation
Feb. 20, 1997



Bruce Gaines Marrett
Beaten/Bludgened to
Death June 28, 2002



Francis Earle
Found dead in her home
July 12, 2009



James "Bunk" Carver
Beaten to Death
May 11, 2010



Tucker Hipps
Found in Lake Hartwell
September 22, 2014



Charles "Tubby" Raines
Shot to Death
August 29, 2002



Adan Delgado Villa
Shot to Death
Left in trunk of car
July 7, 2003

**IF YOU KNOW
SOMETHING
SAY
SOMETHING!!**

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

At the end of 2023 Oconee County had 227 Sex Offenders listed as living in Oconee County. These offenders are required to register with the Sex Offender Registrar periodically throughout the year. The compliance rate is 98%; meanings that 222 of the 227 required registrants are in compliance with their registry requirements. The Sex Offender Registrar Deputy issued five (5) warrants for the non-compliant individuals.

A printed Sex Offender Register report is issued annually and available to the public. Search for sex offenders that live, work, or attend school with a 1-,2-, or 3- mile radius of a specific address or within a specific zip code by visiting:

www.oconee.scor.sled.sc.gov/GeographicalSearch.aspx



SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY HOURS

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

10:00AM-12:00PM

THURSDAY

1:00PM-4:00PM

The sex offender Registrar is required to verify address, phone numbers, vehicles, work place, any social media account and new piercings or tattoos at each visit; along with taking a current photo.

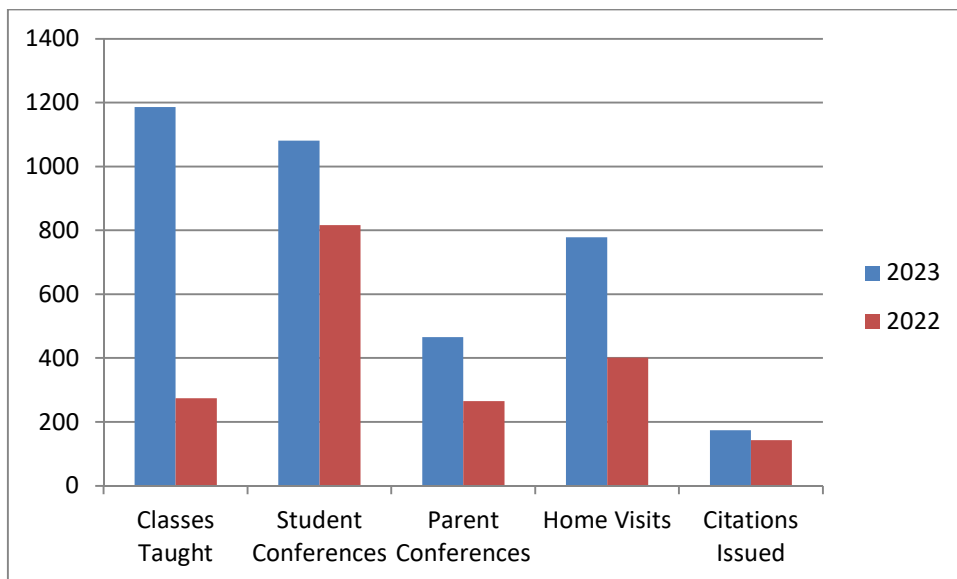
- ✓ Tier III offenders must register every ninety (90) days.
- ✓ Tier II offenders must register every six (6) months.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

There are eighteen (18) School Resource Officers in Oconee County. Every school in Oconee County is assigned a school resource officer, all of which are Oconee County Sheriff Deputies. Seven (7) officers are Certified DARE Instructors. There was a large increase in the number of conferences, home visits and citations issued in 2023. Vapes and THC Gummies being brought into the schools continue to be a growing issue within our schools.

2023 Total

Classes Taught	1186
Student Conferences	1081
Parent Conferences	466
Home Visits	778
Citations Issued	174



VICTIM ADVOCATES

The Sheriff's Office has two (2) Victim Advocate Deputies. These deputies interact with victims of crime and support them throughout the criminal justice process. These deputies also serve the victims of crimes that occur within the city limits of Walhalla, Westminster, West Union and Salem.



2023 Total	
Cases Assigned	1080
Order of Protection	25
Courtroom Accompaniments	208
Safe Harbor Transports	11

Sully joined the Victim Advocates in October 2023 due to a generous donation from Honey Heart Kennels of Seneca. Sully is a Golden Doodle and will be trained as a therapy K-9 officer.



These deputies facilitate the Project Lifesaver program which supports “at risk” adults and children prone to the life-threatening behavior of wandering and children diagnosed with autism or Downs Syndrome. This service is supported by donations provided by Pilot Club of Walhalla. There are nine (9) citizens participating in Project Lifesaver. Victim Advocate Deputies met with participants 111 times throughout the year for wellness check and battery changes.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Special Operations Bureau includes several specialized teams within the Sheriff's Office. These specialized teams support operations not only within the Sheriff's Office but also other law enforcement agencies at the local, state, national and international levels.

Special Operations is led by a Captain and two (2) Lieutenants. This is down one Lieutenant from 2022, There was some restructuring of bureau assignments in 2023 and one Lieutenant position was reassigned to Road Patrol.

S.W.A.T.

Civil

Narcotics

Marine

Courthouse Security

Warrants

Aviation

Environmental Services

Community Services

L.E.A.D.(Training)

Animal Control

K-9

Traffic/Interdiction

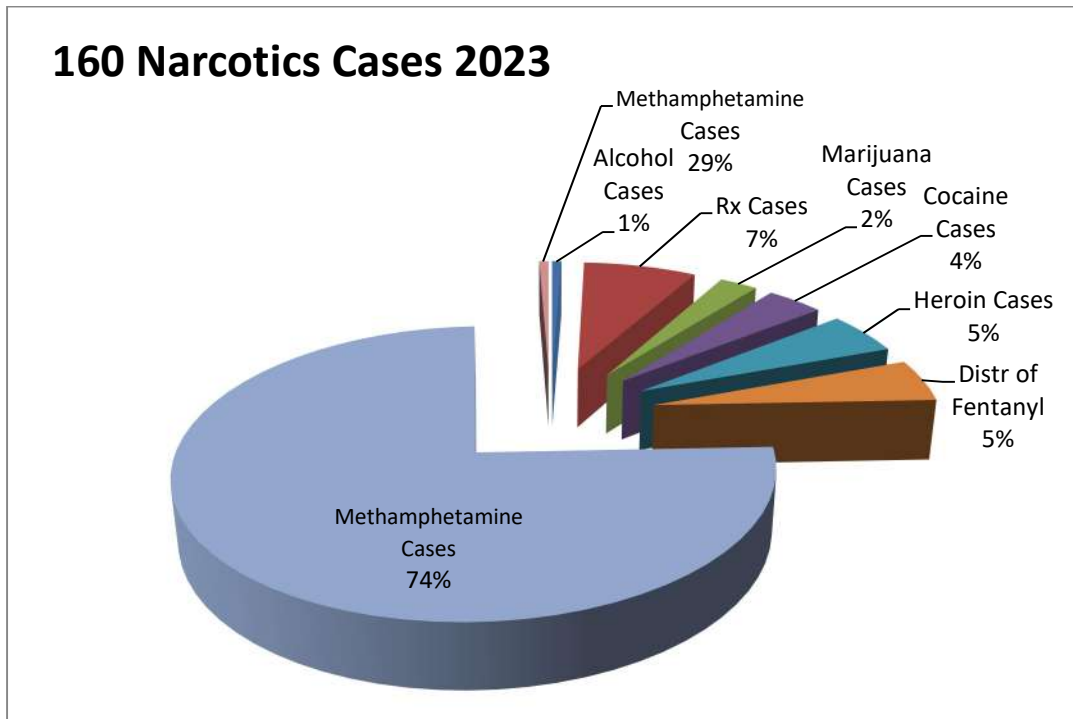
The S.W.A.T unit at the Sheriff's Office is currently comprised of thirty-three (33) current deputies, which consists of thirty one (31) males and two (2) females. This includes (1) medics and a one (1) doctor that serve as part-time deputies when the team is activated. The medical members regularly train with our law enforcement team members. Six members of the team are trained Negotiators.

The S. W. A. T. team participated in 2,260 specialized training hours in 2023.

In 2023, the S.W. A. T. team had six (6) activations which include high-risk search warrants and assisting other agencies.



NARCOTICS UNIT



These numbers only reflect cases made by the Narcotics Unit. They do not include cases made by the Uniform Patrol Unit and other units within the Sheriff's Office.

2023	
Alcohol Cases	1
Rx Cases	12
Marijuana Cases	4
Cocaine Cases	6
Heroin Cases	8
Distribution of Fentanyl	8
Methamphetamine Cases	120
Other (firearms, unlawful neglect, Etc.)	1

During 2023, there were 13 drug overdose deaths. These were investigated by the Criminal Investigations Bureau.

In conjunction with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Oconee County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit periodically hosts National Prescription Drug Take Back events. During these Drug Take Back Days, temporary drug collection sites are set up in throughout the county for the safe disposal of prescription drugs. There were two (2) Drug Take Back events during 2023 and three (3) additional local take back events. There are receptacles located in the lobby of the Oconee County Law Enforcement Center and at the Oconee County Government Office located at 415 S Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691 for safe disposal of prescription drugs at any time.

**396.3 POUNDS OF UNUSED
PRESCRIPTIONS WERE
COLLECTED IN 2023**

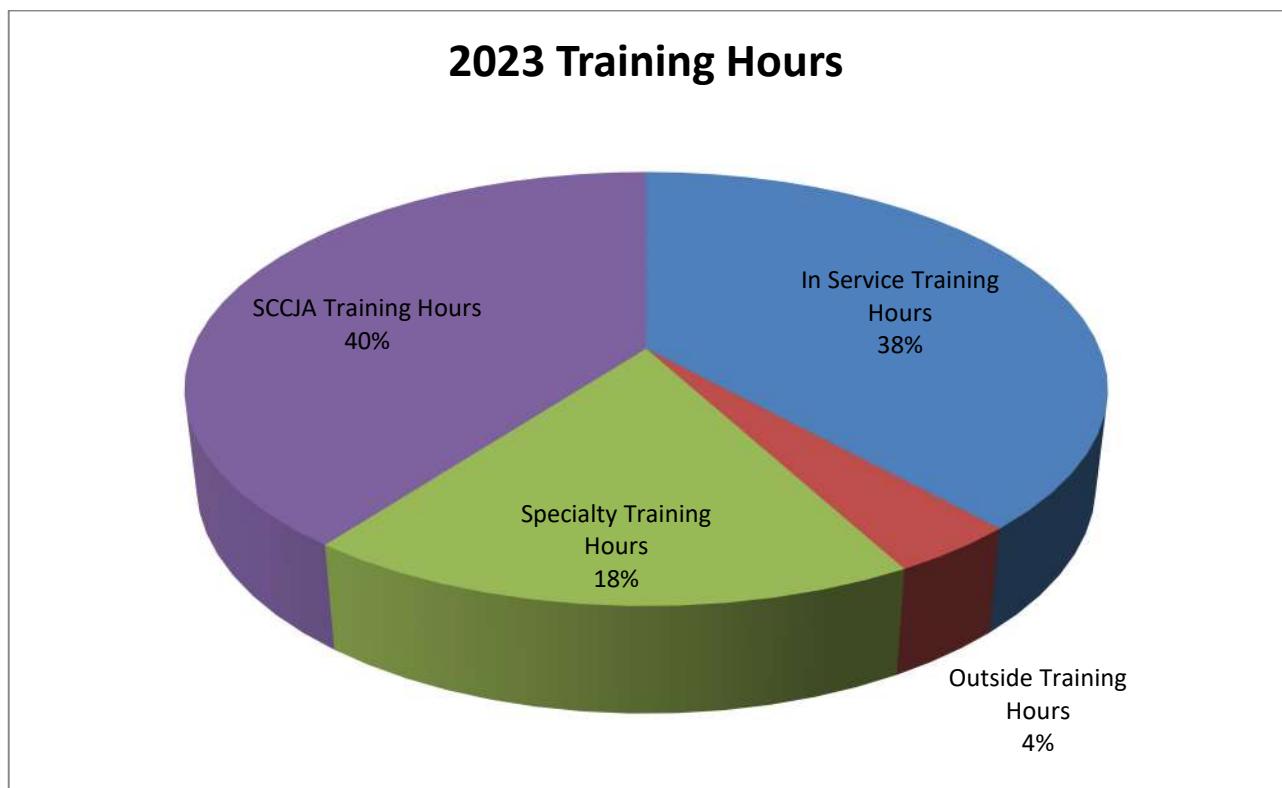


L. E. A. D.

Leadership, Education and Development Unit

The Leadership, Education and Development Unit is responsible for providing our deputies with the most current and applicable policing practices through in-service and other organizational advanced training, providing our deputies with the essential physical and mental tools to serve our community.

2023 Training	
In Service Training Hours	4,752.5
Outside Training Hours	475.5
Specialty Training Hours	2,259.35
SCCJA Training Hours	4,930
Total Training Hours	12,417.5



P. A. C. E.

Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement Unit focuses on high crime areas, interdiction and traffic related complaints.

Traffic Violations		Other Violations	
DUI	4	Stolen Vehicle	2
Open Container	22	Fugitive Arrest	37
Poss. Alcohol by Minor	0	Felony Arrest	15
Vehicle License Violation	105	Seized Money Value	\$3,097
Seat Belt Violation/Child Rest.	21	Seizures	14
Speeding	211	Weapons Violation	30
Fail to Yield Right of Way	1	Assist Other Units	250
Resisting Arrest	2	Road Checks	100
Failure to Stop	8	Traffic Stops	1466
DUS	110	Citations	843
Improper Lane Change	7	Warnings	1144
Driver's License Violations	90	K-9 Searches	88
Disregarding Stop Sign	12	Drug Cases	
Reckless Driving	11	Marijuana	12
Operating Uninsured	77	Heroin	4
Equipment Violation	8	Methamphetamine	23
Driving Left of Center	2	Cocaine/Crack Cocaine	2
Following too Close	1	RX	5
Other Violations	118	Other	0

These numbers only reflect traffic stops made by the P.A.C.E. Team. They do not include Violations and traffic stops made by the Uniform Patrol Unit and other units within the Sheriff's Office.

The drug cases only reflect cases made by the P.A.C.E. Team. They do not include cases made by the Narcotics unit and other bureaus within the Sheriff's Office.

MARINE UNIT

The Marine Unit patrols Lake Keowee, Lake Hartwell and Lake Jocassee on a full-time basis May through the Labor Day weekend and as needed the remainder of the year. These deputies patrolled approximately 2,462 miles of shoreline in 2023.

Marine Unit	
Drug Cases	1
Alcohol Cases	43
Shoreline Mileage	2,462
Vessel Stops/Inspections	112
Arrest	2
Special Events	22
Contacts	3,891
Citations	101
Engine Hours	204



AVIATION UNIT

The Aviation Unit includes a helicopter and eight (8) Unmanned Aircraft Systems also known as “drones” of various sizes and uses.

The helicopter is used for training, search and rescue missions and patrol missions. The Sheriff’s Office has three (3) helicopter pilots.

The drones are often used to search for missing individuals. In 2023, the Sheriff’s Foundation received a donation of an underwater drone from Airworx Unmanned Solutions located in Piedmont, SC.

The underwater drone became part of the Missing Persons Unit of the Criminal Investigations Bureau. During 2023, four (4) additional members of the agency received their Part 107 Drone Pilot License from the FAA. The Sheriff’s Office has seven (7) licensed drone pilots.



(L-R) Stephen Baxley, Founder and CEO of Airworx, Cpt. Jimmy Dixon, Sheriff Mike Crenshaw, Oconee County Emergency Services Dive Team Members Scott Smith and Dan Picotte.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Environmental Control is comprised of two deputies who investigate both littering and illegal dumping operations. In 2023, county inmates under the supervision of the litter officers picked up 77,820 pounds of litter across Oconee County. Only “sentenced inmates” can be used for litter pickup. The detention center averages housing only twenty three (23) sentenced inmates annually. Inmates awaiting trial cannot be used for litter pickup.

These cases and citation numbers represent numbers made by Environmental Control Unit only; they do not reflect cases made by the Uniform Patrol Unit or other bureaus of the Sheriff's Office.

Environmental Control	
Calls for Service	181
Investigations	18
T.E.L.L. Kobie Cases	16
Citations	23
Warnings	0
Inmate Pickups	92
# Bags Collected	3,765
Weight	77,820
Total Miles	151
Total Inmate Hours	560



Sgt. Charles Mulwee and Corporal Isaiah Yoder

K-9 OPERATIONS

The Sheriff's Office currently has four K-9 deputies. The deputies that serve as handlers of these K-9 deputies are responsible for their K-9 partners twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The K-9 deputies and their handlers completed 837 hours of training in 2023 in tracking, article searches, narcotic and explosive detection. These training hours were in addition to the annual law enforcement training hours required by all deputies. K-9 deputies conducted eighty eight (88) calls for service in 2023.

Sadly, we lost two of our K-9s during 2023. Argo and Farrah were a huge part of our agency.



ARGO

End of Watch
05/16/2023



FARRAH

End of Watch
07/15/2023

JUDICIAL SERVICES UNIT

The Judicial Services Unit encompasses the Warrant Unit, Court House Security, and Civil Process Unit.

- The Warrant Unit served 1,578 warrants in 2023.
- The Civil Processes Unit served 3,200 papers in 2023.
- Evictions accounted for 302 of the papers served in 2023.
- The Court House Security Team screened the 44,238 visitors that entered the Oconee County Courthouse in 2023. They transported 938 inmates to Court and also transported 37 inmates out of the county.
- The Family Court Deputy served 636 papers in 2023; this is a 22.5% increase over the 519 papers served in 2022.

The Judicial Services Unit has been awarded a matching grant in the approximate amount of \$146,000.00 for security upgrades at the Courthouse. These funds will be used to upgrade and add additional cameras to the existing camera system and to add fencing around portions of the Courthouse grounds. This grant required a 10% match of Oconee County funding. The facilitation of this grant is planned for 2024.



UNIFORM PATROL BUREAU

The Uniform Patrol Bureau consists of an average of forty (40) active patrol deputies, one desk sergeant, two (2) lieutenants and a captain. This number varied throughout the year due to new positions, those at the SC Criminal Justice Academy and vacant positions not filled. The Patrol Captain also oversees two (2) reserve deputies and the Oconee County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard.

2023

Total Reports by Agency	6,219
Total Arrests by Agency	1,767
Total Warning Tickets by Agency	3,354
Total Uniform Traffic Citations by Agency	2,466
Total Traffic Stops by Agency	3,697

The 6,219 reports taken by the agency in 2023 represents an increase of 134 over the previous year. Patrol deputies conducted 3,697 traffic stops and issued 3,354 warning tickets and/or 2,466 uniform citations, which includes some criminal offenses such as shoplifting (58), public disorderly conduct (152) and trespassing (44).

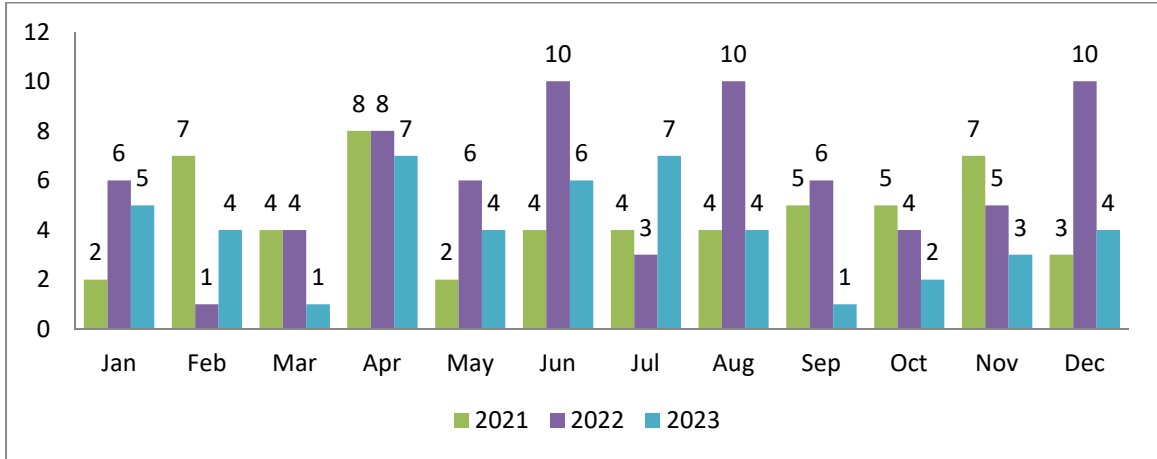
The Uniform Patrol Bureau made two hundred forty (240) narcotics cases for the year. These numbers are based on the seizure of methamphetamine, marijuana, heroin, crack, cocaine and pills that fall with-in the controlled schedules 1-4. Uniform patrol deputies also seized a total of thirty-six (36) firearms, twenty-seven (27) pistols, six (6) rifles and three (3) shotguns during 2023. Deputies also recovered ten (10) stolen firearms.

The two (2) reserve deputies worked a total of five hundred six (506) hours, saving Oconee County approximately \$11,653.



VEHICLE PURSUITS

Vehicle Pursuits for the period
January through December 2021-2023

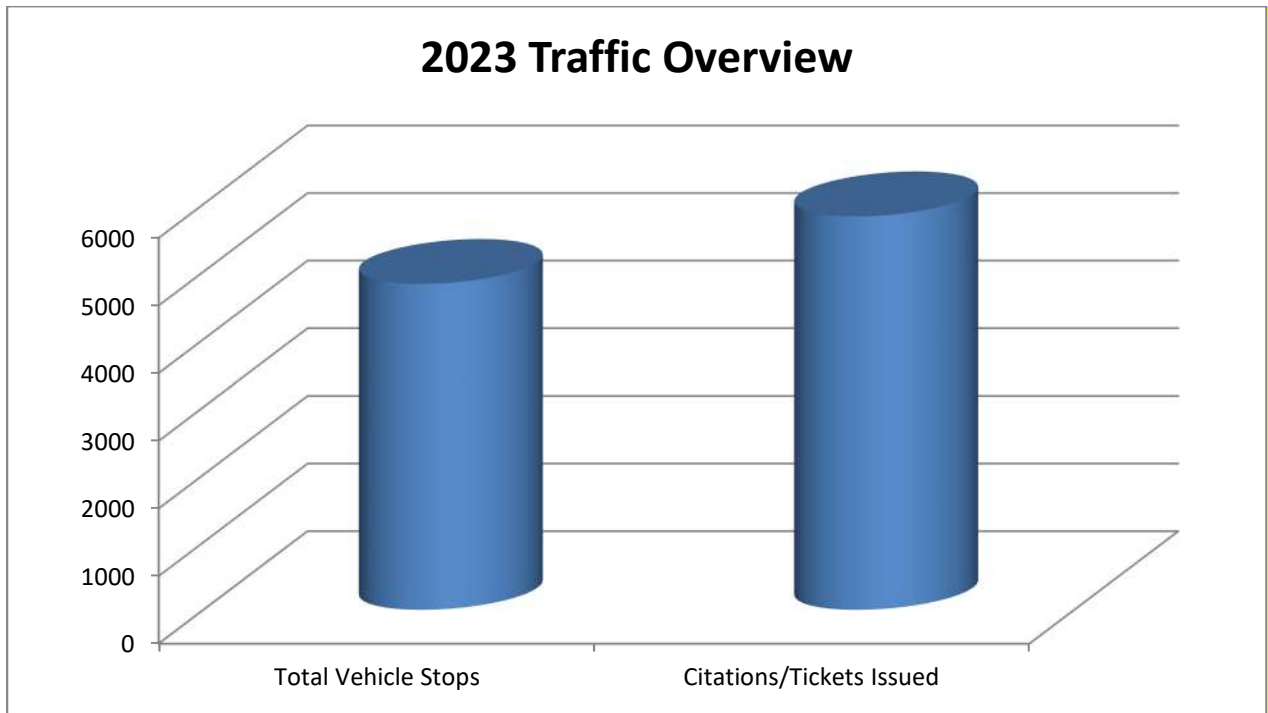


The Oconee County Sheriff’s Office was involved in forty eight (48) vehicle pursuits in 2021, compared to seventy three (73) vehicle pursuits in 2022. Of these forty eight (48) pursuits, eighty five (85%) or forty-one (41) of these suspects were apprehended at the end of the pursuit, one (1) of the suspects was able to be identified and was later arrested on a warrant for an overall eighty eight percent (88%) capture rate on pursuits. There were no patrol vehicles involved in any crashes or accidents during pursuits.

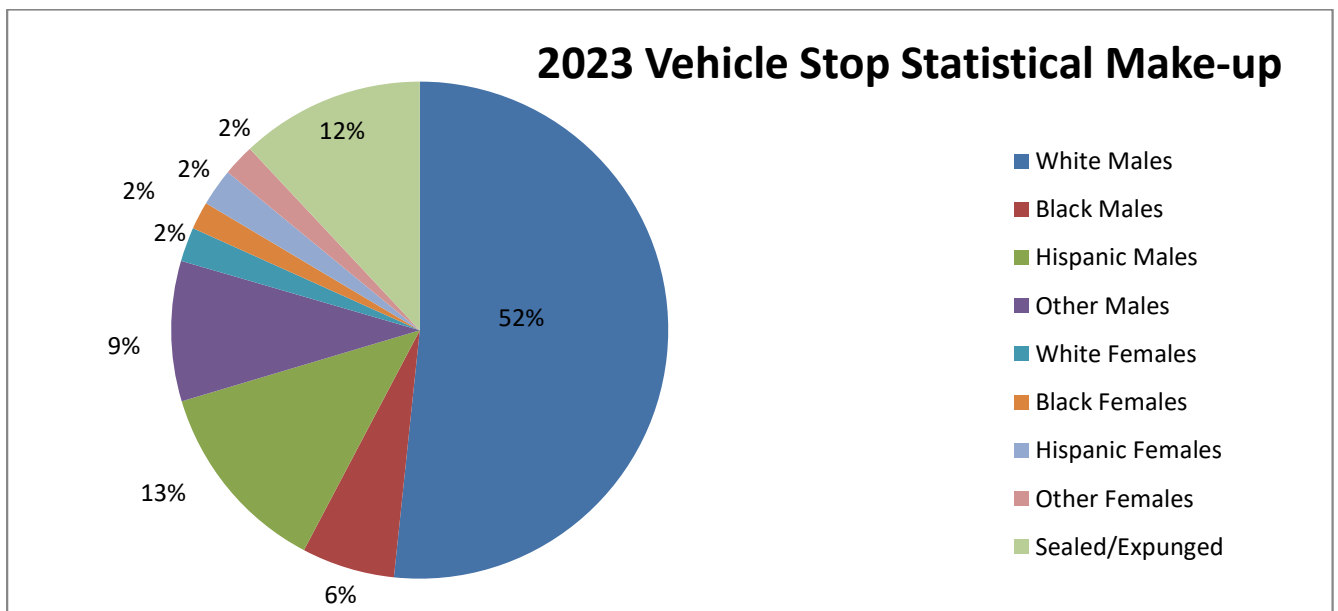


The Oconee County Sheriff’s Office was the first agency in the world to utilize Digital Siren technology. Digital Siren requires the one-time action of downloading the Digital Siren App for your Android or iOS device. Once done, the user will receive notifications automatically whenever they enter the range of a pursuit. This service will be in effect for any participating state, county or municipal law enforcement agency in the U.S. around the country. We suggest downloading this app

TRAFFIC STOP STATISTICS



During 2023, deputies conducted 4,820 traffic stops and issued 3,354 warning tickets and/or 2,466 uniform traffic citations.




EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS/E-911

2023	
Calls for Service Processed	107,908
Emergency 911 Calls	39,354
Non-Emergency Calls	126,716
Total Incoming Calls	220,516
Text to 911 Calls	647
Town of Salem Calls	209
City of Seneca Calls	3,916
City of Walhalla Calls	13,837
City of Westminster Calls	6,809
Town of West Union Calls	2,027

The Oconee County E-911 Communications Center is the primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for Oconee County Sheriff's Office, Twenty (20) Oconee County Rural Fire Stations and Emergency Services which include eight (8) Rescue Squads, as well as the cities of Westminster, Walhalla, West Union and Salem. The County PSAP also receives 911 Calls from outside the County limits that are then routed to the proper state and agencies.

The Oconee County Emergency Communications Center exceeds the national standards based on NENA and NFPA requirements for 911 calls answered within ten (10) and twenty (20) seconds.

Dispatchers spent a total of 5,651 hours on the telephone in 2023 with 2,033 total training hours.



*85% of all 911
calls came from
wireless devices!*

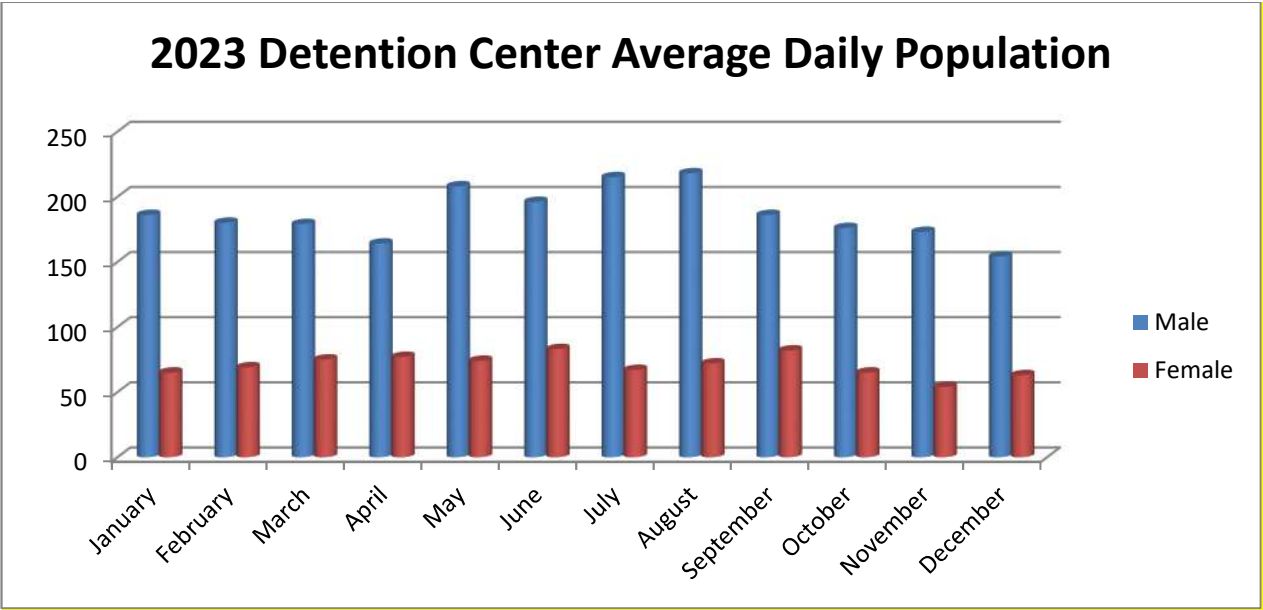
DETENTION SERVICES BUREAU

The Oconee County Detention Center houses prisoners for all law enforcement agencies in Oconee County. This includes all municipalities, South Carolina Highway Patrol and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. The facility is licensed through the South Carolina Department of Corrections as a Level Two Jail. The South Carolina Department of Corrections and the South Carolina State Fire Marshal's Office inspect it bi-annually.



The total number of arrestees processed in 2023 was 3,081. This represents a decrease of 43 compared to the 2022 total of 3,124.

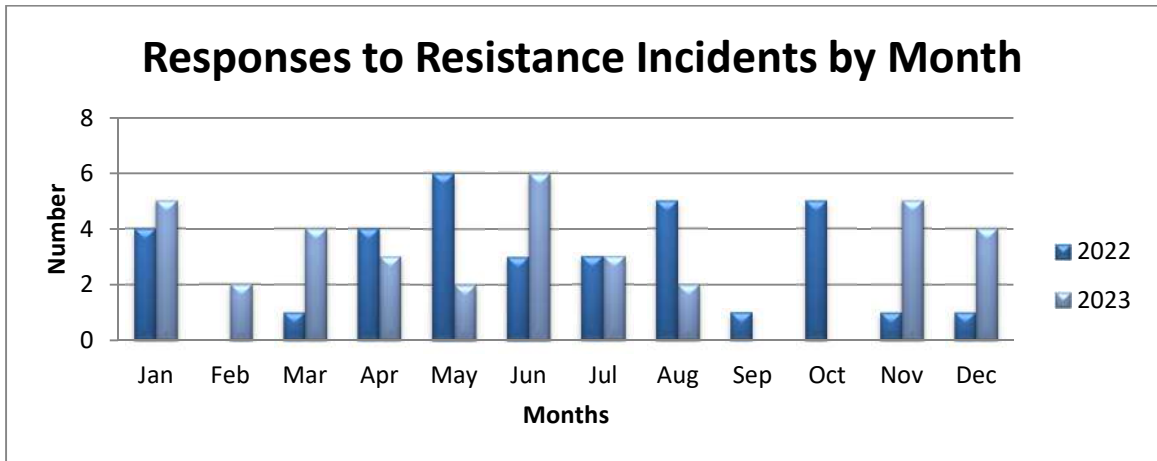
In 2023, 151 arrestees were released under Electronic Monitoring as a condition of bond. This was an increase of thirty seven (37) compared to only 114 released under Electronic Monitoring in 2022.



The Detention Center averaged one hundred eighty six (186) males per day and seventy one (71) females per day. There was an average of one eighty nine (189) pre-trial inmates per day compared to twenty-two (22) sentenced inmates per day. The average daily population in detention center increased to two hundred seventeen (217) compared to the two hundred three averaged in 2022. This is an increase of 6.8%.

USE OF FORCE

Statistical Analysis of Response to Resistance for the period
January through December 2023

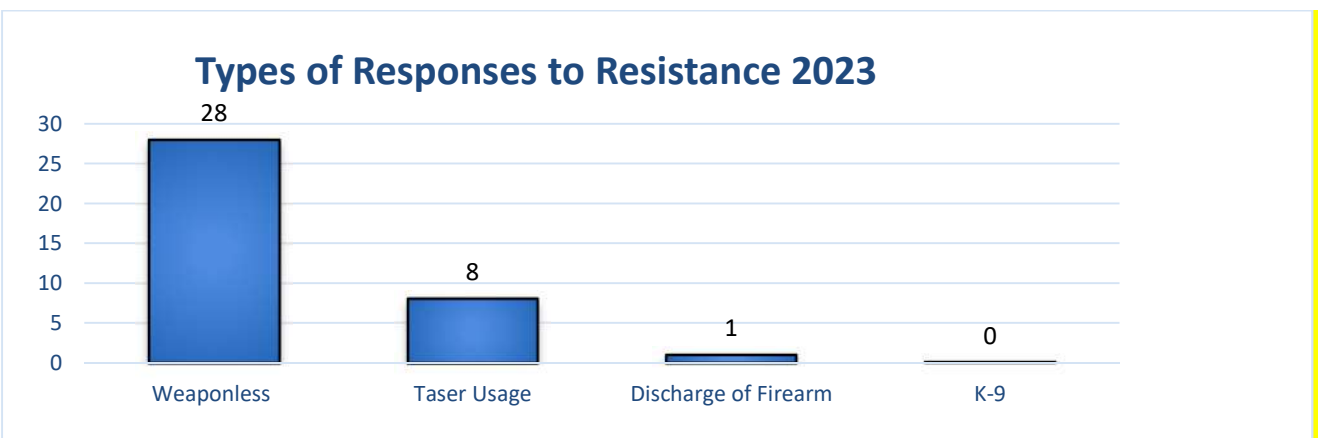


Response to Resistance was reported thirty six (36) times in 2023, as compared to 34 times in 2022.

Response to Resistance was reported 36 times in 2023.

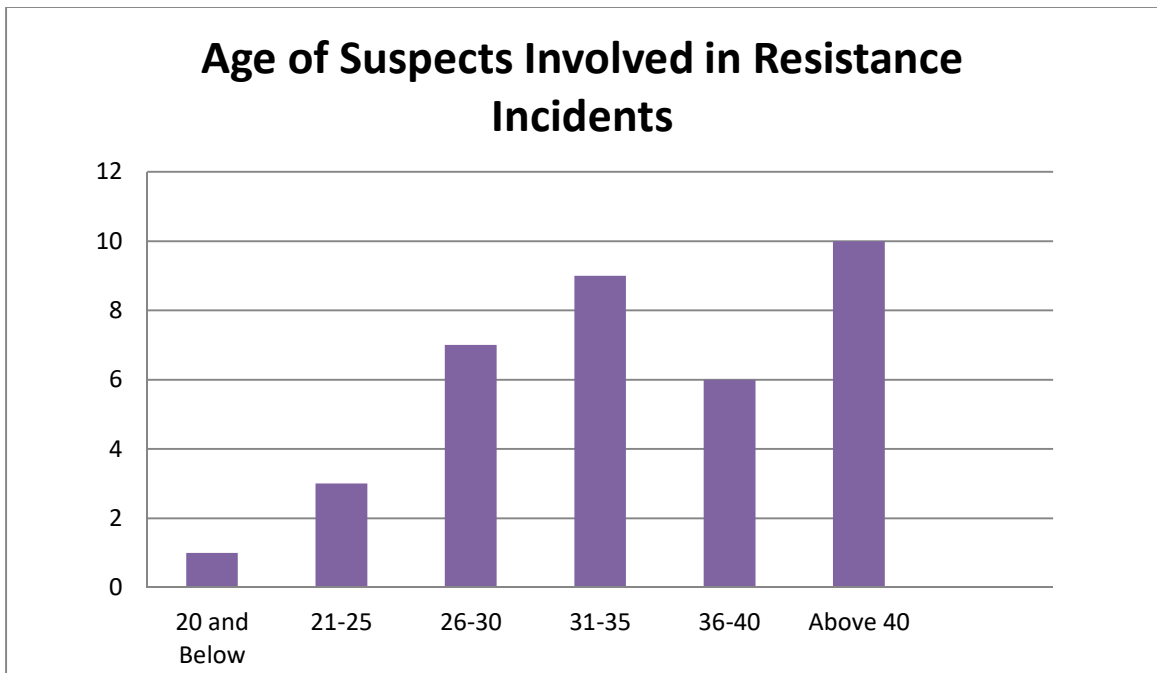
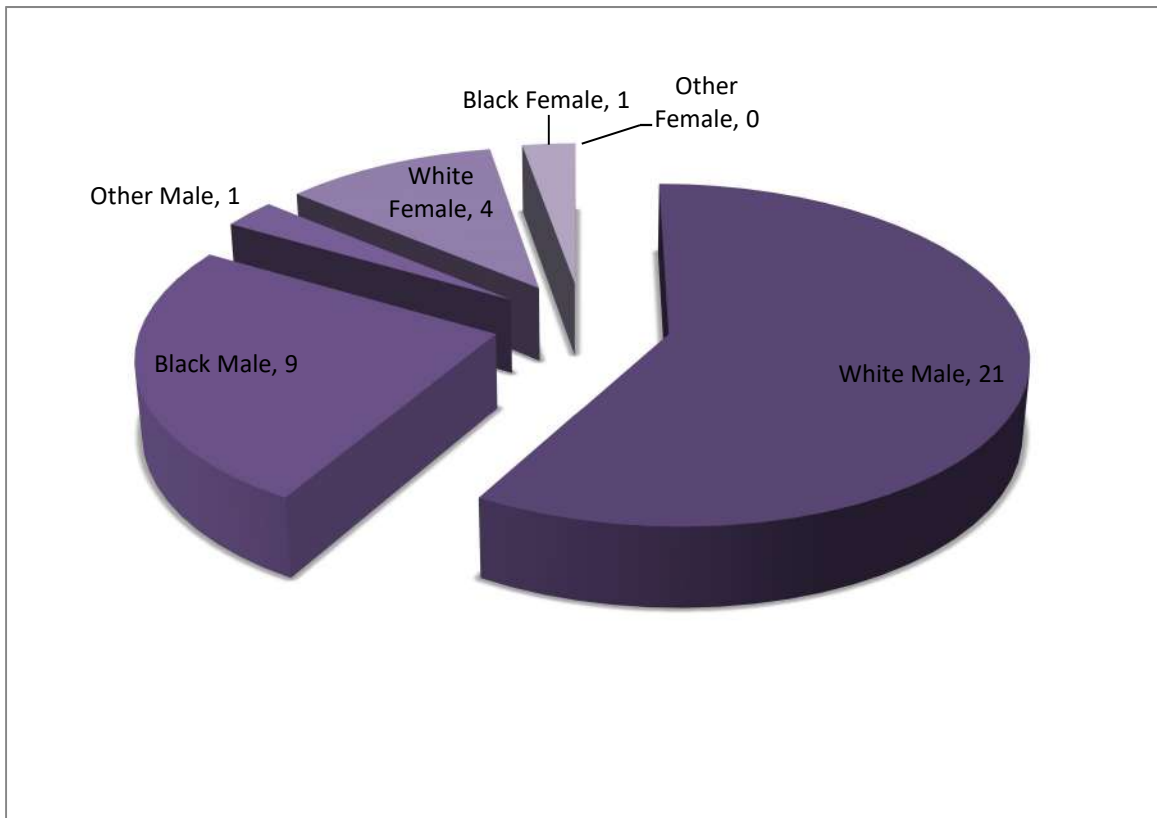
What does this mean?

In 2023, the Oconee County Sheriff's Deputies arrested 1,767 individuals and only 2.04% of these arrests involved any response to resistance.



Weaponless includes grounding techniques, strike/empty hand takedowns.

USE OF FORCE



CHAPLAINS

The Oconee County Sheriff's Office Chaplaincy Program is considered a professional unit within the agency's organizational structure. The Chaplains function as a team of volunteer clergy designed to encourage, serve and support the Sheriff's Office by providing a resource for both sworn and civilian personnel and their families, as well as our community. They serve 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as requested by the Sheriff's Office.

While the Chaplains are primarily involved in service and support to the Sheriff's office staff and families, through their relationship with the Sheriff's Office these volunteers are called upon to serve and support others in crisis situations. The Chaplains are there to support victims and victim's families in various different circumstances.

Our Chaplains are required to serve a minimum of eight (8) hours per month. Several of the Sheriff's Office Chaplains have completed the Billy Graham Law Enforcement Chaplain Training Program. Their counsel, guidance and support are an invaluable asset to the Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office currently has seven (7) chaplains serving with us.





In 2023, we held the tenth (10th) Citizens Police Academy class. We had eighteen (18) graduates this year.

The academy gives our citizens first-hand information on how the Sheriff's Office operates, examines the culture of police work and the organization. It provides an excellent opportunity for the citizens to interact with members of the agency as well as many others that we work closely with such as the Coroner, Solicitor and Magistrate Office.

The Citizen's Academy is NOT an offer of employment, but a volunteer organization and program to educate those respected members of our community who want to hear information on law enforcement and the Oconee County Sheriff's Office right from the source.





The Community Outreach Coordinator serves as the Coordinator for Crime Stoppers of Oconee County, Inc. This entails working with all law enforcement agencies in Oconee County and the Board of Directors for the 501(c)3 organization.

In 2023, Crime Stoppers received 306 anonymous tips. These tips lead to forty one (41) arrests, thirty (30) cases cleared, seven (7) charges made and twenty two (22) fugitives captured. Crime Stoppers approved a total of \$3,500.00 in rewards.

All funding for the Crime Stoppers program is derived from fundraisers, grants and donations. The Board of Directors is made up of nine (9) volunteers from Oconee County.

Crime Stoppers of Oconee County SC is a member of the SC State Crime Stoppers Council and the Southeastern Crime Stoppers Association; the Coordinator for our local Crime Stopper organization serves as the Chair of the Board of Directors for the SC State Crime Stoppers Council and the Treasurer of Southeastern Crime Stoppers Association.

Tips may be submitted via the free P3 App that can be downloaded on an iOS or Android device, by clicking the "Leave a Tip" button on the Crime Stoppers website www.oconeescrimestoppers.com or by calling 1-888-CRIME-SC (1-888-274-6372).

2023 Volunteer Board Members

Angie Porter, Melanie Baker, Norman Dukes, Broadus Albertson,
Jolynn Covington, Bob Winchester, Rick Cobb, Susan Kilby, Ernie
Washington



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APPENDIX A - STATISTICAL TABLES

The agency collects statistical data related to standards as a tool to determine policy effectiveness and to promote outcomes based on operating practices. The following tables will be used to collect such data. A brief explanation is included with each table.

The following are the designated race categories:

White non-Hispanic

Black non-Hispanic

Hispanic-Latino any race

Other (includes American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races)



TRAFFIC CONTACTS

- Warning: A documented contact resulting in a verbal or written warning for a traffic violation.
- Citation: A traffic related contact that results in the issuance of a non-custodial citation or summons.

Traffic Warnings and Citations			
2023			
Race/Gender	Warnings	Citations	Total
White non-Hispanic			
• Male	1,701	1,975	3,676
• Female	1,028	809	1,837
Black non-Hispanic			
• Male	257	310	567
• Female	152	92	244
Hispanic/Latino any race			
• Male	133	398	531
• Female	60	87	147
Other			
• Male	11	21	32
• Female	12	5	17
TOTAL	3,354	3,697	7,051

BIAS BASED POLICING

- **Traffic Contacts:** Includes all complaints of bias related traffic stops, whether or not a citation or warning was issued.
- **Field Contacts:** Includes all complaints of bias related to citizen contacts during field interviews, investigative stops, etc.
- **Asset Forfeitures:** Includes all complaints of bias related cases of criminal or civil asset forfeiture.

Biased Based Policing Complaints	
2023	
Complaints derived from:	
Traffic Contacts	4
Field Contacts	5
Asset Forfeitures	0

USE OF FORCE

- Firearm: Includes the total number of display and actual discharge of a pistol, rifle or shotgun by an agency member on or off duty; excluding training sessions, recreational shooting, hunting or euthanizing an animal.
 - Firearm Display: Includes pointing a pistol, rifle or shotgun by an agency member on or off duty for the purpose of using force for defensive actions; excluding training sessions, recreational shooting, hunting or euthanizing an animal.
 - Firearm Discharge: Includes the actual firing or discharge of a pistol, rifle or shotgun by an agency member on or off duty; excluding training sessions, recreational shooting, hunting or euthanizing an animal.

- ECW: Includes the total number of display and actual discharge of an Electronic Conductive Weapon, such as Taser® or similar device on another person.
 - ECW Display: Includes pointing of an Electronic Conductive Weapon, such as Taser® or similar device on another person for the purpose of using force for defensive actions.
 - ECW Discharge: Includes the actual deployment or discharge of an Electronic Conductive Weapon, such as Taser® or similar device on another person, excluding discharges conducted during training sessions.

- Baton: Includes the actual use of a fixed or expandable baton, and use of any other item in a similar manner as a baton (i.e. flashlight, etc.) to strike another person, excluding training sessions.

- Chemical / OC: Includes the discharge of any chemical (CS, CN) or oleoresin capsicum (OC) weapon, such as aerosol, liquid or powder, regardless of dispersal method (i.e. spray, launched munition, hand thrown device, etc.) on another person(s), excluding training sessions.

- Weaponless: Includes the actual use of any physical force to control another person, such as pressure points, joint manipulation, take-downs, punches, kicks, etc.

- Canine: The total number of canine releases and the total number of releases with bites.

Total Uses of Force: Total of the above use of force numbers, exclude the number of suspect injuries/fatalities.

Total Number of Suspects Receiving Non-Fatal Injuries: The total number of non- fatal injuries, by race and gender, of all uses of force.

Total Number of Suspects Receiving Fatal Injuries: The total number of fatal injuries, by race and gender, of all uses of force.

Total Number of Incidents Resulting in Officer Injury or Death: The total number of incidents resulting in officer injury or death.

Total Use of Force Arrests: The total number of custodial arrests related to incidents where the above force was used.

Total Agency Custodial Arrests: The total number of custodial arrests made by the agency.

Complaints: The total number of use of force complaints levied against the agency.

Use of Force									
2023									
Sworn Personnel	White		Black		Hispanic-Latino any race		Other		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Firearm									
• Discharge	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
• Number of Suspects Receiving Non-Fatal	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
• Number of Suspects Receiving Fatal Injuries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Display only	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
ECW									
• Discharge	5	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	9
• Display only	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Baton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chemical /OC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weaponless	11	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	20
Canine									
• Release Only	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Release and Bite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Uses of Force	19	5	8	2	0	0	0	0	36
Total Number of Incidents Resulting in Officer Injury or Death	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total Use of Force Arrests	15	9	4	1	1	0	0	0	30
Total Agency Custodial Arrests	1019	461	176	38	66	7	0	0	1767
Total Use of Force Complaints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

GRIEVANCES

Grievances: Include all formal complaints made by employees related to working conditions, wages or benefits.

Formal Grievances	
2023	
Number of Grievances	0

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

- Suspension: Includes any loss of work hours or docking of pay as a result of disciplinary action.
- Demotion: Includes any loss of rank, position or assignment as a result of disciplinary action.
- Resign in Lieu of Termination: Means anytime an employee resigns their position rather than face disciplinary action.
- Termination: Includes the discharge, termination or firing of an employee as a result of disciplinary action.
- Other: Includes verbal or written warnings, reprimands, counseling, or other actions not otherwise categorized.

TOTAL: Includes the total number of the above personnel actions.

- Commendations: Includes any formal commendations or awards presented to employees for their performance.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS	
2023	
Suspension	2
Demotion	0
Termination	3
Other	13
TOTAL	20
Commendations	19

COMPLAINTS AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS

- Citizen Complaint: The total number of complaints against the agency or its employees submitted by citizens or organizations outside of the agency.
- Directed complaint: The total number of complaints against the agency or its employees submitted by a member of the agency or initiated by the agency.
- Sustained: The total number of citizen complaints which were determined to be valid and either the agency or its employee(s) is responsible for some causal act or omission.
- Not Sustained: The total number of citizen complaints which were determined to be valid; however, it could not be determined whether or not the agency or its employee(s) were responsible for some causal act or omission.
- Unfounded: The total number of citizen complaints determined not to be valid (aka the situation described did not occur).
- Exonerated: The total number of citizen complaints determined to be valid; however, the agency or its employee(s) acted appropriately.

Complaints and Internal Affairs Investigations	
2023	
External - Citizen Complaint	
• Sustained	8
• Not Sustained	1
• Unfounded	0
• Exonerated	3
Total	12
Internal - Directed complaint	
• Sustained	13
• Not Sustained	0
• Unfounded	0
• Exonerated	0
Total	13

(Data includes Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, Detention Center and E911 Communications)

UCR/NIBRS Part 1 Crimes

Part 1 Crimes	
2023	
Murder	1
Forcible Rape	15
Robbery	6
Aggravated Assault	151
Burglary	203
Larceny-Theft*	853
Motor Vehicle Theft	106
Arson	15

*Larceny-Theft includes Pocket Picking, Purse Snatching, Shoplifting, Theft from Buildings, Theft from Coin Operated Machine or Device, Theft from Motor Vehicle, Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories and All Other Larceny.

CALLS FOR SERVICE: The number of criminal and non-criminal incidents reported to the law enforcement agency.

Calls for Service	
2023	
Number of Calls	107,908

MOTOR VEHICLE PURSUITS

- **Total Pursuits:** The total number of motor vehicle pursuits occurring during the annual period.
 - Forcible Stopping Techniques Used: The total number of forcible stopping techniques used to terminate pursuits.
 - Terminated by Agency: The total number of motor vehicle pursuits during the annual period which were terminated or ceased based on the employees own judgment or that of a supervisor.
 - Policy Compliant: The total number of motor vehicle pursuits during the annual period which were in compliance with the agency's written directives.
 - Policy Non-Compliant: The total number of motor vehicle pursuits during the annual period which were not in compliance with the agency's written directives.
- **Total Collisions:** The total number of collisions or crashes that resulted from or were related to motor vehicle pursuits during the annual period.
- **Total Injuries:** The total number of injuries that resulted from, or were related to, motor vehicle pursuits during the annual period.
 - Officer Injuries: The total number of employees injured as a result of, or related to, motor vehicle pursuits during the annual period.
 - Suspect Injuries: The total number of suspects injured as a result of, or related to, motor vehicle pursuits during the annual period.
 - Third Party Injuries: The total number of people, other than employees or suspects, injured as a result of, or related to, motor vehicle pursuits during the annual period.
- **Reason Initiated:** If there are multiple charges, count only the most serious charge.
 - Traffic: The total number of motor vehicle pursuits initiated due to traffic related offenses.
 - Felony: The total number of motor vehicle pursuits initiated due to a felony or serious crime.
 - Misdemeanor: The total number of motor vehicle pursuits initiated due to a misdemeanor or minor crime.

Vehicle Pursuits	
2023	
Total Pursuits:	48
• Forcible stopping techniques used	6
• Terminated by agency	13
• Policy Compliant	48
• Policy Non- compliant	0
Total Collisions:	0
Total Injuries:	1
• Officer	1
• Suspects	0
• Third Party	0
Reason Initiated:	
• Traffic	44
• Felony	4
• Misdemeanor	1

AGENCY-WIDE BREAKDOWN OF SWORN AND NON-SWORN POSITIONS

Provide numerical data for categories given. Only include the number of full-time sworn and non-sworn positions assigned to the law enforcement function. Exclude part-time positions, volunteers, or employees assigned to corrections, fire services, or other non-law enforcement related functions.

Sworn Personnel

- Non-supervisory positions
- Supervisory
- Command: has direct authority over supervisors
- Executives: CEO and direct reports, except as noted in Command

Non-sworn Personnel

- Non-supervisory positions
- Supervisory
- Managerial : direct authority over supervisors
- Executive: CEO or direct report to the CEO

Agency Wide Breakdown of Sworn and Non-Sworn Positions									
2023									
Sworn Personnel	White		Black		Hispanic-Latino any race		Other		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Non-supervisory positions	63	11	7	2	3	0	1	0	87
Supervisory	22	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	26
Command	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Executives	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Subtotal	91	13	10	2	3	0	1	0	120
Non-sworn Personnel									
Non-supervisory positions	25	34	4	0	1	0	0	0	64
Supervisory	4	10	1	1	1	0	0	0	16
Managerial	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Executive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	29	45	5	1	1	0	0	0	81
Total (Sworn & Non-Sworn)	120	58	15	3	4	0	1	0	201

Demographics Report								
2023 – Based on latest US Census data from 2021								
Race/Ethnicity	Service Population		Available Workforce		Current Sworn Officers		Current Female Sworn Officers	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
White-non- Hispanic	66451	83.9	39813	83.9	104	87	13	85
Black-non-Hispanic	5782	7.3	3464	7.3	12	10	2	15
Hispanic- Latino of any race	4673	5.9	2800	5.9	3	2.5	0	0
Other	2297	2.9	1376	2.9	1	.5	0	0
Total	79,203	100	47,453	100	120	100	14	100

SWORN OFFICER SELECTION

- Applications Received: Includes the total number of applications received during the year.
- Applicants Hired: Includes the number of applicants that were hired during the year.

Sworn Officer Selection		
2023		
Race/Gender	Applications	Applicants
White-non-Hispanic		
• Male	41	13
• Female	3	2
Black-non-Hispanic		
• Male	4	2
• Female	0	0
Hispanic-Latino of any race		
• Male	1	0
• Female	0	0
Other		
• Male	0	0
• Female	0	0
Total	49	17

Sworn Officer Promotions			
2023			
	Tested	Eligible After Testing	Promoted
White-non-Hispanic			
• Male	34	34	13
• Female	3	3	2
Black-non-Hispanic			
• Male	5	5	1
• Female	0	0	0
Hispanic-Latino of any race			
• Male	4	4	0
• Female	0	0	0
Other			
• Male	0	0	0
• Female	0	0	0
Total	46	46	16



Sgt. Clay Sheriff, K-9 Sully, Sgt. Adam Logan



Citizens Police Academy Class Tour of the E-911 Center



K-9 Sully, Honorary Deputy Brock Chappellear



Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative Public Safety Luncheon
Sheriff's Officer of the Year, Adam Logan - Correctional Officer of the Year, Amanda Davis
Telecommunicator of the Year, Jennifer Lyles - Sheriff Mike Crenshaw



D. A. R. E. Graduation Ceremony



*Join the Oconee County
Sheriff's Office family!*

*Senior Deputy Kim
Richardson and
Corporal Tyler Illian*



Serving Our Citizens - Westminster Community Meal

Solid Waste & Recycling Update

February 20, 2024

Fiscal Years 12 - 23 Solid Waste Numbers

ACTIVITY	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
MSW Tons Managed	36,633	36,982	37,520	37,691	39,309	39,036	43,591	43,852	48,957	54,914	56,429	52,326
C&D Tons Managed	14,871	16,024	18,165	22,133	22,763	24,694	25,252	26,800	44,310	59,006	47,112	46,665
Recyclables Tons Managed	2,880	2,472	2,895	2,440	3,210	3,815	3,750	4,279	4,318	4,329	4,287	4,014
Yard Waste Tons Managed	4,802	4,727	4,875	6,543	6,767	6,729	9,858	9,857	11,803	3,046	5,535	5,163
Mulch Processed Tons Managed	2,456	2,190	2,319	2,709	3,427	2,466	4,899	8,722	9,166	1,284	4,454	2,830
Tire Tons	289	245	259	317	321	432	334	356	319	398	401	340
Recycle Center MSW Tons	13,593	14,050	14,443	14,359	15,610	15,182	15,581	15,781	17,256	17,757	17,014	16,386
Rec. Center Recycle + Misc County Pulls	980	982	1,050	1,083	1,214	1,293	1,386	1,585	1,334	1,313	1,596	1,554
OCSW MSW Pulls	1,773	1,944	1,966	1,927	1,945	1,981	2,179	2,226	2,380	2,444	2,419	2,366
C&D Recycled Tons Managed							12,427	15,326	16,467	22,512	29,821	16,217
Total Tons Managed	61,642	62,395	65,774	71,516	75,476	76,740	99,777	108,836	135,021	145,091	147,638	127,215
Total Pulls	2,753	2,926	3,016	3,010	3,159	3,274	3,565	3,811	3,714	3,757	4,015	3,920
Full Time Staff	40	37	36	36	37	35	35	35	35	35	36	36
Part Time Staff	7	9	8	10	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	13

Center – Household Trash Tonnage

	#1 Strawberry	#2 Metromont	#3 Pine Grove	#4 Salem	#5 Richland	#6 Mt. Rest	#7 Toccoa	#8 Five Forks	#9 Port Bass	#10 Ebenezer	#11 Long Creek
FY23 Tons Per Center	3,010.72	1,819.49	758.29	1,651.07	2,062.60	700.18	891.01	1,014.89	1,544.26	2,605.33	328.61
AVG Tons Per Day	11.94	7.22	3.01	6.55	8.18	2.78	3.54	4.03	6.13	10.34	1.30
AVG Car Per Day	1,137	688	287	624	780	264	337	384	584	985	124
AVG Cars Per Year	286,560	173,280	72,240	157,245	196,438	66,683	84,858	96,768	147,072	248,127	31,296

SOLID WASTE TOTAL REVENUE

	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23
Transfer Station	\$543,332	\$605,906	\$650,620	\$605,664	\$762,828	\$754,516	\$941,705	\$1,156,995	\$1,472,979	\$1,089,176
Landfill	\$269,216	\$262,185	\$359,670	\$286,642	\$524,879	\$594,743	\$910,646	\$1,057,585	\$1,145,074	\$1,265,864
Mulch	\$32,780	\$38,280	\$48,431	\$34,850	\$43,210	\$36,997	\$9,110	\$0	\$0	\$0
Decals	\$2,325	\$2,730	\$2,675	\$2,440	\$2,039	\$5,512	\$2,062	\$2,250	\$1,945	\$2,693
Tires	\$2,389	\$2,747	\$2,024	\$1,920	\$3,984	\$6,474	\$8,367	\$13,120	\$15,432	\$11,904
Recyclables	\$333,038	\$211,957	\$229,673	\$337,850	\$309,933	\$171,662	\$213,058	\$211,554	\$579,530	\$309,846
Total	\$1,183,080	\$1,123,805	\$1,293,093	\$1,269,365	\$1,646,873	\$1,569,903	\$2,084,949	\$2,441,506	\$3,214,959	\$2,679,483

Private Residential Haulers

Residential Waste Haulers	Evolve		L&M		Universal		Morris		Winkler		LMG		HC Services		Total Tons	Total	Total Loss
	Tons	Revenue	Tons	Revenue	Tons	Revenue	Tons	Revenue	Tons	Revenue	Tons	Revenue	Tons	Revenue	Tons		
FY19	661	\$31,709	299	\$14,453	202	\$9,881	117	\$5,641	121	\$5,824	0	\$0	0	\$0	1,400	\$67,508	
FY20	801	\$39,897	445	\$22,206	265	\$13,427	115	\$5,727	115	\$5,724	0	\$0	0	\$0	1,741	\$86,981	
FY21	920	\$46,022	686	\$34,312	416	\$21,145	128	\$6,388	111	\$5,561	51	\$2,570	4	\$66	2,317	\$116,064	
FY22	1054	\$53,649	994	\$49,686	546	\$27,448	128	\$6,437	96	\$4,824	157	\$7,453	41	\$2,055	3,017	\$151,552	
FY23	1159	\$26	1,263	\$1,771	613	\$182	128	\$0	87	\$0	190	\$420	88	\$0	3,528	\$2,399	\$209,259
July 1, 2023 - Jan. 20, 2024	688	\$44,697	797	\$51,823	370	\$24,049	69	\$4,513	33	\$2,114	131	\$8,497	54	\$3,530	2,142	\$139,223	\$139,223
FY24 Expected	1222	\$79,461	1,417	\$92,129	658	\$42,754	123	\$8,023	58	\$3,759	232	\$15,107	97	\$6,275	3,808	\$247,507	\$247,507

Private Residential Hauler Increase

	Private	Percent Increase
FY19	1,400	
FY20	1,741	24.39%
FY21	2,317	33.09%
FY22	3,017	30.20%
FY23	3,528	16.93%

- Private haulers have increased over 152% from FY19 – FY23.
- The private haulers which have been around since 1995 and only pick up waste in Oconee County have either stayed roughly the same or have decreased.

Municipal Residential Waste

Residential Waste	Seneca	Walhalla	Westminster	West Union	Total
FY19 (tons)	2,818.84	2,784.5	946.94	134.11	6,684.39
FY20 (tons)	2,960.08	2,894.3	953.29	147.6	6,955.27
FY21 (tons)	3,747.62	2,819.05	1,019.78	148.63	7,735.08
FY22 (tons)	4,029.06	2,857.56	987.46	169.22	8,043.3
FY23 (tons)	3,595.92	2,861.73	1,026.89	160.04	7,644.58

Fiscal Year	Total Transfer Station	Recycle Centers	Seneca	Walhalla	Westminster	West Union	All Paying Customers	Residential Haulers Nonpaying	Total Revenue	Percent Recycle Centers	Percent Cities	Percent Commercial	Percent Private Haulers	Total
2000	33,809	11,344	7,870	3,010	94	73	11,418	N/A	\$439,582	33.55%	32.67%	33.77%	N/A	100.00%
2001	34,748	11,687	7,821	2,842	344	90	11,964	N/A	\$460,615	33.63%	31.94%	34.43%	N/A	100.00%
2002	38,764	12,426	8,116	3,002	1,058	140	14,022	N/A	\$539,864	32.06%	31.77%	36.17%	N/A	100.00%
2003	40,441	11,880	8,674	3,195	1,062	90	15,540	N/A	\$598,282	29.38%	32.20%	38.43%	N/A	100.00%
2004	39,641	17,621	6,062	2,554	985	82	12,337	N/A	\$474,960	44.45%	24.43%	31.12%	N/A	100.00%
2005	36,880	16,351	5,129	2,626	857	87	11,687	N/A	\$449,962	44.34%	23.59%	31.69%	N/A	99.61%
2006	36,575	15,941	6,179	2,402	871	92	11,090	N/A	\$426,971	43.58%	26.09%	30.32%	N/A	100.00%
2007	37,773	15,359	6,250	2,650	920	93	11,843	N/A	\$455,955	40.66%	26.24%	31.35%	N/A	98.26%
2008	36,781	15,352	5,968	2,751	952	91	11,667	N/A	\$453,832	41.74%	26.54%	31.72%	N/A	100.00%
2009	36,778	14,624	5,736	2,898	981	102	12,437	N/A	\$501,412	39.76%	26.42%	33.82%	N/A	100.00%
2010	34,101	14,469	6,250	3,300	1,458	105	6,256	N/A	\$281,534	42.43%	32.59%	18.35%	N/A	93.36%
2011	36,794	14,603	5,670	2,849	1,418	112	11,857	N/A	\$533,548	39.69%	27.31%	32.22%	N/A	99.22%
2012	36,633	14,163	5,732	2,645	1,419	97	11,702	N/A	\$526,589	38.66%	27.01%	31.94%	N/A	97.61%
2013	36,982	14,050	5,927	2,793	1,460	108	12,159	N/A	\$547,056	37.99%	27.82%	32.88%	N/A	98.69%
2014	37,520	14,443	6,162	2,791	1,599	117	11,934	N/A	\$537,045	38.49%	28.44%	31.81%	N/A	98.74%
2015	37,691	14,359	6,057	2,958	1,517	106	12,116	N/A	\$578,393	38.10%	28.22%	32.15%	N/A	98.47%
2016	39,579	15,340	6,437	2,949	1,678	114	12,851	N/A	\$618,140	38.76%	28.24%	32.47%	N/A	99.47%
2017	39,036	15,182	6,423	3,165	1,527	121	12,608	N/A	\$605,664	38.89%	28.78%	32.30%	N/A	99.97%
2018	43,591	15,431	6,272	3,361	1,678	111	15,882	N/A	\$762,561	35.40%	26.20%	36.43%	N/A	98.04%
2019	43,852	15,938	6,748	3,423	1,664	134	15,749	N/A	\$754,516	36.34%	27.29%	35.91%	N/A	99.55%
2020	48,957	17,030	6,885	3,811	1,537	148	18,836	N/A	\$938,816	34.79%	25.29%	38.47%	N/A	98.55%
2021	54,914	17,757	7,078	3,979	1,805	149	23,416	N/A	\$1,156,995	32.34%	23.69%	42.64%	N/A	98.67%
2022	56,429	17,014	7,519	4,053	1,838	157	25,438	N/A	\$1,472,979	30.15%	24.04%	45.08%	N/A	99.27%
2023	52,326	16,386	7,595	4,022	1,789	146	18,213	3,528	\$1,089,176	31.32%	25.90%	34.81%	6.74%	98.76%

Landfill Compactor -2016 Bomag

- Since 2016 has compacted over 315,000 tons of C&D material. Previous 2 compactors only compacted 285,000 tons in over 16 years. This is a mid-size machine meant to compact 100-150 tons per day. During peak times of the year, the landfill has received as much as 450 tons of C&D waste in a day and as much as 2,000 tons in a 6 day period.
- Has averaged over \$41,000 in repairs each year for the past 3 years. Has been down for several extensive repairs in past year with considerable downtime.
- The compactor wheels are showing major wear. The cleats on the wheels are no longer sharp and are worn to rounded edges resulting in less compaction. The cost of repairing the wheels have been quoted at \$185,000 and would take over a month to complete.
- A new compactor with the capability of easily handling our tonnage has cost of \$1.3 million and a lead time of about 6-9 months.

CAT 973 Track Loader – March 2008

- 16 year old machine that is hard to find parts. Final drives are not made anymore and the last one came from a salvage yard. We can still repair them with seals and bearings.
- Is vital to the operation of the landfill. It is used to dig, load, and spread cover soil for monthly cover and is easier to use covering on the steep side slopes than the dozer.
- Has averaged over \$44,000 in repairs each year for the last 4 years.
- Currently has a leaking final drive.
- New CAT 973 –approximately \$825,000 and takes 6-9 months to build.

Morbark 4600xl – September 2008

- Since 2008, the Morbark wood grinder has processed over 105,000 tons of wood waste at the landfill, as well as, all the trees cleared to construct the Westminster Fire Station and the Oconee County Detention Center and nearly 4,800 tons for Clemson University.
- It has become very difficult to obtain parts for this machine and there is only one service technician in the Southeast and he works out of Virginia.
- In the last 2 years, over \$78,000 has been spent on repairs.
- A new wood grinder is estimated to cost \$1.2 million and has a lead time of 6 months to 1.5 years depending on manufacturer and model.

Transfer Station – 1998

- The transfer station has been in operation since August 1998. Is 3,000 square foot and is SC DHEC permitted to accept 300 tons per day.
- Was engineered to handle approximately 2.5 times the daily tonnage received in 1997 with a 20 year life. In 1997, weekly daily tonnage ranged from 60-140 tons with a peak of 180-200 tons near holidays.
- Utilizes a 10 yard compactor to rear load transfer trucks.
- Currently, weekly daily tonnage ranges from 135-275 tons with over 350 tons during holiday weeks and peak times in summer and between Thanksgiving thru New Year.
- A new transfer station utilizing loading open top trailers with capability to load two at a time and handle 2.5 times our daily tonnage would cost approximately \$4 million and take 2-3 years to complete from design phase, permitting, bid process, and construction.

Recycle Centers

- Four Centers have a need for relocation due to volume of traffic on a daily basis.
- These centers in order of need is Center 10-Ebenezer, Center 4-Salem, Center 2-Metromont, and Center 5-Richland.
- New centers would be built similar to the current Center 1-Strawberry but with some minor improvements.
- Cost to build each center would range from \$500,000-\$900,000 depending on land layout. This does not include land costs.
- Construction time frames would be 1-1.5 years for each center.

Class 2 C&D Landfill

- Landfill usage has increased over the last 8 years due to major construction throughout Oconee County and the Clemson area.

	Total Tons	Commercial Tons	Residential Tons
FY16	22,763	11,989	10,774
FY23	46,665	36,168	10,497
Percent Change	105.00%	201.68%	-2.57%

Class 2 C&D Landfill Fees and Waiver

- **Landfill fees**
 - No charge for any resident bringing waste from their personal residence.
 - All businesses, contractors, rental property, and out of county waste is charged tipping fee.
- **Waivers** – For contractors/businesses bringing waste from their own personal residence in their work equipment.
- **Should Taxes Cover Landfill Costs?**
 - Scenario: Landowner has 25 acres that is registered under agricultural exemption. Clears 15 acres for residential houses and brings 30 tons of debris to landfill. Tipping fee of \$35 per ton times 30 tons equals cost of \$1050. Being taxed under agricultural use, the landowner may pay at most \$25-\$50 per year in taxes.
- Average resident brings less than 0.5 ton (1,000 pounds) of waste per year.
- **Proposal:** All residential addresses get 2 tons (4,000 pounds) at no charge each year. After the 2 ton limit has been reached, all customers will be charged the current tipping fee. This will eliminate the need for waivers and will help manage the cost of out of county waste.

Solid Waste Funding Mechanisms

- Currently, funded by millage and tipping fees.
- Other counties/municipalities use:
 - Millage only
 - Residential and Commercial Solid Waste Fee
 - Solid Waste Fee for Infrastructure (reduced fee)
 - Solid Waste Fee, Millage, and Tipping Fees

QUESTIONS?

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF OCONEE

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

IN RE: Meeting Schedule

BEFORE ME the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State and County above named, This day personally came before me, Hal Welch, who being first duly sworn according to law, says that he is the General Manager of **THE JOURNAL**, a newspaper published Tuesday through Saturday in Seneca, SC and distributed in **Oconee County, Pickens County** and the Pendleton area of **Anderson County** and the notice (of which the annexed is a true copy) was inserted in said papers on 01/04/2024 the rate charged therefore is not in excess of the regular rates charged private individuals for similar insertions.



Hal Welch
General Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
01/04/2024



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The Oconee County Council will meet in 2024 on the first and third Tuesday of each month with the following exceptions:

- June, July, August, and November meetings, which will be **only** on the third Tuesday of each of these months;
- December meeting, which will be **only** the first Tuesday of the month.

All Council meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, South Carolina.

Oconee County Council will also hold a Planning Retreat beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 23, 2024 to establish short- and long-term goals.

Oconee County Council will also meet on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 in Council Chambers at which point they will establish their 2025 Council and Committee meeting schedules.

Oconee County Council will also hold a Budget workshop on Friday, March 22, 2024 in Council Chambers.

Additional Council meetings, workshops, and/or committee meetings may be added throughout the year as needed.

Oconee County Council Committees will meet in 2024 prior to County Council meetings on the following dates/times in Council Chambers located at 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, South Carolina unless otherwise advertised.

The Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health, & Welfare Committee at 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: February 20, May 21, July 16, & September 17, 2024.

The Transportation Committee at 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: February 20, May 21, July 16, & September 17, 2024.

The Real Estate, Facilities, & Land Management Committee at 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: March 19, June 18, August 20, & October 15, 2024.

The Planning & Economic Development Committee at 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: March 19, June 18, August 20, & October 15, 2024.

The Budget, Finance, & Administration Committee at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates: February 23 [Strategic Planning Retreat] & March 22 [Budget Workshop] and 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: March 5, April 16, & May 7, 2024.

Sec. 2-61. - Access to and conduct at county meetings, facilities and property.

(a) *Purpose.* The county council has determined that it is necessary to regulate access to county facilities, grounds and property in order to ensure the safety and security of the public who visit these areas or the county employees who serve them. **The conduct of persons who visit county facilities and/or who have contact with county employees must also be regulated to preserve public order, peace and safety.** The regulation of access and conduct must be balanced with the right of the public to have reasonable access to public facilities and to receive friendly, professional service from county employees. These regulations apply to all county facilities and meetings, as defined below, for and over which county council exercises control and regulation, and to the extent, only, not pre-empted by state or federal law.

(b) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Facility means any building, structure, or real property owned, leased, rented, operated or occupied by the county or one of its departments, offices or agencies.

***Meeting* means any assemblage of persons for the purpose of conducting county governmental business, operations or functions or any assemblage of persons within a county governmental facility.** The term "meeting" includes, but is not limited to, county council meetings, county board and committee and staff meetings, trials, hearings and other proceedings conducted in the courts of general sessions and common pleas, family court, master-in-equity, probate court and magistrate's court; and other meetings by entities duly authorized by the county council.

(c) *Prohibited acts.* It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) **Utter loud, obscene, profane, threatening, disruptive or abusive language or to engage in any disorderly or disruptive conduct that impedes, disrupts or disturbs the orderly proceedings of any meeting,** or operations of any department or function of the county government, including, without limitation, speaking when not explicitly recognized and authorized to do so by the presiding official in such meeting.
- (2) Bring, carry, or otherwise introduce any firearm, knife with blade longer than two inches or other dangerous weapon, concealed or not concealed, into any facility or meeting. This prohibition does not apply to law enforcement personnel or any other person whose official, governmental duties require them to carry such firearm, knife, or other weapon.
- (3) Engage in partisan political activity, including speech, in any meeting not authorized and called for the purpose of partisan political activity and explicitly authorized for such purpose in the facility in which such activity is to be conducted, or refusing to cease such activity when

the presiding official of the meeting in question has ruled that the activity in question is partisan political activity and has directed that such activity stop.

- (4) Interfere with, impede, hinder or obstruct any county governmental official or employee in the performance of his duties, whether or not on county government property.
- (5) Enter any area of a county government facility, grounds or property when such entry is prohibited by signs, or obstructed or enclosed by gates, fencing or other physical barriers. Such areas include rooms if clearly marked with signs to prohibit unauthorized entry.
- (6) Enter by vehicle any area of a county governmental facility, grounds or property when such area is prohibited by signs or markings or are obstructed by physical barriers; or park a vehicle in such restricted areas; or park in a manner to block, partially block or impede the passage of traffic in driveways; or park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or in a fire zone; or park in any area not designated as a parking space; or park in a handicapped parking space without proper placarding or license plate; or park in a reserved parking space without authorization.
- (7) Use any county governmental facility, grounds or other property for any purpose not authorized by law or expressly permitted by officials responsible for the premises.
- (8) Enter without authorization or permission or refuse to leave any county governmental facility, grounds or other property after hours of operation.
- (9) Obstruct or impede passage within a building, grounds or other property of any county governmental facility.
- (10) Enter, without legal cause or good excuse, a county governmental facility, grounds or property after having been warned not to do so; or, having entered such property, fail and refuse without legal cause or good excuse to leave immediately upon being ordered or requested to do so by an official, employee, agent or representative responsible for premises.
- (11) Damage, deface, injure or attempt to damage, deface or injure a county governmental property, whether real property or otherwise.
- (12) Enter or attempt to enter any restricted or nonpublic ingress point or any restricted access area, or bypass or attempt to bypass the designated public entrance or security checkpoint of a facility without authorization or permission.
- (13) Perform any act which circumvents, disables or interferes with or attempts to circumvent, disable or interfere with a facility's security system, alarm system, camera system, door lock or other intrusion prevention or detection device. This includes, without limitation, opening, blocking open, or otherwise disabling an alarmed or locked door or other opening that would allow the entry of an unauthorized person into a facility or restricted access area of the facility.
- (14) Exit or attempt to exit a facility through an unauthorized egress point or alarmed door.

(d) *Penalty for violation of section.* Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished in accordance with section 1-7. In addition, vehicles that are improperly parked on any county property, facility, or other premises may be towed at the owner's expense.

(Ord. No. 2003-04, §§ 1—4, 4-15-2003; Ord. No. 2012-06, § 1, 4-3-2012)