

LIMITED IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE PERMITTED

Due to the Novel Coronavirus pandemic and the ongoing state of emergency, in-person attendance at this Council meeting by members of the general public will be limited. Attendance will be limited to twenty percent of the stated maximum occupancy, which equates to thirty-four (34) persons (including Council members, other elected officials, and staff). Attendees will be required to sit in designated seats, appropriately spaced. In-person attendance will be allowed on a "first-come" basis.

Additionally, to ensure the meeting otherwise remains open to the public, we will continue to broadcast it live on the County's YouTube channel, which can be found via the County's website at Oconeesc.com. Further, the public may call in and listen by dialing **888-475-4499 OR 877-853-5257** and entering meeting ID # **845 4276 5667**. And, individuals parked in close proximity to Council Chambers may listen to the meeting on FM 92.3.



A G E N D A

OCONEE COUNTY

FIRE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMISSION

March 24, 2021

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

- February 18, 2021 Minutes

Discussion Items [to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion, if required]

- Discussion regarding conflict of Fire Service Advisory Commission & Rescue Squad Advisory Commission November 2021 scheduled meeting date

Radio Communications Committee Report [to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion, if required]

County Fire Chief Larry Greer's Report [to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion, if required]

- Continued discussion regarding PPE Helmet Color Standardization
- Discussion regarding Standard Operating Guideline
- Discussion regarding Emergency Vehicle Response
- Discussion regarding scheduling a date & time to visit Department Chiefs / Volunteers

Fire Commissioner's Updates

- Region 1 – Station 4, 9, 10, 24, and Hazmat / Travis Collins
- Region 2 – Station 11, 14, and 16 / Tony McAlister
- Region 3 – Station 3, 12 and 17 / Austin Grant
- Region 4 – Stations 1, 8, 13, and 15 / Jamie Brock
- Region 5 – Station 2, 5, 6, and 7 / Brandon Burton

Adjourn

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ALD requests should be made to the Clerk to Council at least 30 minutes prior to the meeting start time.

Oconee County Council, Committee, Board & Commission meeting schedules, agendas are posted at the Oconee County Administration Building & are available on the County Council Website.

Locations

Station 1: Oakway; Station 2: Salem; Station 3: Corinth-Shiloh; Station 4: Mountain Rest; Station 5: Walhalla; Station 6: Westminster; Station 7: Seneca; Station 8: Fair Play; Station 9: Long Creek; Station 10: Cleveland; Station 11: Keowee-Ebenezer; Station 12: Friendship; Station 13: Crossroads; Station 14: Pickett Post/Camp Oak; Station 15: South Union; Station 16: West Union; Station 17: Keowee; Station 18: Hazmat; Station 24: Holly Springs

OCONEE CODE OF ORDINANCES

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 preempted 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)



OCONEE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES
Standard Operating Policy # 1xxx
Subject: PPE Helmet Color Standardization

PURPOSE:

This Standard Operating Policy will be utilized to standardize personnel protective equipment firefighting helmets so that OCES responders’ level of training/qualification can be quickly identified while operating at the scene of an emergency (color of helmet identifies eligibility to operate in IDLH environments to include but not limited to emergency scenes, and training).

SCOPE: All Oconee County Emergency Services personnel (staff and volunteer).

STANDARD: OCES will use the following Fire helmet colors to identify personnel operational response level.

1. White Helmet – Chiefs (Interior Certified and Level 1)
2. Red Helmet – Captains/Lieutenants (Interior Certified and Level 1)
3. Black Helmet – Firefighter (Interior Certified and Level 1)
4. Yellow Helmet – Exterior Support/Officer (Non-Certified and/or exterior only and less than Level 1 Physical) **
5. Orange Helmet – Junior/Explorer Personnel (14-17 years old) (Support Only)
6. Blue Helmet- EMR or higher with current physical

**Non-certified personnel or due to level who hold an officer position will wear the appropriate color and front rank insignia.

Projected Start Date

- January 2022
- December 2022
- January 2023
- July 2023
- December 2023

Larry Greer County Fire Chief

Implementation Date

Review Date

Subject: POV Emergency Response

SOG: 03.04.03

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Category: Vehicles

Rescinds: None

Approved by: Scott Krein, Rescue Chief

Revision: 1

Effective Date: 11/01/11

PURPOSE:

To establish a standard for Emergency Response to the station, and/or a scene in personally owned vehicles (POV's).

SCOPE:

All Personnel

GENERAL:

In an effort to provide members who wish to respond in an emergent fashion in his/her Personally Owned Vehicle (POV), Oconee County Emergency Services has developed this Guideline. This guideline must be followed by any responder who wishes to have the privilege of Emergency Response in a POV. Any member wishing to exercise this privilege must agree to abide by any and all applicable (both present and future) Emergency Vehicle guidelines established and approved by OCES.

POV EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

Any personnel vehicle equipped with Emergency Warning devices which meets the requirements for such as outlined by the State of South Carolina and Oconee County.

- A. The Emergency Vehicle Authorization Form must be properly completed and approved for each individual personal vehicle.
- B. Personnel are required to provide documentation that the Insurance Carrier is aware that the personal vehicle is equipped with Emergency Warning devices and will be operated as an Emergency Response Vehicle. This documentation must be on the Insurance Carrier's letterhead.
- C. Lighting requirements set by SC Code 56-5-4700:
 - (1) Emergency lighting must be mounted as high as possible
 - (2) Flashing red lights are to be visible at 500 feet in normal daylight in all directions.
- D. Siren requirements set by SC Code 56-5-4970:
 - (1) sirens must be capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than 500 feet in all directions.
- E. Vehicle must be operated by authorized Oconee County Emergency Services personnel when emergency warning devices are in operation.

F. Personnel are required to have a minimum of training prior to being approved for personal vehicle authorization. This training includes: the SCFA course 1205 POV Emergency Response, as well as four (4) hours of annual Emergency Vehicle Driver training per year, the SCFA course 1210 Emergency Vehicle Driver Training is also recommended, but not required.

DICIPLINARY ACTIONS:

Any member who receives a complaint involving the operation of a POV (at any time) that is found to have merit, or who is found to be in violation of this Guideline, shall be disciplined as outlined in this section.

FIRST OFFENSE:

- Thirty (30) days suspension of Emergency Response Privileges
- Must successfully complete a "Defensive Driving" course as selected by OCES Command Staff

SECOND OFFENSE:

- Six (6) Months suspension of Emergency Response Privileges
- Thirty (30) day suspension of membership with the organization
- Must successfully complete another "Defensive Driving" course as selected by OCES Command Staff
- Must successfully complete the SCFA course 1205 POV Emergency Response program again
- Must receive a favorable recommendation from an evaluation committee as assembled by OCES Command Staff

THIRD OFFENSE:

- Loss of POV Emergency Response Privileges
- Ninety (90) day suspension of membership with the organization

Any member found violating this policy at any time, will face severe disciplinary action up to, and including termination of membership with this organization

Copy, fill out, and return the following forms with all necessary insurance documentation to the Oconee County Emergency Services Office. Any personnel with commercial insurance must include a certificate of liability. All personnel seeking authorization for POV Emergency Response agree to be bound by the guidelines established in OCES SOG # 03.04.01.

OCONEE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

EMERGENCY VEHICLE AUTHORIZATION FORM

Vehicle Description

Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ VIN: _____

Owner: _____ PRINT _____ SIGNATURE

Operator: _____ PRINT _____ SIGNATURE

Address of Owner: _____

Address of Operator (If different): _____

Phone Number of Owner: _() -

Phone Number of Operator (If different): _() -

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I understand that the above vehicle insured by my company is equipped with emergency warning devices and will be used as a personal emergency response vehicle.

Insurance Agent Name: _____ PRINT _____ SIGNATURE

Office Telephone Number: () -

Insurance Company Name: _____

Insurance Company Address: _____

Policy Number: _____

Effective Dates: _____ to _____

Oconee County Emergency Services

POV COMPLIANCE CHECK SHEET

I have inspected the vehicle described below and found it to meet the following requirements:

Lighting meets requirements	YES	NO
Siren meets requirements	YES	NO
Insurance Information complete	YES	NO
Member meets training requirements	YES	NO
Member is in good standing	YES	NO

By my signature below, I acknowledge that _____ is a
PRINT NAME

Member of the _____ Division of Oconee County Emergency Services, and this vehicle and member are in compliance with the boundaries set forth in OCES SOG # 03.04.03.

PRINT SIGNATURE Date: _____

This form must be signed and dated by the Chief of the Station or Squad to which this member belongs.

Member Name: _____
PRINT

EMERGENCY VEHICLE RESPONSE

PURPOSE:

Responding to any emergency call, Oconee County Emergency Services places a great deal of responsibility on the drivers of our emergency vehicles. Not only must emergency vehicle drivers provide prompt conveyance of the apparatus, equipment, and personnel to provide service to Persons in need, but as importantly, must accomplish this task in the safest and most prudent manner possible. Emergency vehicle drivers must make every attempt possible to provide due regard for the safety of others. Safe arrival at the emergency scene shall be, and must always remain, the first priority of all emergency vehicle drivers. In order to accomplish this enormous task all emergency vehicle drivers shall become familiar with, and constantly abide by the following policies and procedures.

SCOPE:

All personnel

PROCEDURES:

1. Circle of Safety:

Prior to entering the cab and starting the vehicle, the emergency vehicle driver should make a circle of safety around the vehicle to see that all equipment is secured, that all compartment doors are securely closed and any physical obstructions moved out of the way.

2. Warning Devices and True Emergencies:

When responding to a true all audible and visual warning devices will be operated at all times regardless of time of day and or traffic conditions. All emergency vehicle drivers must understand that warning devices are not always effective in making other vehicle operators aware of your presence. Warning devices only request the right-of-way, they do not ensure the right-of-way.

3. Vehicle Control and Right-of-Way:

All drivers shall attempt to maintain control of the vehicle that they are operating in such a manner as to provide the maximum level of safety for both their passengers and the general public. Emergency vehicle drivers should be aware that the civilian vehicle operators may not react in the manner in which is expected or felt to be appropriate. An attempt should be made to have options available when passing or overtaking vehicles. If another vehicle operator fails to yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle, the emergency vehicle driver cannot force the right of way, nor can you assume the right-of-way, therefore you do not have the right-of-way until the other vehicle yields to you. The emergency vehicle driver shall be aware of his/her rate of closure on other vehicles or a pedestrian at all times to make sure that a safe following is established and maintained

4. Response Speeds:

When responding to a true emergency, drivers should limit speed to no more than 10 mph over posted speed limit, conditions permitting. Examples of conditions requiring slower response speeds include but are not limited to:

- slippery road conditions
- inclement weather
- poor visibility
- heavy or congested traffic conditions
- sharp curves

5. Intersection Practices:

Extreme care should be taken approaching any intersection as intersections are locations responsible for a large percentage of major accidents involving emergency vehicles. The following guidelines should be followed:

Uncontrolled Intersections:

Any intersection that does not offer a control device (stop sign, yield or traffic signal) in the direction of travel of the emergency vehicle or where a traffic control signal is green upon approach of the emergency vehicle all emergency vehicle drivers should do the following:

- Scan the intersection for possible hazards (right turns on red, pedestrians, vehicles traveling fast etc.). Observe traffic in all four (4) directions (left, right, front, rear)
- Slow down if any potential hazards are detected and cover the brake pedal with the driver's foot.
- Avoid using the opposing lane of traffic if at all possible.

Controlled Intersections:

Any intersection controlled by a stop sign, yield sign, yellow traffic light or red traffic light, requires a complete stop by the emergency vehicle driver. In addition to bringing the vehicle to a complete stop these steps must be followed as well:

- Do not rely on warning devices to clear traffic.
- Scan the intersection for possible hazards (right turns on red, pedestrians, vehicles traveling fast etc.) as well as driver options.
- Begin to slow down well before reaching the intersection and cover the brake pedal with the driver's foot, continue to scan in all four (4) directions (left, right, front, rear).
- Scan the intersection for possible passing options (pass on right, left, wait etc.) avoid using the opposing lane of traffic if at all possible.
- Come to a COMPLETE STOP.
- Establish eye contact with other vehicle drivers, have the person riding in the officer position communicate that all is clear (if available); reconfirm all other vehicles are stopped.

Uncontrolled Railroad Intersections (no lights, gates or bells):

At any time an emergency vehicle driver approaches an uncontrolled rail crossing he/she shall bring the apparatus or vehicle he/she is operating to a complete stop before entering the grade crossing. In addition the emergency vehicle driver shall perform the following prior to proceeding:

- Turn off all sirens and air horns.
- Operate the engine at idle speed.
- Open the window and listen for a train's horn.
- If all clear, proceed with caution.

6. Non-emergency Response:

When responding to a call in a non-emergency response mode or normal flow of traffic (not responding to a true emergency) the vehicle will be operated without any audible or visual warning devices and in compliance with all state motor vehicle laws that apply to civilian traffic. All drivers shall obey all traffic laws and traffic control devices when driving any OCES vehicle under ordinary travel conditions. Any driver found violating any traffic laws or driving any vehicle in an aggressive manner will be subject to disciplinary action.

8. Riding Policy:

Oconee County Emergency Services requires all persons riding in emergency vehicles to be seated and secured by seat belts whenever the vehicle is in motion. The emergency vehicle driver shall verify that all personnel are properly seated and secured by seat belts before the vehicle is moved. Oconee County Emergency Services prohibits the riding on tailboards, sidesteps, running boards, or any other exposed position.

9. Backing:

The Organization recognizes that backing emergency vehicles and whenever possible drivers should avoid backing. However, when it is necessary to back up any departmental vehicle all drivers shall follow one of the two following measures:

- The first choice of backing is that before any vehicle is put into reverse and backed that a spotter be put in place at the left rear of the vehicle. The spotter should be safely positioned so that the emergency vehicle driver can see them at all times. If at any time the driver loses sight of the spotter he/she shall stop immediately until the spotter is visible again.
- If no spotter is available, before attempting to back any apparatus, the driver will ensure that no person or persons are directly behind the vehicle or its intended path of travel; all equipment is secured and that all compartment doors are securely closed; any physical obstructions are moved out of the way. The emergency vehicle driver should also note all potential obstructions in the intended path of travel.

10. Privately Owned Vehicles (POV's) not approved for Emergency Response:

When any member responds to the station or to the scene in his/her POV, each member must adhere to all applicable motor vehicle laws.

While it is recognized that timeliness in response to an emergency is important, it is imperative that all drivers understand that their private vehicles, that do not meet the standards as set forth in OCES SOG # 03.04.03, are not emergency vehicles and therefore are not afforded any exemptions or special privileges under state law. Any driver found breaking any traffic laws or operating any vehicle in an aggressive or unsafe manner will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to, suspension or loss of driving privileges. Each case shall be investigated, and evaluated on an individual basis.

Katie Smith

From: Katie Smith
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 2:59 PM
To: 'classadmgr@upstatetoday.com'
Subject: RE: Classified Ad# 32195 Confirmation

Looks good; thanks!

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council
415 South Pine Street
Walhalla, SC 29691
864-718-1023
864-718-1024 [fax]

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Subject: Classified Ad# 32195 Confirmation

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Public Notice

The Oconee County Fire Service Advisory Commission meeting that was scheduled for 6pm, Thursday, March 18, 2021 has been CANCELLED and RESCHEDULED for 6pm, Wednesday, March 24, 2021 in Council Chambers located at 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691.

Subject: Personal Vehicle Response

SOG: 03.04.02

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Category: Vehicles

Rescinds: None

Approved by: Charles V. King, Fire Chief

Revision: 1

Effective Date: 02/21/2014

PURPOSE:

To establish a standard for response to the station, and/or a scene in personal vehicles.

SCOPE:

All Personnel

GENERAL:

When any member responds to the station or to the scene in his/her POV, each member must strictly adhere to all applicable motor vehicle laws. Privately owned vehicles are not provided with the same exemptions that are provided to emergency vehicles. No member of Oconee County Emergency Services will be permitted to violate any motor vehicle laws, including but not limited to:

- Speed limits.
- Going through traffic control devices.
- Passing in an unsafe manner.

While it is recognized that timeliness in response to an emergency is important, it is imperative that all drivers understand that their private vehicles are not emergency vehicles and therefore are not afforded any exemptions or special privileges under state law. Any driver observed breaking any traffic laws or operating any vehicle in an aggressive or unsafe manner will be subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension or loss of driving privileges.

Subject: POV Emergency Response VOL

SOG: 03.04.03

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Category: Vehicles

Rescinds: None

Approved by: Charles V. King, Chief

Revision: 1

Effective Date: 02/24/2014

PURPOSE:

To establish a standard for Emergency Response to the station, and/or a scene in personally owned vehicles (POV's).

SCOPE:

All Personnel

GENERAL:

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POV EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

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DICIPLINARY ACTIONS:

Any member who receives a complaint involving the operation of a POV (at any time) that is found to have merit, or who is found to be in violation of this Guideline, shall be disciplined as outlined in this section.

FIRST OFFENSE:

- Thirty (30) days suspension of Emergency Response Privileges
- Must successfully complete a "Defensive Driving" course as selected by OCES Command Staff

SECOND OFFENSE:

- Six (6) Months suspension of Emergency Response Privileges
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THIRD OFFENSE:

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OCONEE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

EMERGENCY VEHICLE AUTHORIATION FORM

Vehicle Description

Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ VIN: _____

Owner: _____ Owner: _____
PRINT SIGNATURE

Operator: _____ Operator: _____
PRINT SIGNATURE

Address of Owner: _____

Address of Operator (If different): _____

Phone Number of Owner: _() - _____

Phone Number of Operator (If different): _() - _____

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I understand that the above vehicle insured by my company is equipped with emergency warning devices and will be used as a personal emergency response vehicle.

Insurance Agent Name: _____
PRINT SIGNATURE

Office Telephone Number: () - _____

Insurance Company Name: _____

Insurance Company Address: _____

Policy Number: _____ Effective Dates: _____ to _____

Oconee County Emergency Services

POV COMPLIANCE CHECK SHEET

I have inspected the vehicle described below and found it to meet the following requirements:

Lighting meets requirements	YES	NO
Siren meets requirements	YES	NO
Insurance Information complete	YES	NO
Member meets training requirements	YES	NO
Member is in good standing	YES	NO

By my signature below, I acknowledge that _____ is a
PRINT NAME

Member of the _____ Division of Oconee County Emergency Services, and this vehicle and member are in compliance with the boundaries set forth in OCES SOG # 03.04.04.

PRINT SIGNATURE Date: _____

This form must be signed and dated by the Chief of the Station or Squad to which this member belongs.

Member Name: _____
PRINT

Subject: Emergency Vehicle Response

SOG: 03.04.01

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Category: Vehicles

Rescinds: None

Approved by: Charles V. King, Fire Chief

Revision:3

Effective Date: 02/20/2014

PURPOSE:

Responding to any emergency call, Oconee County Emergency Services places a great deal of responsibility on the drivers of our emergency vehicles. Not only must emergency vehicle drivers provide prompt conveyance of the apparatus, equipment, and personnel to provide service to Persons in need, but as importantly, must accomplish this task in the safest and most prudent manner possible. Emergency vehicle drivers have in their care, custody and control most of the major assets possessed by this organization (the vehicle, portable equipment, personnel). Emergency vehicle drivers also have a higher standard of care to provide to the general motoring public and must make every attempt possible to provide due regard for the safety of others. Drivers must constantly monitor and reduce the amount of risk and exposure to potential losses during each and every response. Safe arrival at the emergency scene shall be, and must always remain, the first priority of all emergency vehicle drivers. In order to accomplish this enormous task all emergency vehicle drivers shall become familiar with, and constantly abide by the following policies and procedures.

SCOPE:

All personnel

PROCEDURES:**1. Circle of Safety:**

Prior to entering the cab and starting the vehicle, the emergency vehicle driver shall make a circle of safety around the vehicle to see that all equipment is secured, that all compartment doors are securely closed and any physical obstructions moved out of the way. During the circle of safety, the emergency vehicle driver shall encircle the vehicle and visually inspect all four (4) sides and the top of the vehicle before entering the cab. He/She should also verify right side and rear clearance with the person riding in the officer position (if available). This shall be conducted prior to moving the vehicle regardless of whether or not the vehicle is about to leave on an emergency or a non-emergency (on scene or off scene).

2. Warning Devices and True Emergencies:

When responding to a true emergency (a situation in which there is a high probability of death or serious injury to an individual or significant property loss, and your actions may reduce the seriousness of the situation) all audible and visual warning devices will be operated at all times regardless of time of day and or traffic conditions. All emergency vehicle drivers must understand that warning devices are not always effective in making other vehicle operators aware of your presence. Warning devices only request the right-of-way, they do not ensure the right-of-way.

3. Vehicle Control and Right-of-Way:

All drivers shall attempt to maintain control of the vehicle that they are operating in such a manner as to provide the maximum level of safety for both their passengers and the general public. Emergency vehicle drivers should be aware that the civilian vehicle operators may not react in the manner in which is expected or felt to be appropriate. An attempt should be made to have options available when passing or overtaking vehicles. If another vehicle operator fails to yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle, the emergency vehicle driver can not force the right of way, nor can you assume the right-of-way, therefore you do not have the right-of-way until the other vehicle yields to you. The emergency vehicle driver shall be aware of his/her rate of closure on other vehicles or a pedestrian at all times to make sure that a safe following is established and maintained. All drivers shall follow the rule for safe following distance and allow one (1) second of following distance for every ten (10) feet of vehicle length for speeds under forty (40) miles per hour and add one (1) additional second for speeds over forty (40) miles per hour.

4. Response Speeds:

When responding to a true emergency, drivers shall operate the vehicle they are driving at as close to the posted speed limit as possible, but not to exceed ten (10) miles per hour over the posted speed limit, conditions permitting. Examples of conditions requiring slower response speeds include but are not limited to:

- slippery road conditions
- inclement weather
- poor visibility
- heavy or congested traffic conditions
- sharp curves

5. Intersection Practices:

Extreme care should be taken approaching any intersection as intersections are locations responsible for a large percentage of major accidents involving emergency vehicles. Drivers are required to practice Oconee County Emergency Services' intersection guidelines during all emergency responses.

Uncontrolled Intersections:

Any intersection that does not offer a control device (stop sign, yield or traffic signal) in the direction of travel of the emergency vehicle or where a traffic control signal is green upon approach of the emergency vehicle all emergency vehicle drivers should do the following:

- Scan the intersection for possible hazards (right turns on red, pedestrians, vehicles traveling fast etc.). Observe traffic in all four (4) directions (left, right, front, rear)
- Slow down if any potential hazards are detected and cover the brake pedal with the driver's foot.
- Change the siren cadence not less than 200 feet from the intersection.
- Avoid using the opposing lane of traffic if at all possible.

Emergency vehicle drivers should always be prepared to stop. If another vehicle operator fails to yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle, the emergency vehicle driver can not force the right-of-way, nor can he/she assume the right-of-way, therefore you do not have the right-of-way until the other vehicle yields it to you.

Controlled Intersections:

Any intersection controlled by a stop sign, yield sign, yellow traffic light or red traffic light, requires a complete stop by the emergency vehicle driver. In addition to bringing the vehicle to a complete stop these steps must be followed as well:

- Do not rely on warning devices to clear traffic.
- Scan the intersection for possible hazards (right turns on red, pedestrians, vehicles traveling fast etc.) as well as driver options.
- Begin to slow down well before reaching the intersection and cover the brake pedal with the driver's foot, continue to scan in all four (4) directions (left, right, front, rear).
- Change the siren cadence not less than 200 feet from the intersection.
- Scan the intersection for possible passing options (pass on right, left, wait etc.) avoid using the opposing lane of traffic if at all possible.
- Come to a COMPLETE STOP.
- Establish eye contact with other vehicle drivers, have the person riding in the officer position communicate that all is clear (if available); reconfirm all other vehicles are stopped.
- Proceed one lane of traffic at a time treating each lane of traffic as a separate intersection.
- Uncontrolled Railroad Intersections (no lights, gates or bells): At any time, an emergency vehicle driver approaches an uncontrolled rail crossing he/she shall bring the apparatus or vehicle he/she is operating to a complete stop before entering the grade crossing. In addition, the emergency vehicle driver shall perform the following prior to proceeding:
 - Turn off all sirens and air horns.
 - Operate the motor at idle speed.
 - Turn off any other sound producing equipment or accessories.
 - Open the window and listen for a train's horn.
 - If all clear, proceed with caution.

6. Non-emergency Response:

When responding to a call in a non-emergency response mode or normal flow of traffic (not responding to a true emergency) the vehicle will be operated without any audible or visual warning devices and in compliance with all state motor vehicle laws that apply to civilian traffic. At no time should any emergency vehicle be operated during response with only visual warning devices.

7. Ordinary Travel Procedures:

All drivers shall obey all traffic laws and traffic control devices when driving any Fire Department vehicle under ordinary travel conditions. Any driver observed breaking any traffic laws or driving any vehicle in an aggressive manner will be subject to disciplinary action.

8. Riding Policy:

Oconee County Emergency Services requires all persons riding on fire apparatus to be seated in approved riding positions and secured to the vehicle by seat belts whenever the vehicle is in motion. The emergency vehicle driver shall verify that all personnel are properly seated and in seat belts before the vehicle is moved. Oconee County Emergency Services prohibits the riding on tailboards, sidesteps, running boards, or any other exposed position.

9. Backing:

The Organization recognizes that backing emergency vehicles is made hazardous by the fact that the driver cannot see much of where he/she intends to go. The Organization recommends that whenever possible drivers should avoid backing as the safest way to back up a vehicle is to not back up at all. When it is necessary to back up any departmental vehicle all drivers shall follow one of the two following measures:

- The first choice of backing procedures is that before any vehicle is put into reverse and backed that a spotter be put in place at the left rear of the vehicle. The spotter should be safely positioned so that the emergency vehicle driver can see them at all times. If at any time the driver loses sight of the spotter, he/she shall stop immediately until the spotter is visible again.
- If no spotter is available, all drivers, before attempting to back any apparatus, shall make a circle of safety to see that; no person or persons are directly behind the vehicle or its intended path of travel; all equipment is secured and that all compartment doors are securely closed; any physical obstructions are moved out of the way. The emergency vehicle driver should also note all potential obstructions in the intended path of travel.

10. Privately Owned Vehicles (POV's) not approved for Emergency Response:

When any member responds to the station or to the scene in his/her POV, each member must strictly adhere to all applicable motor vehicle laws. Privately owned vehicles are not provided with the same exemptions that are provided to emergency vehicles (except as outlined in OCES SOG # 03.04.03). Any POV that does not meet the requirements will not be permitted to violate any motor vehicle laws, including but not limited to:

- Speed limits.
- Going through traffic control devices.
- Passing in an unsafe manner.

While it is recognized that timeliness in response to an emergency is important, it is imperative that all drivers understand that their private vehicles, that do not meet the standards as set forth in OCES SOG # 03.04.03, are not emergency vehicles and therefore are not afforded any exemptions or special privileges under state law. Any driver observed breaking any traffic laws or operating any vehicle in an aggressive or unsafe manner will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to, suspension or loss of driving privileges. Each case shall be investigated, and evaluated on an individual basis.

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City of Walhalla Board of Zoning Appeals April 5th, 2021 AGENDA 5:30 PM Walhalla Depot

1. Call to Order
2. Elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
3. Set quarterly meeting dates.
4. Discuss a variance to place a business in 207 Booker Dr.5. Discuss a Special exception to place a mobile home on 114 Norton St.6. Further discussion by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
7. Adjournment

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that **Los Arcos Mexican Grill, LLC** intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license and/or permit that will allow the sale and On premises consumption of beer, wine, and liquor at 124F E. Main Street, Walhalla, SC 29691
To object to the issuance of this license and/or permit, written protest must be postmarked no later than March 30, 2021

For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:

- (1) The name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest;
- (2) The specific reasons why the application should be denied;
- (3) That the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);
- (4) That the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,
- (5) The name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed.

Protests must be mailed to: SCDOR, ABL SECTION, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, SC 29214-0907; or faxed to: (803) 896-0110.

On February 2, 2021, the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing suspended the license of Myrna Schneck Green, RN PA license no. RN612403, of Mountain Rest, South Carolina, for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty.

Public Notice
Oconee County Council will hold a special meeting at 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 19, 2021 in Council Chambers located at 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691 for discussion regarding the Westminster Magistrate Office.

Public Notice
The Oconee County Fire Service Advisory Commission meeting that was scheduled for 6pm, Thursday, March 18, 2021 has been CANCELLED and RESCHEDULED for 6pm, Wednesday, March 24, 2021 in Council Chambers located at 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691.

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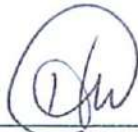
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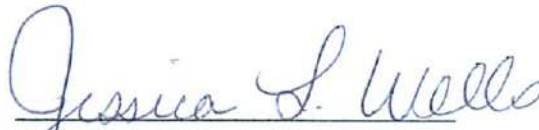
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