



# Minutes

## OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION Regular Meeting Thursday, October 22, 2020

### MEMBERS, RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Mary Beth Honea, Tammy Wilbanks,  
Steven Zahn, Michael Smith, and Erik  
Sprogis

The Oconee County Rescue Squad Advisory Commission met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, Steven Zahn, Tammy Wilbanks, Eric Sprogis, Michael Smith, OCES EMS Director Mike Carroll, and Vivian Kompier, County Planning Director present.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeesc.com]. In addition, it was made available [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

**Call to order** – Commissioner Zahn called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**Approval of minutes 9/24/2020** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the minutes with the change of Commissioner Honea making the motion to adjourn the meeting on 9/24/2020, seconded by Commissioner Wilbanks and approved 4/0.

### Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 / Mary Beth Honea – Absent, no report.
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 / Tammy Wilbanks – No concerns for either station. They had a very successful Christmas fundraiser.
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 / Michael Smith – Spoke with William Tatum they are continuing to build the squad. Rescue 5 is doing fine.
- Region 4 – Squad 22 / Erik Sprogis – Membership is steady. We are investing in the Action Training Program.
- Region 5 – Squads 7 & 8 / Steven Zahn – New rescue truck is in service. Response is down could be Covid-19 related.

### Commission Chairman Steven Zahn's Report

1. **Committee reports for Training Committee & Radio Communications Committee.** – We have decided to go with Motorola. Dispatching Fire and Rescue on Fire 1. Discussed the 10-year plan possibly moving to 800, possibly moving to P-25's. We discussed establishing a deadline for programming the radios. Make a list of vendors, makes, and models of portable and mobiles. We discussed the dispatch issues as well as the build out of the digital system, standardized equipment needs and defined some terminology.

Committee members are myself, Scott Krein, Mike Smith, Brian Sherriff, and Cole Shirley. If you would like to be on this committee, please let us know. Meeting next week with Travis Tilson to help us set up.

Commissioner Smith mentioned once again, please document date and time when an issue has been detected. Also, please do not be rude to the dispatchers they are doing the best they can, they may have several things going on. Please use the proper channels if there is an issue.

Commissioner Wilbanks reported on her committee and EMS Director Carroll and Commissioner Sprogis will also be on this committee. Looking for 2 or 3 more people.

### **Chief Scott Krein's Report – Presented by EMS Director Michael Carroll**

1. EMR/EMT standardization to Upstate/NREMT curriculum. Looking at a few different agencies that will provide us the best support.
2. Standardized equipment list for RS/FD units used on medical response (attached). This will be sent out to the Chiefs for their input on this list because everyone has different vehicles.
3. Requirements for EMTs to take part in IST program. At least 50% attendance at sessions yearly. We are trying to come up with a standard to get people involved. This includes Fire as well as Rescue Squad.

**Adjourn** – The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 18:24pm.