



Minutes

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION Regular Meeting Thursday, November 19, 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, Emergency Service Director Scott Krein, 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 10/22/2020 – Commissioner Sprogs made a motion to accept the minutes seconded by Commissioner Wilbanks and approved 3/0.

Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 / Mary Beth Honea – Absent, no report.
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 / Tammy Wilbanks – No issues as far as Salem is concerned, about 300 calls which is up. Epi and Narcan training is proposed for December 1, 2020. One new member at this time. Mountain Rest is currently going through the refresher class.
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 / Michael Smith – Nothing new with Rescu4 - Rescue 5 has 5 new members that are ready to start responding.
- Region 4 – Squad 22 / Erik Sprogis – Epi and Narcan training was last month. One potential new member.
- Region 5 – Squads 7 & 8 / Steven Zahn – Busy with calls, new truck, and Dive has 4 new members.

Commission Chairman Steven Zahn's Report

1. Committee Reports – Ms. Wilbanks reported that the Training Committee met on November 10th, they did some brain storming and came up with a schedule that can be followed throughout the county with possible lesson plans. They will meet again on December 8th. Communications Committee has met a few times and they are moving ahead with the digital system in the County. It is proposed to have 4 zones within the county this will help when mutual aid is needed.
2. Walhalla Rescue Squad -
3. Fire stations that run rescue calls attend Rescue Chiefs' Meetings – All of these people are invited to attend these meeting, but they don't seem to be taking advantage of the invite. We do have a new Fire Chief and he will get started in December.

4. Responders being dispatched to GSWs and knifings -
5. Responders dispatched to calls initiated by Law Enforcement

Chief Scott Krein's Report

1. COVID-19 update and testing – The numbers are rising quickly, please wear a mask at every call at the minimum. Responder testing will be tested at minimum once a month, but we should have it twice a month if you want it. If all of the responders get tested and we have more tests, we will open it up to the public.
2. Vaccine possibility There are a lot of variables but it should be solidified soon. We have requested First responders get the vaccines if they so choose.
3. Responder safety PPE and equipment – Very important that all the responders must have a reflective vest on if you are outside of your vehicles. Mask up!
4. Responder opportunity – Clinics are coming up and responders need to know about them.

Adjourn – The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 18:30pm.