



Minutes

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Thursday, April 22, 2021

MEMBERS, RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Sarah Avery, Tammy Wilbanks,
Steven Zahn, Michael Smith, Eric
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, Micheal Smith, Sarah Avery, Erik Sprogis, Emergency Services EMS Director Mike Carroll, OCES Director Scott Krein and Katie Smith, Clerk to Council were 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 6:00 pm.

Approval of minutes 03/25/21 – Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Avery and approved 5-0.

Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 / Sarah Avery – Nothing new to report and no issues
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 / Tammy Wilbanks – Rescue 2 has purchased a patient care skid unit and put it in the Polaris. Four members in EMR Refresher class, Upcoming Fundraiser; No issues or new information from Rescue 6.
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 / Michael Smith – Nothing new to report and no issues.
- Region 4 – Squad 22 / Erik Sprogis – Squad doing well, two members in EMR Refresher class, two members resigning, and two potential members
- Region 5 - Squads 7 & 8 / Steven Zahn – Would like to see better response to calls

Commission Chairman Steven Zahn's Report

1. Committee Reports

- Radio – Commissioner Zahn reported that the committee is meeting twice monthly. The group is still having difficulty getting information from the Chiefs about dead spots in their area. The testing repeater has been ordered so that dead spots can be tested. Chief Krein will check on time frame for installation and get back to us.

Deputy Chief Mike Carroll's Report

1. EPI/Narcan

- Rescue 1, 2, 5, 6, 22 have had training on Narcan and EPI. Carroll is available to do this training and it is going well at the moment.
- Several squads now have both items on board.

2. ID Cards
 - Yearlong expiration date on card to coincide with member's annual physical,
 - Need to work on an SOG for Accountability on Scene
 - Get certifications in ERS for eligibility purposes so that county can track information
 - Going to add columns to quarterly report to assist with getting information
 - Request from Commissioner Zahn for EMR and CPR expiration dates to be added to quarterly information sheet
3. Training
 - Continuing Ed schedule coming for EMR personnel hopefully in May
 - Still sporadic attendance for EMTs. Not many are taking advantage of the classes.

Director Scott Krein's Report

1. Physicals
 - Two vendors to serve best for physicals, Upstate and North Greenville.
 - Understand the convenience of each vendor for different people
 - Money budgeted for physicals have run out the last two years and money has had to be transferred into the account. Once money is out then physicals are not available until arrangements can be made for payment.
 - More people have gotten physicals this year than in years past.
 - Everyone will get a cardiac stress test (required for response) if you plan to be on scene. Everyone will get blood work; everyone will get a cardiac stress test. 50% of all LODD are related to cardiac arrest. Sudden cardiac arrest on average starts in FF/Rescuer at 49 years old while average citizen starts at age 60. This is due to the stress we put on our heart. When tones drop, heart rate increases immediately by 47-50 beats (JEMS Magazine). This is not to eliminate volunteers. This is to protect them. Working on paperwork for certain situations for family cardiologist sign off.
 - N95 does not require spirometer test.
2. Incentive
 - Asks that we nominate two people to assist in building the new incentive program criteria with people from Fire Commission
 - This year's may be different than next years due to Covid.
3. Helicopter Insurance
 - Still in process of getting more information
 - Prisma has gone to Air Methods
 - County paid for coverage this year to AirMed
4. Financial Reporting Program
 - Going to be getting with Bo Horne for training on the program
 - Goal is to be transparent and so that it can be easily shown what is being spent
 - Need to get everyone on board with this
5. Duplication of Names on Reports
 - Make sure members are only on one report for a call
 - ERS may need to be set up differently

Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn by Michael Smith and seconded by Erik Sprogis. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1838.