



Minutes

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION Regular Meeting Thursday, May 27, 2021

MEMBERS, RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Sarah Avery, Tammy Wilbanks,
Steven Zahn, Michael Smith, Eric
Sprogis, Keith Wilbanks, Mike
Carroll

The Oconee County Rescue Squad Advisory Commission met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, Steven Zahn, Tammy Wilbanks, Erik Sprogis, Emergency Services EMS Director Mike Carroll, OCES Director Scott Krein and Vivian Kompier, County Planner 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 1800 hr.

Approval of minutes 04/22/21 – Commissioner Sprogis made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner T. Wilbanks and approved 3-0.

Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 / Sarah Avery – Absent
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 / Tammy Wilbanks – Salem Fire helping cover daytime calls as coverage is slim due to members working, having health issues and caring for family; Nothing to report from Rescue 6
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 / Michael Smith – Absent
- Region 4 – Squad 22 / Erik Sprogis – Nothing substantial to report
- Region 5 - Squads 7 & 8 / Steven Zahn – Starting to get busy due to season change; low turnout on calls; using Survey Monkey to get information from members pertaining to response

Commission Chairman Steven Zahn's Report

1. Election of two (2) Incentive Committee representatives – A motion was made by Eric Sprogis that Steve Zahn and Sarah Avery be our representatives on the Incentive Committee, seconded by Tammy Wilbanks, approved 3-0.

Deputy Chief Mike Carroll's Report

1. Accountability/Helmet Policy
 - Will be based on level of certification, physical and training
 - Implementation will be January 1, 2023
2. ID Cards – Referenced handout concerning color coded cards for different levels of physical and training

3. Social Media policy
 - Referenced handout concerning use of digital, still and video camera images taken by personnel on scene
 - Policy included disciplinary actions as well
4. Levels of Physicals and Personal Physician reports
 - Referenced handouts showing the new physician affidavit and the form to be used from personal physician; physician form used if fail OCES physical then take form to doctor or cardiologist to use as guide for clearance or no clearance; form will be on ERS; doctor will be at responder's cost
 - Question was raised by Commissioner Zahn as to whether a Level 2 person could go in the woods; Director Krein said he would need to ask the doctor about where the cutoff is for that
 - Everyone will do stress test and spirometer (required for N95 requirements)
 - Next physical with North Greenville will be June 3rd at Walhalla Rescue building
 5. Quarterly Checklist – referenced list of criteria for squads to turn in by deadline, to get allocated money
 6. Financial Program – training forthcoming on the new program
 7. Certifications – recertification must be completed within 6 months of card expiration date

Committee Reports

1. Training Committee – Commissioner T. Wilbanks reported that training committee had met and made considerable progress on the document. Info is forthcoming to commissioners on this item.
 2. Radio Committee – making progress with getting digital system ready

Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn by Tammy Wilbanks and seconded by Erik Sprogis. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1825.