



Minutes

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION Regular Meeting Thursday, September 23, 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, Erik Sprogis, Tammy Wilbanks, EMS Director Mike Carroll and County Planner Vivian Kompier 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 from 08/26/21 – Commissioner Sprogis made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Wilbanks and approved 3-0.

Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 / Sarah Avery – Absent
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 / Tammy Wilbanks – Salem Rescue has had 258 calls this year with 34 already this month, has one member in initial EMR, two members in EMR refresher and an application from a retired surgeon; Mtn. Rest Rescue has had approximately 144 calls to include several search and rescues. Chief L. Wilbanks had no report.
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 / Michael Smith – Absent
- Region 4 – Squad 22 / Erik Sprogis – Received digital radio and Brian Sheriff is programming it, completed annual Radiological training, and continuing to pursue options for their squad
- Region 5 - Squads 7 & 8 / Steven Zahn – Team continues to be busy with calls, especially Special Rescue team; continued low turnout on calls

Committee Reports

1. Training Committee – We are still working on that document. Updated version will be presented to chiefs for comments and then to commission for finalization
2. Radio Committee – Commissioner Zahn reported that committee members are not attending meetings, a lot of departments and squads are purchasing the needed radios and it appears that the list of “dead” spots has been completed, waiting for Lever Hall and Salem Water Tower repeater to be added. Director Krein added that Lever Hall tower was in and the other had been ordered.

Deputy Chief Mike Carroll's Report

- ERS/PCRs –
 - a) All personnel who arrive on scene first and have patient care must be doing a PCR in ERS. Go over the program with your squads and make sure everyone understands how to complete this.
 - b) Commissioners Wilbanks and Sprogis had some questions about how it looks in reporting if another agency does the pcr.
- Physicals/Incentive –
 - a) Fewer than 50 responders have met requirements for incentive, lacking physicals and CPR. In several cases, information had just not been entered into ERS.
 - b) Question was asked about when is last opportunity to get one before deadline and if the North Greenville physicals could be a morning blood draw and afternoon physical. Director Krein stated that they were specifically asked for a “one stop” physical.
 - c) Make sure certifications and physicals are entered into ERS asap. Calls are included in this year's incentive with no specific dollar amount assigned at this point. Chiefs should look for duplications on personnel. We need to be very careful not to falsify documents or have misappropriation of funds by putting people on a call that weren't there.
- Vehicles-
 - a) Make sure mileage is turned in monthly in order to ensure trucks are scheduled appropriately for service.
 - b) This is to ensure we keep our trucks in working order and usable for as long as possible.
 - c) No evidence the tire was an issue with the Mountain Rest rescue truck's accident.
- Training Document – want to make sure we get that in place so that everyone is on the same page as far as training goes

Director Scott Krein's Report

- Christmas Dinner –
 - a) OCES will have this at Walhalla High School on December 2nd.
 - b) Make sure names/money is turned in ASAP. Members must have a ticket to eat. Squads/Dept. is asked to pay for any attendee not a member.
 - c) Rescue Member of the Year and Firefighter of the Year will be announced. Squads need to work on getting the name of their person submitted. Name needs to be submitted by end of October.

Other Items

- Commissioner Zahn had a question about vehicles being taken home by members.
- Commissioner Wilbanks thanked Erik Sprogis and Rescue 22 for helping with rehab on a structure fire.
- Deputy Chief Carroll stated he had attended Salem Fire/Rescue cookout and presented member Tom Maertens with a plaque for OCES Responder of the Year 2020. This will be
- Next meeting October 28, 2021 at 1800 hr

Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn by Tammy Wilbanks and seconded by Erik Sprogis. The meeting was unanimously (3-0) adjourned at 1838.