



Minutes

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Thursday, April 28, 2022

MEMBERS, RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Kelly McCormick, Tammy Wilbanks,
Michael Smith, Steven Zahn, 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. Michael Smith, Steven Zahn, Kelly McCormick, EMS Director Mike Carroll, OCES Director Scott Krein 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 Steve Zahn called the meeting to order at 1800 hr.

Approval of minutes from 03/24/22 – Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the March 24, 2022 minutes, seconded by Commissioner McCormick and approved 3-0.

Public Comments – none

Committee Reports

1. Radio Committee – Commissioner Zahn did not meet due to Travis Tilson not being able to attend. The meeting will occur next month.
2. Training Committee – Mike Carroll reported from Commissioner Wilbanks that the committee met last week and discussed a list of items for new members coming in to complete.

Chairman Steve Zahn

1. PAR checks for rescue squads – Per Director Krein, this has not started, but there has been some discussion about it. A policy may need to be developed so that everyone involved knows what needs to occur during a PAR check.
2. SOGs for Rescue – Last one developed in 2014. Commissioner Zahn, Kelley McCormick and Mike Carroll will serve as part of this committee.
3. Identification of OCES staff members – sometimes difficult to tell the level of a staff member; suggested different colors for different certification levels; levels and cards put on hold until levels for physical has been resolved

Commissioner Kelley McCormick

1. Referenced article from Daily Journal concerning the 911 dock addressing; Director Krein said if it was done for one lake, he would like for it to be done for all lakes; approval has been given for Keowee and Jocassee; Lisa Simmering has built a map to plot where they need to be for them to be in prominent placement; project is now funded; must be on a dock; working on agreement with landowner; discussion currently with Corps of Engineers concerning Hartwell; could buoy numbers be a part of the mapping
2. Proposal –a phrase to use on the radio for a responder who feels in danger and needs immediate assistant (such as code black); discussion of using button on radio for distress call; there will need to be training for responders and dispatch

Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 / Kelly McCormick –
 - 1) Rescue 1 –
 - a) Added two EMTs
 - b) New website up and running
 - c) Amazon Smile program
 - d) Waiting to be added to two boxes, Corinth-Shiloh and Friendship
 - e) 501(c)3
 - 2) Rescue 3 –
 - a) R3D back in service
 - b) Two new people coming to May meeting
 - c) ERS lock out issues which have already been discussed
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 / Tammy Wilbanks (absent; presented by Mike Carroll)
 - 1) Rescue 2 – No issues or concerns; really busy lately
 - 2) Rescue 6 – No issues or concerns expressed when asked
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 / Michael Smith –
 - 1) Rescue 4 –
 - a) Doing well just having had elections
 - b) Officers now in place with Dale Harper elected Chief
 - c) One new member (paramedic) and applicant for administrative position
 - d) Working on getting a second vehicle
 - 2) Rescue 5 –
 - a) Needs more members but holding their own
- Region 4 – Squad 22 / Erik Sprogis –
 - a) Five active members with possibility of one new applicant
- Region 5 - Rescue 7/8 - Steve Zahn
 - a) Getting busier, people not paying attention
 - b) Need responding members
 - c) Director Krein recognized that Dive team assisted Sheriff's department with situation and spent many hours; question about using some of those hours for calls or training hours

Deputy Chief Mike Carroll's Report

1. Upcoming classes – EMT and EMR CEP classes continuing to occur; EMRs can come to EMT classes; possibility of changing the night class to another night
2. Reporting issues – Everyone with 37501 number should be on the same report; some people are deleting other department's times; trying to get this fixed across the board; discussion on Station 21 starting the report as OCES and then not being able to search it as a specific rescue squad call; Mike Carroll said to let him know of specific incidents
3. Rosters – Working on getting trucks in for service; if taking someone off your roster, highlight them so they can be taken off ERS and Active911 access

Director Krein's Report

1. ERS – Trying to work on getting access issue fixed; make sure if you're sign enroute if you're enroute to a call and on sign on scene; everyone on scene cannot arrive on the same truck; Michael Smith had a question about members on call back with Station 6; need to revamp back up list for boxes
2. Budget – Projected growth due to increase in cost for Active911 and ERS, repairs, physicals (not cost, just more personnel getting them), gas/oil for substations; small equipment for radio and communication items; request for pump/ladder testing to be done 3rd party
3. County General Fund budget – salaries; trying to maintain as much as possible; batteries for radios and AEDs; small equipment for Bountyland Station; lease purchase for SCBA, contract monies; money for equipment and uniforms for new hires if awarded
4. Response concerning Commissioner Zahn's question about Bountyland Station – it is currently in design phase, making sure wiring and water is in the right places as well as changing materials to a block bay instead of steel to save money
5. Response concerning Commissioner Zahn's question about Covid money – Director Krein has asked for the policy concerning responders who responded during Covid receiving money
6. Incentive – same as last year except training hours went from ten to twenty hours

Executive Session –

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to move to Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner McCormick. Approved 3-0.
2. A motion was made by Commissioner McCormick to move out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Approved 3-0.
3. No action taken as a result of Executive Session.
4. Director Krein was asked to keep up informed of the matters discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. Approved 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 1914.