



Minutes

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION Regular Meeting Thursday, May 26, 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. Kelly McCormick, Tammy Wilbanks, Michael Smith, Steven Zahn, 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 04/28/22 – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the April 28, 2022 minutes, seconded by Commissioner McCormick and approved 4-0.

Chairman Zahn comments

1. Radio Committee – making progress with project; waiting on repeater frequency for Salem tower; work being done on tower at Cleveland, that receiver is in; getting the final channel setup to Travis Tilson
2. Training Committee – met recently to discuss a document to make onboarding process easier
3. PAR checks – some discussion has been had with dispatch but nothing in place yet; everyone will need training on PAR checks, what it means for dispatch and responders; changes coming along slowly with trying to get some of the boxes redone
4. Rescue SOG Committee – would like to get together with Mike Carroll to get a direction for this project
5. Medical Level Emblems – possible way to identify what level a person is

Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 / Kelly McCormick –
 - 1) Rescue 1 – Everything going well; box assignments have been fixed
 - 2) Rescue 3 – Everything going well
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 / Tammy Wilbanks
 - 1) Rescue 2 – Continuing to have lots of calls; remain shorthanded during the daytime
 - 2) Rescue 6 – Nothing to report
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 / Michael Smith –
 - 1) Rescue 4 –
 - a) Doing what they can and covering as many calls as possible
 - b) Trying to grow the squad

- c) Ask that we continue to look at a replacement vehicle for the F250 that was reallocated; they are currently using a spare vehicle
 - 2) Rescue 5 –
 - a) Being dispatched to a lot of calls but short with members
 - b) Doing ok otherwise
- Region 4 – Squad 22 / Erik Sprogis – absent
- Region 5 - Rescue 7/8 - Steve Zahn
 - a) Getting busier; trying to motivate members to run calls

Deputy Chief Mike Carroll's Report

1. Vehicle Response Safety
 - a) Use due regard if there is an ambulance and/or another responder between you and the scene
 - b) Need to redo system to see who should be the true back-up responder if needed
 - c) Currently working to get some of the boxes reworked for better service
2. EMR Bag Inventory
 - a) Basic list of what a person should have when responding to a call
 - b) Airway management supplies, basic supplies
 - c) Be careful if carrying oxygen in personal vehicle; no smoking in vehicle
 - d) Kelly asked about cost to outfit a bag. \$293 for supplies/equipment, \$115 for a bag
3. Physicals/Incentive
 - a) Twenty people were signed up for the latest physical; last North Greenville until late July
 - b) Three more Thursdays in June for Upstate Medical; sign up through Cindy (638-4200)
 - c) Approximately 230 responders have a physical
 - d) Make sure your people know to check email for CPR card and get a copy to Mike

Director Krein's Report

1. Helicopter Insurance
 - a) Evaluating other options but currently not feasible cost wise to purchase the insurance we were using; 2/3 of the people who think they would be covered are not; only covers MedTrans
 - b) Departments can purchase the option the South Carolina Firefighter's Association has offered; this is significantly more than what we have been paying; county will not be paying for this for the upcoming year; possibly could be budgeted in for the next year
 - c) Everyone's helicopter is currently expired.
2. Fire/Rescue Personnel Appreciation Day
 - a) June 18th from 10 am until 2 pm. Location is at HQ 216 Emergency Lane, Westminster
 - b) Hamburgers, hot dogs, door prizes, games, family time, competitions, t-shirts

Executive Session –

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to move to Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Wilbanks. Approved 4-0.
2. A motion was made by Commissioner Wilbanks to move out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner McCormick. Approved 4-0.
3. No action needed from Executive Session.

Commissioner McCormick noted comradary among responders in the county working together and wanted to offer thanks to everyone for a job well done.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. Approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 1939.