



**Minutes**  
**OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD**  
**ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting Thursday, August 25, 2022**

**MEMBERS**

Kelly McCormick, Tammy Wilbanks, Michael Smith,  
Erik Sprogis, Steven Zahn, Mike Carroll, Keith Wilbanks

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, Eric Sprogis, Steven Zahn, EMS Director Mike Carroll and 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 06/23/22** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the June 23, 2022 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Sprogis and approved 5-0.

**Chairman Zahn comments**

1. Radio Committee – a) No meeting held. b) Information needed from departments/squads on radios for reprogramming. The lineup of what we want will be given to the sheriff's department to give to Motorola service center to build code. The model of the radio matters for the code. c) Looking forward to working with new person at sheriff's office.
2. Training Committee – Nothing to report; no meeting held.
3. Rescue SOG Committee – Nothing to report; still need to meet.

**Rescue Squad Updates**

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 / Kelly McCormick
  - 1) Rescue 1
    - a) Currently running spare vehicles due to being out a county vehicle
    - b) Helping Rescue 4 out with coverage as needed
  - 2) Rescue 3 – Nothing to report
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 / Tammy Wilbanks
  - 1) Rescue 2 –
    - a) Still managing to get calls covered even though short staffed during the day
    - b) Annual Fall Fundraiser – October 22<sup>nd</sup>, BBQ, live band, raffle
    - c) Clitches in radio transmissions; having to repeat items; go to digital if needed
  - 2) Rescue 6 – Nothing to report

- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 / Michael Smith
  - 1) Rescue 4 –
    - a) Still moving along; added a member on the boundary line
    - b) Appreciates support from everyone
  - 2) Rescue 5 –
    - a) Only have a few members who are active and every third day they are all working, causing no daytime coverage
    - b) If interested in helping with Apple Festival coverage, let Mike Smith know. Dates are September 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>
- Region 4 – Squad 22 - Erik Sprogis –
  - a) Struggling for volunteers
- Region 5 - Rescue 7/8 - Steve Zahn
  - a) Calls beginning to pick up
  - b) Just finished training with SCHAT
  - c) New members but still having trouble getting people to respond to calls

### **Deputy Chief Mike Carroll's Report**

1. Incentive Period
  - a) One month left on this incentive period.
  - b) Criteria are twenty (20) hours of training, current physical and current certification to include CPR (AHA, ASHI or American Red Cross). Paper with criteria was given to members of commission.
  - c) Be sure that new members need to complete entire packet for Human Resources.
2. Physicals
  - a) Next physical with North Greenville will be September 20<sup>th</sup> at South Union. If you need one, call Cindy to set it up.
  - b) Have packet ready when you get there so that everything stays on schedule.
3. No Response documentation – Make sure that if no one from your squad responds, that a “no response” is documented for that call.
4. Continuing Education Program (CEP)
  - a) EMR CEP is going to be the night class only.
  - b) EMRs can go to the EMT sessions.
  - c) Night EMR class coming up but currently has low enrollment.
5. Meeting – Mike Carroll is trying to get a meeting scheduled with the new director of Upstate EMS, Todd Bridges. We will still be using Upstate EMS Council training. We will need to make a few changes to the document the training committee is working on.
6. Truck purchases – State contract is currently closed.
7. Call response – Sheet was given out reflecting calls per squad toned to and responded to versus, as well as number of “no response” calls

Other: a) A request was made for a form to use when doing check offs for medications/drugs on the trucks. Mike Carroll said he would look into this. b) Still trouble with disconnect between dispatch center and Prisma dispatch.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sprogis and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Approved 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 1827.