



Minutes

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Thursday, February 23, 2023

MEMBERS, RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Kelly McCormick, Tammy Wilbanks,
Brady Land, Steven Zahn, Eric Sprogis,
Mike Carroll, Scott Krein

The Oconee County Rescue Squad Advisory Commission met at 6:00 PM in the conference room, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla. Kelly McCormick, Tammy Wilbanks, Brady Land, Steven Zahn, and Mike Carroll 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.

1. **Call to order** – Commissioner McCormick called the meeting to order at 1800 hours.
2. **Approval of Minutes** - Commissioner Zahn made a motion to approve the minutes from January 20, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Land and approved 4-0.
3. **Commissioner McCormick's Report**
 - a) Discussed concern about Prisma Health changing to UHF radio system and how it will affect responders providing efficient service to the citizens of Oconee County; meetings with Prisma medical director and with communications; discrepancies are being logged; we may contact our council representative with concerns
 - b) Discussed making sure we continue building unity and cooperation among the departments; encourage county to continue to do things to help with the “one county, one mission” vision
4. **Commissioner Steven Zahn's Report**
 - a) Request that all members have access to ERS in order to visit the Library which houses policies, procedures, items, etc.; Mike Carroll added that there needed to be updates with all information in there and with a new system being looked at, there was not time to update what is there
 - b) Discussed PAR checks and if there was progress being made toward getting those for rescue personnel while on a call; Mike Carroll said it was still a work in progress

5. Committee Reports

- **Radio Communications Committee Report**
 - a) Still being held up by FCC for Salem tower and the Bad Creek tower, which will probably hold up implementation of new system
 - b) Still trying to get list of radio makes/model from squads 2, 3, 5 and 6 for when radios need programmed
 - c) Currently no money in budget for the tower that is supposed to go up at Cleveland

- **Incentive Committee Report**
 - a) Group needs to meet to add more criteria
 - b) Commissioner Wilbanks added that a set of criteria needs to be decided on and left in place for a set number of years; concerned that it changes every year
 - c) Commissioner McCormick expressed concern about putting more on the volunteers to meet the criteria

- **SOG Committee Report**

Meeting will be set up soon to get started and set a timeline

- **Training Committee Report**
 - a) Training document has been accepted by the rescue chiefs and ready to be implemented. There was some discussion about when it should go into effect. A motion was made by Commissioner Zahn to accept the training document to be effective April 1, 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Land and approved 4 – 0.
 - b) New Member checklist was accepted by the rescue chiefs with the addition of a place for member's name and department/squad, as well as the addition of EVRA class for POV driving awareness. The first two items have been added and the EVRA online class is still being looked into. Commissioner Wilbanks requested to table this vote until this point is resolved. All other commissioners agreed.

6. **Discussion on Formation of Rescue Squad Funding and Rescue Operations Budget Review Committee** - Commissioners McCormick and Wilbanks will work together on this committee

7. **Discussion regarding setting aside time in the next meeting to review old business items for resolutions or updates** - Per David Root, we are not allowed to have an old business section on the agenda, so we will add those items to our individual reports.

8. Mike Carroll's Report

- Physicals – will be conducted in compliance with national standards (NFPA & OSHA), FIT tests
- County ISO rating- Contracts with fire departments does not affect ISO rating
- Volunteer and Staff Helmet color policy- colors for different levels and officers; rescue members only the color is blue

- POV emergent response- must have insurance, insurance aware, proper lighting and siren, chief must sign off on paperwork
- PCRs- If you are on scene first, you must do a patient care report. No patient information goes in the incident narrative.
- Use of County vehicles-If you have a county vehicle, you are on call to respond.
- Staffed OCES unit- will be dispatched to medical calls in the following response areas: Oakway Rescue, Walhalla Rescue and Westminster Rescue. Lengthy discussion was had about response units, back-up units and general response issues.
- Membership Packet – Now online with Human Resources

9. Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 / Kelly McCormick
 - 1) Rescue 1
 - a) One county vehicle in service, one still in shop
 - b) One additional EMR in Friendship area
 - 2) Rescue 3
 - a) What is the plan for R3B if it is not repairable? 20 year old vehicle and according to cost to repair, it may be taken out of service completely
 - b) What is the requirement for keeping financial records? Believed to be 7 years
 - c) What else is needed to from them for the county? Question raised about the need for audits, which was not directed to any particular squad.
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 / Tammy Wilbanks
 - 1) Rescue 2 –
 - a) No issues or concerns voiced by Chief Nabors
 - b) Mentioned an upcoming breakfast fundraiser for April 1st from 6-11 am
 - 2) Rescue 6 –
 - a) Chief Wilbanks says that he has no issues/concerns/needs to report
 - b) I have requested a meeting with him and his officers.
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 / Brady Land
 - 1) Rescue 4 –
 - a) Couple of applicants who will be voted on
 - b) Stress the need for a new vehicle
 - 2) Rescue 5 – No report from Chief Smith
- Region 4 – Squad 22 - Erik Sprogis – Absent; 5 members in EMR class per CommissionerZahn
- Region 5 - Rescue 7 & 8 - Steve Zahn –
 - 1) No questions or concerns voiced by members

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Land, seconded by Commissioner Wilbanks, and approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 1947.