



Minutes

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Thursday, August 24, 2023

MEMBERS

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, Mike Carroll and Scott Krein 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** – Chairman Kelly McCormick called the meeting to order at 1800 hours.
2. **Approval of Minutes** - Commissioner Zahn made a motion to approve the minutes from July 27, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Land and approved 4-0.
3. **Public Comment** – none
4. **Commission Member Comments** – none
5. **Commissioner McCormick’s Report** –none
6. **Committee Reports**
 - **Radio Communications Committee Report**
Currently in a holding pattern; waiting on contract for the Hwy 130 antenna; final stage of repeater for Corinth-Shiloh; do not yet have test radios; still waiting to see if budget goes through for radio programmer position
 - **Incentive Committee Report**
Deadline for physicals September 30th; deadline for all paperwork October 31st; discussion concerning onboarding paperwork for Human Resources and what’s included in that
 - **SOG Committee Report** –
Revisions complete and first reading will be presented at next meeting; need a member from Region 2 to serve on committee
 - **Training Committee Report**
Still need a member from Region 3 to serve on the committee; request made for the training document to be sent out again

7. Mike Carroll's Report

- Physicals – North Greenville conducting one tonight and at South Union September 26th; slots still available; last North Greenville one of this year; can still go to Upstate Medical on Thursday; call Cindy at 638-4200 for appointment time
- Call and No Response call report – Reviewed document for each squad's calls/responses
- ROLL Training – Several members have already been trained or training is already scheduled. This training will show up on your fire academy transcript on the fire portal. Several dates upcoming for training. Position in-house for training (Zac Smith)
- EMR CEP classes – Usually have 5 people to show up for these
- Vehicle Upkeep – Make sure mileage is reported; will be getting with chiefs about service; keep vehicles tidy and cleaned up inside and out

8. Director Scott Krein's Report

- Bountyland Station update – Appliances are in; box alarms set up soon with some box alarms changing; at least January before it is staffed
- Incentive – Make sure trainings are being entered; make sure all certifications are updated
- Helicopter Insurance – New system will cover helicopter and ground transport; any department who has paid will be transferred over to county system but no refunds given; cost has gone to \$180/person annually

9. Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 (Kelly McCormick)
 - 1) Rescue 1 – Truck 1A back in service; still fundraising for ice machine
 - 2) Rescue 3 – Nothing to update
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 (Tammy Wilbanks)
 - 1) Rescue 2 – All equipment operational; one member just received EMT status having passed both skills and written portions; concern with traffic into Devil's Fork and surrounding area during summer weekends, currently having to use alternate route around to get to the park or calls above the park entrance; upcoming fundraiser Sept. 9th
 - 2) Rescue 6 – New truck is still waiting for lights; no other concerns voiced
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 (Brady Land)
 - 1) Rescue 4 – Thermostat issue at R4 building has been fixed; wiring concerns on Tahoe; still waiting on response as to whether an individual commission member can contact the county attorney directly, should have answer soon
 - 2) Rescue 5 – No response from Chief Smith
- Region 4 – Squad 22 (Erik Sprogis) – Absent, but Mike Carroll reported that new members have applied to be CPR instructors and a possible EMR class soon; 20 members now
- Region 5 - Rescue 7 & 8 (Steve Zahn)

Good training with SCHAT this year; busy with calls; question about equipment installs

10. Executive Session –

- 1) A motion was made by Commissioner Land to enter executive session, seconded by Commissioner Zahn and approved 4-0.
- 2) A motion was made by Commissioner Land to exit executive session, seconded by Commissioner Wilbanks and approved 4-0.
- 3) No action needed from executive session items.

11. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Land, seconded by Commissioner Wilbanks, and approved 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 1902 hours.