



Minutes

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Thursday, September 28, 2023

MEMBERS

Kelly McCormick, Tammy Wilbanks,
Brady Land, Steven Zahn, Eric Sprogis,
Donna Rogers (at-large), 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, 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 August 24, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Sprogis and approved 4-0.
3. **Public Comment** – Lt. Scott Shear from Seneca Rescue Squad wanted to thank Oconee County for replacing one of the squad's vehicles (1-Echo). He expressed concerned that the vehicle did not have some items he considered necessary for safety, such as a cage or net separating the cab from the equipment area, a fire extinguisher, a flashlight and some type of vehicle identifier located on the roof. He suggested these items be on a punch list for new vehicles in the future.
4. **Commission Member Comments** – none
5. **Commissioner McCormick's Report** –
 - Welcomed Donna Rogers as the at large member appointed to RSAC by the rescue chiefs
 - Asked whether or not NR21 (no response for 21 staff) should be added to ERS
 - Asked about progress on installing numerical identification on docks for emergencies; Director Krein reported that some have been done and it is a work in progress
 - Voiced concern about lift assist calls that turn out to be true medical calls
6. **Committee Reports**
 - **Radio Communications Committee Report**
 - a) Agree made for tower on Hwy 130,
 - b) Newry Mill tower operational
 - c) Reminder to use valid vendor for programming
 - d) Hope to have programmer by January
 - **Incentive Committee Report**
 - a) Deadline for physicals September 30th, deadline for all paperwork October 31st
 - b) Criteria has been shared with chiefs
 - **SOG Committee Report** –

- a) First draft has been sent to Commissioner
- b) Request for Donna Rogers to send to all Chiefs
- c) Comments/Questions/Concerns are due in 60 days from each group
- d) Still need a member from Region 2 to serve on committee

- **Training Committee Report**

- a) Plan to set a schedule for the EMR CEP classes
- b) Plan to work on OCES rehab policy to ensure it meets NFPA standards and complies with Prisma Health Clinical Operating Guidelines
- c) Plan to review training document to include additions and revisions, as needed.
- d) Still need a member from Region 3 to serve on the committee

7. Mike Carroll's Report

- Call and No Response call report – Reviewed document for each squad's calls/responses
- ROLL Training – Now have 135 members trained
- Training – EMR refresher 10/10 at Westminster; EMT CEP Oct. 24,25 at HQ
- New Prisma COG document – Will be in ERS library and chiefs have received a copy

8. Director Scott Krein's Report

- Bountyland Station update – Almost ready for occupancy
- City Contracts – Have been completed
- Incentive – Make sure trainings are being entered; make sure all certifications are updated
- Helicopter Insurance – New coverage through SCSF which will cover helicopter and ground transport
- AFG Grant – Will be used to purchase mobile air trailer; will be housed at the training center
- Staffing – Budget allowed increases in pay; set up so that an employee can move up in rank

9. Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 (Kelly McCormick)
 - 1) Rescue 1 – Good rehab response recently; ice machine donated; struggling to buy Gatorade and water; thanks to Seneca PD for conducting the evacuation at recent fire
 - 2) Rescue 3 – Nothing to update
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 (Tammy Wilbanks)
 - 1) Rescue 2 – Three members just completed and passed EMR course; purchased Rescue 1's old rehab trailer
 - 2) Rescue 6 – New truck is now in service; no other concerns voiced by Chief Wilbanks
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 (Brady Land) - Absent
 - 1) Rescue 4 – Nothing new
 - 2) Rescue 5 – No response from Chief Smith; Mike Carroll made note that R5 did have three new members
- Region 4 – Squad 22 (Erik Sprogis) – Seven potential members as the result of attending a meet and greet; ROLL training completed
- Region 5 - Rescue 7 & 8 (Steve Zahn)
 - 1) Rescue 7 – Marine 705 out of service for repairs
 - 2) Rescue 8 – Everything going fine.

10. Executive Session – Not needed

11. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Zahn, seconded by Commissioner Wilbanks, and approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 1857 hours.