



Minutes

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting February 29, 2024

MEMBERS

Kelly McCormick, Tammy Wilbanks, Brady Land,
Steven Zahn, Phyllis Raver, Donna Rogers (at-large),
Mike Carroll (at-large), 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, Phyllis Raver, Donna Rogers, 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** – Chairman Land called the meeting to order at 1800 hours.
2. **Approval of 2024 Calendar** – Commissioner McCormick reminded us that we had voted at the last meeting to accept the calendar for the 4th Thursday meetings. A discussion was had about the holiday related dates and the small two-week gap between the September and October meetings. It was decided that we would change the October meeting to October 17th at 7:00 p.m. A motion was made by Tammy Wilbanks to readopt the second calendar with the change and seconded by Kelly McCormick. Motion carried 5-0.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Raver made a motion to approve the minutes from January 25, 2024. Commissioner Land seconded provided a second. Motion was approved 5-0.
4. **Public Comment** – none
5. **Commission Member Comments** – none
6. **Commissioner Land's Report**
 - Requested update on the two Chevy Silverado trucks and which squad would be receiving them, with an expected date for service; Westminster and Walhalla will receive them. Update was given on progress.
 - Requested more information on the Bountyland Station's zones/lines; GIS map has updated version.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - Radio Communications Committee Report – Went over code plug at meeting; Motorola R7 will probably be what the county will go with; next meeting March 14th 9 a.m. at EOC,
 - Incentive Committee Report – No meeting held at this point,
 - SOG Committee Report – Nothing to report tonight, but document is coming along nicely; feedback has been minimum; Chief Carroll will remind the chiefs to send comments/questions/edits since they did not meet last month,
 - Training Committee Report – Met and reviewed responses to the survey; getting good feedback.
8. **Mike Carroll's Report**
 - Medical Transport Update – Paperwork has been submitted for all those who qualified,
 - Part-time Radio Position – Part-time radio person began today,
 - Bi-Annual Drill – Emails forthcoming from Scott Smith about drill; keep up with Radiological Worker training, decon would be at Oakway Fire Department,

- Rescue Squad Response Updates – A member of Station 13 plans to join Rescue 3; went over the response form; some squads still struggling to make calls each month,
- New Vehicle update - Currently a sixteen week wait for some products; still getting quotes; waiting on updated bid for the Rescue 2 truck.

9. Director Scott Krein's Report – absent

10. Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 (Kelly McCormick)
 - 1) Rescue 1 – All vehicles back in service; everything operational
 - 2) Rescue 3 – One new member and congratulations on election
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 (Tammy Wilbanks)
 - 1) Rescue 2 – Upcoming Breakfast fundraiser March 23rd; everything going well; mentor program going well; Commissioner Land inquired about communication with Devil's Fork State Park about easier access when a call is going on there
 - 2) Rescue 6 – Asked about the possibility of purchasing something to replace the John Deere Gator
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 (Brady Land)
 - 1) Rescue 4 – No concerns/issues to report at this time
 - 2) Rescue 5 – No concerns/issues to report at this time
- Region 4 – Squad 22 (Phyllis Raver) – Four new EMRs ready to take test; asked about a box of radios; will accept responders from other squads when they do a class if they are willing to pay for the class
- Region 5 - Rescue 7 & 8 (Steve Zahn)
 - 1) Rescue 7 – Updating equipment; doing a lot of training; no calls lately
 - 2) Rescue 8 – Updating equipment; doing a lot of training; no calls lately
- At-Large Member Donna Rogers – Nothing to report at this time

11. Executive Session – Not needed

12. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Commissioner Zahn, and approved 5-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 1924 hours.