



AGENDA
OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION
March 25, 2021
6:00 PM
Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

LIMITED IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE PERMITTED

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1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes 01/28/2021

3. Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 / Sarah Avery
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 / Tammy Wilbanks
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 / Michael Smith
- Region 4 – Squad 22 / Erik Sprogis
- Region 5 – Squads 7 & 8 / Steven Zahn

4. Commission Chairman Steven Zahn's Report

- Training Committee
- Future Planning Committee
- Radio Communications Committee
- Need an SOG for Disciplinary action for rescue personnel.

5. OCES - Mike Carroll's Report

- POV response SOG to Mikes
- Volunteer Responder SOG to Mikes
- EPI-Pen and Narcan programs to First Responder

6. Executive Session

[Upon reconvening the Commission may take a Vote and/or take Action on matters brought up for discussion in Executive Session, if required]

For the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

[1] "Discuss a personnel matter related to the Oconee County Emergency Services."

7. Adjourn

Locations

Rescue 1: Seneca; Rescue 2: Salem; Rescue 3: Oakway; Rescue 4: Walhalla; Rescue 5: Westminster; Rescue 6: Mountain Rest; Rescue 7: Dive Team; Rescue 8: Special Rescue Team; Rescue 22: Keowee

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Minutes

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION Regular Meeting Thursday, January 28, 2021

MEMBERS, RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Sarah Avery, Tammy Wilbanks,
Steven Zahn, Michael Smith, and Erik
Sprogis

The Oconee County Rescue Squad Advisory Commission met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla with Steven Zahn, Sarah Avery, Michael Smith, Tammy Wilbanks, Keith Wilbanks (Member at Large), EMS Director Mike Carroll, Vivian Kompier, County Planner, and Katie Smith, Clerk to County Council 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 – Katie Smith, Clerk to County Council, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Election of Officers – Procedure was explained by Katie Smith to members for electing Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. Once the Chairman is elected, he/she will preside over the meeting. Michael Smith nominated Steven Zahn for Chairman. There were no other nominations and Steven Zahn was elected Chairman by a 4/0 vote. Erik Sprogis joined virtually for officer elections and cast his vote for Steven Zahn as well, making it a 5/0 vote. Erik Sprogis nominated Michael Smith for Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations and Michael Smith was elected Vice-Chair by a 5/0 vote. Steven Zahn nominated Tammy Wilbanks for Secretary. There were no other nominations and Tammy Wilbanks was elected Secretary by a 5/0 vote.

Approval of Calendar for 2021 – Michael Smith asked for clarification about meeting nights for Oconee County Fire Commission. It was stated that that group voted to meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the calendar, seconded by Steven Zahn and approved 4/0.

Approval of minutes 11/19/2020 – Commissioner Wilbanks made a motion to accept the minutes seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved 4/0.

Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 / Sarah Avery – No report from Rescue 3. Rescue 1 has 19 members with several of those being Paramedic level, renovations going on, will be redoing lighting on their Tahoe and completed EPI/Narcan training.
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 / Tammy Wilbanks – No concerns, Epi and Narcan training completed, new member will take next EMR class. EMR refresher coming up will include 10 from Salem. No information from Rescue 6.
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 / Michael Smith – Nothing new with Rescue 4 - Rescue 5 has had EPI/Narcan training, 2 members in EMR refresher, some members helping with current EMR class.

- Region 4 – Squad 22 / Erik Sprogis (virtually) – Has some concerns about the future for Rescue 22 and their purpose/response, working on recruiting, possibility of responding outside of area.
- Region 5 – Squads 7 & 8 / Steven Zahn – Have a lot of members but not a lot responding to calls, joined forces with Sheriff's Department Dive Team and welcomed them to the Dive Team, will be maintaining their equipment and training together, several calls at Yellow Branch Falls, not had a lot of Dive Team calls.

Member of the Year- Director Krein has requested a name for MOY and a narrative. With some discussion about proper procedure due to this being a surprise for the person and not having it on the agenda for executive session, Michael Smith made a motion to postpone the review of submissions until the February meeting and place Executive Session on the agenda for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Sarah Avery, approved 4/0.

Commission Chairman Steven Zahn's Report

1. Committee Reports – Commissioner Smith had nothing to report from the Future Planning Committee. Ms. Wilbanks reported that the Training Committee met to set up plan for CEP for EMRs. Squad training calendars requested. Hopefully to get all squads set up for Action Training. Communications Committee will be sending a letter out to chiefs to outline radio plan and what mobiles and portables can be purchased. Radios will be programmed. Looking at obtaining additional sites for receivers. Hoping to implement radio plan January 1, 2022.
2. Command Structure – Scott Krein Emergency Services Director, Mike Carroll OCES EMS Director (Squads 1-6, 22), Scott Smith Radiological/Emergency Operations Planner (HazMat/Dive/Special), Chief Larry Greer (Rural Fire Depts.) Discussion about Fireman's Association membership for those not already enrolled, chain of command for departments. Fire Departments responding to medical calls still fall under Fire Chief but also have to answer to OCES EMS Director.
3. MSA Respirators shown and prices discussed. FIT test needed for it. R5 has one size of each mask for sizing purposes if anyone would like to take advantage.
4. ID Cards – Good for one year only and will correspond with physical, no ID on scene you will be asked to leave due to liability, possibility of different colors for different levels.
5. New Financial Report – anyone needing training contact Steven Zahn
6. COVID-19 – Vaccine available at Health Department in Seneca, can get a take-home COVID-19 test.

Mike Carroll's Report

1. EPI/Narcan – will be getting with Chiefs to set up delivery, able to get these straight from manufacturer, cost of EPI still high.
2. EMTs and above – current affiliation and current AHA CPR/AED will be assigned EPI kits assigned to EMT with weekly to monthly check offs.
3. Training – Committee working hard to get a plan together for continuing education hours to be obtained, this applies to fire departments as well who run medical calls.
4. COVID-19 Vaccine/Testing – Question asked about whether OCES was tracking who wants these and who doesn't. County not currently requiring so no tracking being done. Some having to reschedule due to cancellations by testing site. Using VAMS to schedule testing individually.

Adjourn – The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 18:56 pm.

ERIC SPROGIS NOMINATION

CHAIRMAN: STEVE ZAHN

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Zahn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Zahn".

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ERIC SPROGIS NOMINATION

VICE CHAIRMAN - MIKE SMITH

MS Cell 1/28/21

ERIC SPRAGGS NOMINATION

Secretary - TAMMY WILBANK

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