



**AGENDA**  
**OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**April 22, 2021**  
**6:00 PM**  
Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices  
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

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**1. Call to Order**

**2. Approval of Minutes 03/25/2021**

**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**

- Radio Communications Committee

**5. OCES – Chief Deputy Mike Carroll**

- Update on Epi & NARCAN program
- IDs and Personnel Accountability on Scenes
- EMR continuing education program

**6. OCES - Chief Scott Krein's Report**

- Continued discussion regarding physicals
- Discussion regarding future incentive criteria
- Discussion regarding helicopter insurance
- Discussion regarding financial reporting system
- Discussion regarding duplication of names on reporting

**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, March 25, 2021

### MEMBERS, RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Sarah Avery, Tammy Wilbanks,  
Steven Zahn, Michael Smith, Eric  
Sprogis

The Oconee County Rescue Squad Advisory Commission met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, Steven Zahn, Tammy Wilbanks, Micheal Smith, Sarah Avery, Emergency Services EMS Director Mike Carroll and Vivian Kompier, County Planner 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** – Commissioner Zahn called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**Approval of minutes 02/25/21** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Avery and approved 4-0.

### Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 / Sarah Avery – Rescue 1 has two new members and lost one. Renovations are coming along. Rescue 3 has elected officers for this year and is purchasing radios.
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 / Tammy Wilbanks – No issues or new information from Rescue 2 or Rescue 6.
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 / Michael Smith – No information from Chief Tatum concerning Rescue 4. Rescue 5 is doing great.
- Region 4 – Squad 22 / Erik Sprogis – Absent
- Region 5 - Squads 7 & 8 / Steven Zahn – New truck is coming in soon, repairs are being made to the Special Rescue vehicle with slide addition, missing dive equipment is being replaced and calls are starting to pick up.

### Commission Chairman Steven Zahn's Report

#### 1. Committee Reports

- Training - Commissioner Wilbanks reported that the committee had not met due to her being quarantined during the month of February. A meeting has not yet been set up but will be soon.
- Planning – Commissioner Smith reported that the Committee had not met.
- Radio – Commissioner Zahn reported that the committee had met twice. Permission had been granted to use the Salem Water tank at Stamp Creek and Nimmons Bridge Road as a repeater site. Emails have been sent to the Fire and Rescue Chiefs to

gather a list of locations that are weak or nonexistent for digital communications in order for that area to be considered for a repeater tower. Deadline to submit is May 1<sup>st</sup> and many chiefs have not responded. This is crucial for gathering information. There are also deadlines of Oct. 1, 2021 to purchase appropriate equipment and of Jan. 2022 for implementation. Receivers will be tested before actually being installed. Hopefully the Lever Hall antenna will help with the Shiloh area reception. Radios can be programmed with different zones and there are multiple channels on each zone. Others can be added. Programming can be done over the air all at once to all radios in the county.

2. Request for SOG pertaining to disciplinary action for Rescue personnel-
  - Per Deputy Chief Mike Carroll all current SOGs will be reviewed, revised and brought up to date. Commissioner Zahn asked if the Fire/Rescue Commissions would be able to have input and was advised yes.

### **Deputy Chief Mike Carroll's Report**

1. Physicals
  - We are now able to use Upstate Medical again by scheduling with Cindy. North Greenville is still available as well. All EMRs will be getting a stress test, no matter which agency is used for Levels 1 and 2. This is for response to the scene. Levels 3 and 4 will be Support Only, no scene response. Commissioner Smith raised a concern about existing Level 3 members who are currently able to show up for scene, to be eliminated from participating. Deputy Chief Carroll stated that the initiative was to keep everyone safe and that the County is looking out for its responders. If someone has a medical situation, they want to prevent the stress of a call/call response triggering a medical emergency. Some Level 3s are responding and engaging in Level 1 and 2 operations. Colored helmets would be useful in determining who is at what level. Not adhering to this is putting you, your department/squad, and the county at risk. Next date with North Greenville is April 8<sup>th</sup> at Corinth-Shiloh.
2. Recruitment
  - Station 4 has picked up four new members and Station 11 has new EMRs who are helping with Rescue 4 calls.
  - Grants are available for Recruitment and Retention. R/R needs to be in Long Range Plan
  - New staffing with recruits going through classes now
3. POV Response
  - No lights and sirens in POV unless POV certified with proper paperwork. Your vehicle must meet equipment requirements for SC Code. Make sure members insurance company knows the vehicle is being used for emergency response. Make sure member has proper training on using POV for emergent response. Make sure member is equipped with minimal equipment to respond.
4. EPI/Narcan
  - Mike Carroll is available to do this training and it is going well at the moment.
  - Several squads now have both items on board and have been trained.
5. PrismaHealth QRV

- A Paramedic(S3) will be on shift at Station 14 8am-8pm and will move to Sheriff's Substation at Keowee Key from 8pm-8am.
6. Training
- Continuing Ed schedule
  - EMR refresher class at Salem coming up with members from R22 attending

#### **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Tammy Wilbanks to move to Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Sarah Avery and approved 4-0.

#### **Return to Regular Session**

A motion was made by Michael Smith to move out of Executive Session and return to Regular Session. The motion was seconded by Sarah Avery and approved 4-0.

#### **Vote on Personnel Matter**

Member 1: 0-4

Member 2: 4-0

Member 3: 0-4

#### **Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn by Michael Smith and seconded by Tammy Wilbanks. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1852.