



Minutes

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Thursday, May 27, 2021

MEMBERS, RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Sarah Avery, Tammy Wilbanks,
Steven Zahn, Michael Smith, Eric
Sprogis, Keith Wilbanks, Mike
Carroll

The Oconee County Rescue Squad Advisory Commission met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, Steven Zahn, Tammy Wilbanks, Erik Sprogis, Emergency Services Director Scott Krein and Vivian Kompier, County Planner 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 – Commissioner Zahn called the meeting to order at 1800 hr.

Approval of minutes from 05/27/21 – Commissioner Sprogis made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner T. Wilbanks and approved 3-0.

Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 / Sarah Avery – Absent
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 / Tammy Wilbanks – Rescue 2 still plugging along with 150 calls so far this year; still having trouble getting daytime calls covered, but Station 2 is continuing to help out and EMS Supervisor 3 is stationed at Pickett Post, which helps. Nothing to report from Rescue 6.
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 / Michael Smith – Absent
- Region 4 – Squad 22 / Erik Sprogis – Continuing to do well, have purchased Action Training online learning and approved purchase for mobile radio for truck.
- Region 5 - Squads 7 & 8 / Steven Zahn – Been busy with calls which seem to be coming in spurts; continued low turnout on calls; Survey Monkey information in from members and responses are being compiled.

Committee Reports

1. Training Committee – Commissioner Wilbanks reported the current document in progress was sent to commissioners and Director Krein. Continuing education schedule is now in place for responders.
2. Radio Committee – Commission Zahn reported they are waiting on equipment to come in and implementation timeline may change due to delays; he has sent emails to chiefs concerning coverage issues, requested information about the number of digital radios and portables that squads/departments currently have. No responses received as of today.
3. Incentive Committee – Commissioner Zahn reported that the committee will be meeting soon.

Director Scott Krein's Report

1. Budget Clarifications
 - Documentation provided and changes from last year are highlighted
 - Several items were discussed: maintenance, physicals, equipment replacement, staff additions, new gear for Station 21, SCBA replacement with AFG grant money, staff vehicle tracking software to send closest truck to call, substation gravel, salaries, uniforms for staff so that clothes can be changed and washed in station as cancer prevention, renovation to building in Oakway behind the school for possibility of living quarters/etc for staff/ambulance
2. Call Response
 - Service across area is growing due to tourists and more homes being built
 - We need to find ways to meet calls and how we serve the community
 - Steady increase of calls per month
 - Recruitment ideas needed from squads
 - CERT training is available
3. Certification
 - Make sure deadlines/etc are in ERS so that it can be tracked
 - Tracking methods for e-card certifications was discussed and suggested to send all to squad's training officer or chief and let that person print, scan and enter into ERS

Other Items

- Commissioner Wilbanks asked if there was a plan to hire another instructor for the fire classes at the Career Center due to Chief Greer's new position. Director Krein hopes to have another in the future. Position was not funded by SDOC and not by OCES budgets for this year. EMT course has been moved to Health Science curriculum and is still being taught.
- New ID cards still on hold but as long as physical is current and certifications are documented, a card can be done on the old system.

Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn by Tammy Wilbanks and seconded by Erik Sprogis. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1837.