



# Minutes

## OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Thursday, September 22, 2022

### MEMBERS, RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Kelly McCormick, Tammy Wilbanks,  
Michael Smith, Steven Zahn, 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. Kelly McCormick, Tammy Wilbanks, Michael Smith, Steven Zahn, EMS Director Mike Carroll and Oconee County representative 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 Steve Zahn called the meeting to order at 1800 hr.

**Approval of minutes from 08/25/22** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the August 25, 2022 minutes, seconded by Commissioner McCormick and approved 4-0.

**Public Comment** – None

### Chairman Zahn comments

1. Radio Committee – No report requested
2. Training Committee – No report requested
3. Rescue SOG Committee – No report requested

### Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 / Kelly McCormick
  - 1) Rescue 1
    - a) Continuing to have issues with response vehicles; still problem with one which has being worked on
    - b) Training event coming up
    - c) Have three members in the upcoming EMR class
    - d) Helping at smoke detector blitz in Newry and Collins Children’s Home with a fundraiser event
    - e) Director Krein suggested rapid entry and tender training since quick rigs are now on the truck. This is a yearly training.

- 2) Rescue 3
  - a) Looking for more volunteers
  - b) Trucks are all good at the present time
  - c) Concerned about the lack of information given in Active911 app
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 / Tammy Wilbanks
  - 1) Rescue 2 –
    - a) Mentioned major fundraiser for October 22, BBQ plates, live band, more
    - b) All trucks running well.
    - c) Two new members to begin EMR class.
    - d) Still continuation in delay of tones and reference to why sometimes we aren't sent
  - 2) Rescue 6 – Nothing to report
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 / Michael Smith
  - 1) Rescue 4 –
    - a) Still in need of a response vehicle
    - b) Continuing to respond to calls when they have availability
  - 2) Rescue 5 –
    - a) Continuing to cover calls when available
    - b) Mention of booth set up at Apple Festival for recruitment
    - c) Suggestion of setting up information booth at events
- Region 4 – Squad 22 - Erik Sprogis – absent
- Region 5 - Rescue 7/8 - Steve Zahn
  - a) Been a typical summer
  - b) Still need members to respond to calls and trainings
  - c) Raised the question to Director Krein, “am I correct in saying it is ok to get rid of members who aren't going to calls?” Director Krein responded with “If they're not being effective for your squad and not meeting whatever the squad's standard sets, then it is ok. We don't set that for each squad.” Commissioner Zahn made reference to “resources that are being taken up by people who don't contribute to the purpose of the squad”.

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

1. Volunteer Incentive Update – An updated roster was emailed to the chiefs with information pertaining to incentive (training hours, CPR, physical).
2. EMR Training –
  - a) Possibly going to be seventeen people for the upcoming EMR class. This class is being taught by Zac Smith.
  - b) Another class scheduled for the first of 2023
  - c) EMR refresher class scheduled for the first of November
3. Run Card Updating – Working on getting correct backup units put in the response boxes, especially one issue in the Rescue 5 area. Will be getting with chiefs about this.
4. Rescue Commissioner Nominations –
  - a) Region 1 has chosen Kelly McCormick as their representative for the next term
  - b) Regions 3 and 5 are up for election also. No information on those yet. Elections will be held at their next meeting.

- c) Commissioner Zahn said nominations were in October and elections were in November. Director Krein said that nominations were supposed to already be going on. Commissioner Zahn asked him to look back at the ordinance. Mike Carroll stated that because of Thanksgiving/Christmas schedules and possibly no meeting for some squads, some had to be done already. Commissioner Zahn suggested we remind the squads that it is the squad's responsibility to get that done no matter what their holiday schedule is.
- 5. Salvation Army – Looking for volunteers to ring the bells. Possible that OCES will take two days and times can be divided among squads/departments/staff. Call Mike Carroll if interested.

**Director Scott Krein's Report** – Info will be sent to chiefs to review and send back in. This includes all needed paperwork for Human Resources, training entries, and call reports. He emphasized the importance of getting this done early so that corrections/finalization can be completed and checks cut in a timely matter.

**Executive Session** – Not needed

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner McCormick and approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 1817.