



Minutes

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Thursday, March 23, 2023

MEMBERS, RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Kelly McCormick, Tammy Wilbanks,
Brady Land, Steven Zahn, Eric Sprogis,
Mike Carroll, 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, Eric Sprogis, Director Scott Krein 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** – Commissioner McCormick called the meeting to order at 1800 hours.
2. **Approval of Minutes** - Commissioner Land made a motion to approve the minutes from February 23, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Zahn and approved 5-0.
3. **Public Comment** – none
4. **Commission Member Comments** - none
5. **Commissioner McCormick's Report** -none
6. **Commissioner Steven Zahn's Report**
 - a) Helicopter Insurance – Question about whether amount for insurance would be placed in the upcoming county budget – would have to go out for bids and at this point, would not be in the budget; Would squads/departments that had already purchased this be reimbursed? – Not going to be reimbursed.
 - b) EMS radio dispatches – Concern about Prisma dispatch's new radio system and county dispatch and responders not being able to hear what is being given to medics
 - c) Priority One calls – More often than not, there is a reason responders aren't being sent; they try to follow the list of ten calls of priority one calls that was made and through EMD process
 - d) New Medical Director – wants properly trained personnel responding to scenes, looking at proper medications for EMRs to use, Clinical Operating Guideline review

7. Committee Reports

- **Radio Communications Committee Report**
 - a) Tower at Newry is progressing
 - b) Agreement with county and Duke Energy is almost done for the tower at Bad Creek; Still working on Salem tower: Cleveland tower still on hold
- **Incentive Committee Report** - No meeting yet
- **SOG Committee Report** – Working on breaking it down into sections with hope of a presentation date at August meeting
- **Training Committee Report**
 - a) Still waiting on confirmation about whether EVRA is still available. Commissioner Wilbanks requested to table this vote again until next meeting. Commissioner Zahn stated the course was on the Blackboard for the SC Fire Academy. All other commissioners agreed. VFIS class coming for personnel who only will be driving rescue vehicles.

8. Mike Carroll's Report

- ID Cards – cards will be made at EOC; must have a physical
- Rescue Squad Training – make sure members are attending trainings
- Skills Verification forms – Being used to record training in order to receive recertification (EMT specific); looking at doing the same for EMR
- Rescue Squad Response Report – went over calls/responses per squad (handout)
- Criteria for active member/active squad – What is an active member?

9. Director Scott Krein's Report

- Active911 Canceled calls – Dispatch cannot send a cancel call message without the call being completely over; Commissioner Land offered a possible solution that Director Krein said he would look into
- Opioid program – money to come in for program; there will be a program coordinator to assist with process and training so that we can continue to deliver Narcan; reminder that if Narcan is used, a report must be done immediately
- Budget – Hopeful to have budget numbers at next meeting

10. Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 / Kelly McCormick
 - 1) Rescue 1
 - a) New vehicle in place and in operation; good investment and moral booster
 - 2) Rescue 3
 - a) New mobile radio for Rescue 3D vehicle
 - b) Requested that radio model information be sent in from squad
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 / Tammy Wilbanks
 - 1) Rescue 2 –
 - a) No issues or concerns voiced by Chief Nabors
 - b) Mention of an upcoming breakfast fundraiser for April 1st from 6-11 am
 - c) Requested that radio model information be sent in from squad

- 2) Rescue 6 –
 - a) Chief Wilbanks says that he has no issues/concerns/needs to report
 - b) Requested that radio model information be sent in from squad
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 / Brady Land
 - 1) Rescue 4 –
 - a) One new member
 - b) Stress the need for a new vehicle
 - c) Plans to meet with each department before next meeting
 - 2) Rescue 5 – No issues report from Chief Smith
- Region 4 – Squad 22 - Erik Sprogis –
 - a) 5 new members finished EMR class; more interested in joining squad
 - b) 50 CPR citizens taught by members of the squad
 - c) Recruitment through the Keowee Key publication
- Region 5 - Rescue 7 & 8 - Steve Zahn –
 - a) The time for these two squads to become busy is fast approaching
 - b) Can OCES help with a recruitment push?
 - c) Possibility of setting up booth at community events

11. Executive Session – not needed

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Sprogis, seconded by Commissioner Land, and approved 5-0. Meeting adjourned.