



Minutes

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting April 25, 2024

MEMBERS

Kelly McCormick, Tammy Wilbanks, Brady Land, Steven Zahn,
Phyllis Raver, Mike Carroll (At-Large), 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, Phyllis Raver, 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** – Chairman Land called the meeting to order at 1800 hours.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Land made a motion to approve the minutes from March 28, 2024. Commissioner McCormick seconded the motion. Motion was approved 5-0.
3. **Public Comment** – none
4. **Commission Member Comments** – none
5. **Commissioner Land's Report** –
 - Would like to have a list sent out of OCES personnel and their radio call numbers
 - Emails have been sent to chiefs about vacant at-large seat; the Chiefs will be voting next week
6. **Committee Reports**
 - Radio Communications Committee Report – Progress is being made with towers and equipment
 - Incentive Committee Report – No meeting held; will use same criteria as last year
 - SOG Committee Report – Did not meet, but working on editing and will send out again
 - Training Committee Report – Did not meet last month; members did attend the meeting April 3rd at headquarters with Michael Hunnicutt
7. **Mike Carroll's Report**
 - Rescue Squad Response Updates – Went over the response form; some squads still struggling to make calls each month
 - Training Update – Free EMT class being offered at HQ starting in July; several classes coming up; time for Action Training renewal
 - New Vehicle update – Two new vehicles in final stages of outfitting; new bids being gotten for the Rescue 2 truck
 - Incentive Update – Missing quarterly reports from several squads
8. **Director Scott Krein's Report** –
 - Transport Insurance Update – Some members haven't received cards yet; there will be no reimbursement for the time gap and squads that paid for members; new people will be considered on next year's incentive
 - Air Trailer Purchase – Fully self-contained system available in county for filling dive cylinders and SCBAs; obtained through AFG grant; housed at Camp Road

- Incentive Requirements – Added a one-hour Incident Command/Accountability training to criteria list; due to switchover to another reporting system it will be imperative to meet deadlines for incentive period

9. Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 (Kelly McCormick)
 - 1) Rescue 1 – Challenging month with call volume; down two vehicles; boat training at South Cove; kudos to Station 21; spent some time with Sheriff’s Department and County Dispatch Center
 - 2) Rescue 3 – Went over SOGs with squad at their meeting; 12 people present at meetings; updated them on what the RSAC does; they are excited about the transport insurance
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 (Tammy Wilbanks)
 - 1) Rescue 2 – Two new members and two applicants; everything going well; asked for update on First Due
 - 2) Rescue 6 – No report provided by Chief Vissage
- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 (Brady Land)
 - 1) Rescue 4 – Two new members
 - 2) Rescue 5 – No report provided by Chief Smith
- Region 4 – Squad 22 (Phyllis Raver) – “Stop the Suicide” class in May can accommodate 30 people if anyone is interested; analyzing calls to develop a coverage plan
- Region 5 - Squads 7 & 8 (Steve Zahn)
 - 1) Rescue 7 – Continuing to update equipment; better participation for trainings
 - 2) Rescue 8 – Replacing equipment; Swiftwater class coming up in May

10. Executive Session –

- 1) Motion to enter executive session by Commissioner Land, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, approved by 5-0 vote.
- 2) Motion to exit executive session by Commissioner Land, seconded by Commissioner Wilbanks, approved by 5-0 vote.
- 3) No action was taken on items discussed in executive session.

- 11. Adjourn -** Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Commissioner Zahn, and approved 5-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1905 hours.