



Minutes

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting July 25, 2024

MEMBERS

Kelly McCormick, Tammy Wilbanks, Brady Land,
Steven Zahn, Phyllis Raver, Mike Carroll (At-Large),
Dean Jackman (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, Phyllis Raver, Steven Zahn, Dean Jackman, Mike Carroll, and Scott Krein 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 June 27, 2024, with the correction of six (6) meetings **per** year in the SOG document, regarding meeting attendance. Commissioner McCormick seconded the motion. Motion was approved 5-0.
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Commission Member Comments** – None
5. **Commissioner Land’s Report** – None
6. **Committee Reports**
 - Radio Communications Committee Report – No meeting was held last month.
 - Incentive Committee Report – No meeting was held last month.
 - SOG Committee Report – Have had no additional concerns voiced concerning the document
 - Training Committee Report – 1) Waiting on information concerning the new EMR program and how that will be done, 2) Training document will be updated accordingly, if necessary, 3) Commissioner Land requested the training survey be sent out to members again
7. **Mike Carroll’s Report** –
 - Vehicle Update – 1) Work is still being completed on vehicles for Walhalla and Westminster trucks, 2) Possibility of new bids in September for Salem truck, 3) Oakway is next in line for replacement vehicle, 4) One of Seneca’s county vehicles was in an accident
 - Squad Response Update – Went over the new percentages for squad response
 - Training Update – 1) We will likely be using ASHI for EMR. Modules can be added for what is needed. EMRs will receive an additional card from Oconee County. 2) Reminder of CEP classes.
 - Incentive Update – Reminder to get certifications, training hours, physicals and Command Training to qualify for incentive money

8. Director Scott Krein's Report –

- Radio Communications Update – 1) Much progress being made, 2) Eli Patterson presented a PowerPoint to give an update on what has been accomplished to this point, and what is planned for upcoming months
- New Vehicle update – 1) A communications vehicle will be available for squads to use on extended calls, 2) Reminder that we are a billboard, and we need to be aware of our actions (speeding, reckless driving) while responding to calls as well as where we park.

9. Rescue Squad Updates

A. Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 (Kelly McCormick)

1. Rescue 1 – Enjoy working with Station 21; toured South Cove with St. 21 to get familiar with campsite arrangement; squad has had two calls on the water
2. Rescue 3 – Making great strides with response; want to do a good job; new member

B. Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 (Tammy Wilbanks)

- 1) Rescue 2 – Squad is staying busy with calls; everything going well; working on training room
- 2) Rescue 6 – Chief has stepped down; squad in process of rebuilding; Oconee Squads will help out with call coverage

C. Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 (Brady Land)

- 1) Rescue 4 – Getting familiar with new truck
- 2) Rescue 5 – Nothing to update

D. Region 4 – Squad 22 (Phyllis Raver) – Picnic was held for members; four new members are shadowing other members

E. Region 5 - Squads 7 & 8 (Steve Zahn)

- 1) Rescue 7 – New equipment in place (\$6,000 scanner to help locate person); good recovery time on a recent call; trying to do a better job marking times divers enter/exit water
- 2) Rescue 8 – Everything going smoothly

F. At-Large – Chief's Liaison (Dean Jackman) – Impressed with the AquaEye equipment

10. Executive Session – Not needed

11. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Land, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and approved 5-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1903 hours.