



Minutes

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting October 17, 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, 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 1900 hours.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes from July 25, 2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Zahn. Motion was approved 5-0.
3. **Public Comment** – Ben Sheriff addressed the RSAC concerning cruise light use, need to dispatch closest unit for assistance and attitudes towards volunteers.
4. **Commission Member Comments** – None
5. **Commissioner Land’s Report** –
 - Addressed concerns with current dispatch process for “Responder Request calls and “Medical Emergency” calls. Discussion is needed between EMS Dispatch and Oconee County Dispatch
 - Request for update on Medical Transport Insurance for those who have not received cards; asked for those who have not received cards to receive, in writing, that they are covered.
6. **Commissioner McCormick’s Report** –
 - Reminder of request from September 2023 to add a No Response option for Oconee squads; Director Krein will see that it is in the new program
 - Requested update on fuel stipend which was approved by County Council; Director Krein stated that it was being worked on and he would have an update next month
 - Requested information on the Rescue Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator positions; Director Krein stated that Keith Wilbanks is Rescue Coordinator and Steven Adams is Assistant Rescue Coordinator; Director Krein explained their duties/responsibilities.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - Radio Communications Committee Report – No meeting was held last month.
 - Incentive Committee Report – No meeting was held last month. One will be held in the near future.

- SOG Committee Report – 1) Two squads are requesting a policy pertaining to cruise lights on emergency vehicles, 2) each commissioner needs to submit a name from their assigned squads to serve on the SOG committee
- Training Committee Report –1) No meeting was held last month, 2) first ASHI EMR class has been completed and we are waiting for feedback; 3) June – December 2024 class list has been sent out, 4) Commissioner McCormick had questions about how to become an instructor for ASHI, 5) Commissioner Zahn had questions about the CPR/AED component
- Budget/Finance Committee – 1) A motion was made by Commissioner Land to re-establish the Budget/Finance Committee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Raver and approved 5-0. 2) A motion was made by Commissioner Land to nominate Commissioner McCormick to that committee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Zahn and approved 5-0, 3)each commissioner needs to submit a name from their assigned squads to serve on this committee.

8. Mike Carroll's Report – Given by Director Krein

- Vehicle Update – 1) Still looking for replacement truck for Salem Rescue and for this year's replacement vehicle
- Emergency Response Guidelines – Need to be cautious about the manner in which we respond to calls, keeping in mind that we are asking for the right of way; running code versus non-emergent; do not pull trailers emergent
- Squad Response Update – Not available
- Training Update – Requirements for ASHI forthcoming
- Incentive Update – Tabulation of information has begun

9. Director Scott Krein's Report –

- Rescue Vehicles – 1) See Mike Carroll's report, 2) Process of getting new vehicles equipped and ready for service is a slow process; looking at possibility of a third party to get items completed
- Incentive – See Mike Carroll's report
- Equipment Maintenance – 1) Make sure all medical equipment is in working order, 2) report vehicle issues immediately to ensure items being attended to properly according to the nature of the issue
- Response Lighting Protocol – See Mike Carroll's report

10. Rescue Squad Updates

- A. Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 (Kelly McCormick)
 1. Rescue 1 – Vehicle issue; helped with Collins Children's Home fundraiser; hoping to have a fundraiser in the spring
 2. Rescue 3 – Wants new members to learn even if they get canceled for a call
- B. Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 (Tammy Wilbanks)
 - 1) Rescue 2 – Had a successful fundraiser; very busy during the storm; all going well
 - 2) Rescue 6 – Kyle Fox (Asst Chief) is working to get things going; not meeting with St. 4
- C. Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 (Brady Land) Thanks for hurricane coverage; meeting with special election for Chief; Brady Land is the current chief
 - 1) Rescue 4 – Getting familiar with new truck
 - 2) Rescue 5 – Chief Smith resigned and Cody Collopy is currently in leadership role; requesting a spare vehicle to run calls while theirs is being repaired
- D. Region 4 – Squad 22 (Phyllis Raver) – Had a meet and greet with interest shown in the squad; had 12 people show up at their meeting interested; R22 page added to Station 17 website; EMR class scheduled for January
- E. Region 5 - Squads 7 & 8 (Steve Zahn)
 - 1) Rescue 7 – Doing well; new equipment doing well
 - 2) Rescue 8 – Need to find a way to encourage members to respond to calls

F. At-Large – Chief’s Liaison (Dean Jackman) – Questions concerning ASHI and how does one become an instructor

11. Executive Session – Personnel issue

- A motion to enter executive session was made by Commissioner Land, seconded by Commissioner McCormick and approved 5-0.
- A motion to exit executive session was made by Commissioner Land, seconded by Commissioner Wilbanks and approved 5-0.
- No action was taken on items from executive session.

12. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Wilbanks, seconded by Commissioner Land, and approved 5-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2053 hours.