



Minutes

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting November 14, 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, Brady Land, Phyllis Raver, Steven Zahn, 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 noted a typographical error in the word motion, misspelled as “motin”. Commissioner Land made a motion to approve the minutes from October 17, 2024, with that change being made. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Raver. Motion was approved 4-0.
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Commission Member Comments** – None
5. **Commissioner Land’s Report** – Asked for update on missed dispatches: Chief Carroll has asked that changes regarding R4 specifically be added back in the system, but it still hasn’t been done.
6. **Commissioner McCormick’s Report** – None
7. **Committee Reports**
 - Radio Communications Committee Report – No meeting was held last month; a meeting has been requested; some radios that have been turned in have not been taken care of; waiting for radio to be installed in a Dive/Special Team vehicle; send email for record when making a request
 - Incentive Committee Report – No meeting was held.
 - SOG Committee Report – Worked on policy for cruise lights; need member from each squad
 - Training Committee Report –1) Meeting was held Nov. 13th, 2) Lt. Hunnicutt expressed possibly needing to add hours to the EMR class 3) EMT class has been requested for February 2025, 4) Some changes will need to be made to the training document, 6) Card will be issued by Oconee County, 7) Discussion about outside vendors and proctors
 - Budget/Finance Committee – Need someone from each squad on this committee

8. Mike Carroll's Report –

- Vehicle Update – 1) Rescue 3 vehicle requisition will be coming up to OCC at next meeting, 2) Replacement truck for Salem Rescue in the works coming before OCC soon
- Emergency Response Guidelines – No update
- Squad Response Update – Increase response in several squads the past month
- Training Update –EMR Refresher coming up; Seven who took EMT scheduled to take NREMT written test; another EMT class coming up beginning of the year; continuing education for EMTs will be a must for recertification; several classes coming up
- Incentive Update – Tabulation of information has begun; most people who aren't receiving it was due to not having the training hour requirement

9. Director Scott Krein's Report – Absent – Report given by Chief Carroll

- County Awards policy requires a member of the RSAC to be on the committee; Commissioner McCormick nominated Commissioner Land, seconded by Commissioner Raver, approved 4-0.

10. Rescue Squad Updates

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

1. Rescue 1 – Vehicles back in service
2. Rescue 3 – Great things happening

B. Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 (Tammy Wilbanks) – Absent – Report given by Chief Carroll

- 1) Rescue 2 – Doing well; new EMR; Four responders graduated from mentor program
- 2) Rescue 6 – Chief Fox is working on recruitment and reaching out to previous members

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

- 1) Rescue 4 – Will be holding elections at next meeting; asked about garage door
- 2) Rescue 5 – Recently held elections and have new officers; Six new members; Working on running calls; damaged vehicle during Hurricane Helene still out of service

D. Region 4 – Squad 22 (Phyllis Raver) – Sixteen new people to be voted on with fourteen of those planning to take the EMR class scheduled to begin in January 2025

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

- 1) Rescue 7 – Have had several dive calls which is unusual this time of year
- 2) Rescue 8 – Good response recently

F. At-Large – Chief's Liaison (Dean Jackman) – Absent

11. Executive Session – Not needed

12. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Raver, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and approved with 4-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1936 hours.