



# Minutes

## OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting December 12, 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 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 McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes from November 14, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Raver. Motion was approved 5-0.
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Commission Member Comments** – None
5. **Commissioner Land’s Report** – None
6. **Commissioner McCormick’s Report** – None
7. **Committee Reports**
  - Radio Communications Committee Report – Aaron Smith would like to have a meeting before the end of the year; programming seems to be moving along without items being approved by the committee and Commissioner Zahn noted his displeasure with this
  - Incentive Committee Report – Commissioner Zahn stated that no meeting has been held for three years and has concerns; discussion on process for meeting; Mike Carroll stated that NIMS would likely be added
  - SOG Committee Report – Nothing to report; Director Krein has the May 2024 version of SOGs and an addendum added October 2024; no responses from anyone about either of those
  - Training Committee Report – No meeting held; will meet after committees are set in 2025 to revise document
  - Budget/Finance Committee – Will be pushed to 2025

## 8. Mike Carroll's Report –

- Vehicle Update – 1) Chassis for R2 vehicle has been picked up, waiting on quotes from vendors for the body, 2) Had a Ford F150 vehicle that had been found for R3, but it had been sold by the time it had been approved by Council; one on order to be here March/April time frame
- Squad Response Update – Reviewed year-to-date response sheet for all squads; improvement from Rescue Squads 4, 5 and 22
- Training Update – 1) EMT class scheduled for February will not happen; 2) EMT/EMR CEP classes for BLS continuing education, daytime and evening class; can be made up with St. 17 or St. 5; 3) EMT refresher coming up; 4) ICS 300 and 400 coming up for chief officers; 5) Special Rescue classes offered as well
- Incentive Update – 1) 314 volunteers across the departments in county, 156 qualified for incentive; 2) Some chiefs didn't get information in on time; 3) Questions concerning how dollar amount is determined
- Rescue Squad Advisory Commission election results – 1) Region 1 - Ken Justice, 2) Region 3 – Sawyer Gambrell, 3) Region 5 – to be determined in January; Thanks to Commissioners Land and McCormick for their service on RSAC

## 9. Director Scott Krein's Report – Absent

## 10. Rescue Squad Updates

- A. Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 (Kelly McCormick)
  - 1. Rescue 1 – Nothing to report
  - 2. Rescue 3 – Nothing to report
- B. Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 (Tammy Wilbanks)
  - 1) Rescue 2 – a) Eight new members joined in 2024, b) Everything going well
  - 2) Rescue 6 – a) Still in process of getting members, b) Wanting to improve call response
- C. Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 (Brady Land)
  - 1) Rescue 4 – 1) Participated in Walhalla and West Union parades, 2) Actively recruiting, 3) Garage door fixed
  - 2) Rescue 5 – 1) New truck back in service, 2) would like to keep spare truck due to Hwy 76 bridge being out of service
- D. Region 4 – Squad 22 (Phyllis Raver)
  - Rescue 22 – a) Fifteen new people to take the EMR class scheduled to begin in January 2025, b) Squad is working with Station 17 on various projects to build camaraderie
- E. Region 5 - Squads 7 & 8 (Steve Zahn)
  - 1) Rescue 7 – 1) Calls low due to time of year, 2) working on equipment and training
  - 2) Rescue 8 – 1) Calls low due to time of year, 2) working on equipment and training, 3) SR81 is getting a new engine
- F. At-Large – Chief's Liaison (Dean Jackman) – Nothing to add

## 11. Executive Session – Not needed

## 12. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Raver, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and approved with 5-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1825 hours.