

Minutes

Oconee County Rescue Squad Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting, June 26, 2025

Members Present: Dean Jackman, Cody Collopy, Tammy Wilbanks, Phyllis Raver, Amber Olbon, Director Scott Krein, Deputy Director Mike Carroll.

The Oconee County Rescue Advisory Committee met at 1800 hours in the conference room, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, S.C.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, and time, place of meeting, and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, S.C. 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.

- Call to order: President Tammy Wilbanks called the meeting to order at 1800 hours.
- Approval of Minutes of May 22, 2025: Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. All approved.
- Public Comment: None
- Commission Member Comments: None.
- Committee Reports: A. Radio Committee: No meeting but we were given permission to put a repeater on Pioneer Water Tower and are looking for another contractor and permission to put another repeater for that dead spot in Timberlake. And still working on Highway 130 Tower, and another meeting will be scheduled soon.
B. Incentive Committee: Will met in August.
C. S.O. G. Committee: No meeting Known.
D. Training Committee: Tammy reported that there has been no meeting, everyone is working on the new program. A meeting will be scheduled soon. Mike will meet with all the squads for training and assistance, and will get with all the chiefs to go over their software.
- OCES- Mike Carroll's Report: A. Rescue Squad Monthly Run Statistics: Run Stats were handed out. Still getting an increased number of calls. Seneca 595 Total Calls in 1st Quarter. And responding at 99%. Salem having about same average amount of calls around 40 or 50, and has a response rate of 100%. Oakway squad shows much improvement. They have additional members. They are getting 72% and 79 % of their calls. Walhalla staying around 50%. Mike went to Mt. Rest Meeting to find out what was

going on and they cancelled meeting. They ran very few calls around 5%. Keowee Rescue slipped to 50% in April and improved to 88% in May. Dive Team had no calls, and Special Rescue had 4 calls at 100% for May.

B. New Vehicle Update: Vehicle on order for Rescue 3. New Vehicle for Salem needs radio placed in it. Waiting on a plate for it.

C. Training Update: Mike will be hitting all the squads. Most have attended meetings for new program. Several more sessions will be given.

- EMT Class has had many questions. It is on schedule for August 4 in morning and night. No further information on that. ICS 300 and 400 classes will occur in the fall. Action training will remain available. Keowee wants to keep this.

D. Incentive Update: 9 months into the year. ERS ends June 30, so all training reports need to be in by then. Hours will be totaled then, and the new programs begins after that.

- OCES-Scott Krein's Report: New Contractor for Physicals. Upstate will still be available on Thursdays. There are essentially 2 types of physicals, one is like a DOT, Level 2 for regular responders, and one that has a stress test Level One, like divers, hikers, boat rescuer.
- Rescue Squad Updates: Region 1: Squads 1 & 3: (Unrepresented) Squad 1: Chief Sheriff spoke with Tammy and voiced no concerns. Upgraded to a pontoon boat. Doing on line donation. Squad 3: Chief Fuller reported some more members. Their runs have increased.

Region 2: Squads 2 & 6: Squad 2 Waiting on New Vehicle: 12 did a recert with new program. And new class coming up. Members are working on rehab trailer. Should be available soon.

Region 3: Squads: 4&5: Squad 4: 2 new members. Ice Machine is broken. Doing events with West Union. Squad #5: Plugging along, improving on call volume. July meeting to educate on new system.

Region 4: Rescue 22 purchased a lap computer for the bay to file reports on. Beach party to meet with all members and their spouses.

Region: 5 Squad 7 & 8: Squad 7: One new member Hazmat training coming up. Fun Dive planned. Purchasing a metal detector. Star Hawk videos for sonar diving. Squad 8: 3 new members. August training moved to November. July 11 to have training with doctors.

- Executive Session: Need to have executive motion and approved, commenced at 18:24. This was regarding a personal issue. After Executive Session no action was taken.
- Adjourn: Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 18:55 hours.