



Minutes
OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION
January 29, 2026
6:00 PM
Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

1. **Call to Order by Director Scott Krein at 6:00 PM**
2. **Present:** Scott Shear, Dean Jackman, Steve Zahn, Christy Sabolsky, Amber Olbon, and Brady Land
3. **Election of Officers** – Mr. Shear nominated Brady Land as Chair, seconded by Mr. Zahn, approved 6-0.
Mr. Land nominated Mr. Zahn as Vice Chair, approved 6-0.
Ms. Sabolsky nominated Scott Shear for Secretary, seconded by Mr. Jackman, approved 6-0.
4. **Approval of 2026 Meeting Dates:** Tabled, waiting on some additional dates from staff due to a conflict with OCES awards dinner for February meeting. Motion made by Mr. Land, seconded by Ms. Olbon, approved 6-0 to post-pone approved the 2026 meeting dates until the next meeting.
5. **Approval of Minutes** – November 13, 2025
Commissioner Land made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackman, approved 6 – 0, to approve the November 13, 2025 minutes as presented.
6. **Public Comment (4 minutes per person):** None
7. **Commission Member Comments**
 - a. Region 1 – Commissioner Shear thanked those responders that provided serve during the recent winter storm, also noting Rescue 1 has radiation training scheduled this month and that he will be attending Rescue 3’s February meeting. There was some discussion with Director Krein about Volunteers annual incentive pay and the need to address.
 - b. Region 2 – Commissioner Jackman noted Salem is 90% done with their Rehab Trailer, had radiation training last month, they have two VFIS Driving Instructors

Locations

Rescue 1: Seneca; Rescue 2: Salem; Rescue 3: Oakway; Rescue 4: Walhalla; Rescue 5: Westminster; Rescue 6: Mountain Rest; Rescue 7: Dive Team; Rescue 8: Special Rescue Team; Rescue 22: Keowee

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now and will be offering training, Rescue 6 has been more active and able to answer call regularly.

- c. Region 3 – Commissioner Zahn noted that Rescue 4 has had a busy month and is looking to purchase an additional vehicle. Both Rescue 4 & 5 have a new member.
- d. Region 4 – Commissioner Sabolsky noted that they are waiting on their new vehicle that has been ordered and that they provided 25 children with Christmas gifts, and are working on building a new website for R-22.
- e. Region 5 – Commissioner Olbon noted that R7 has two new members, that the Asst. Chiefs spot is currently unfilled (waiting on elections, did not meet due to bad weather), they will be doing annual inventory and SCUBA regulator testing/PM and also plan to conduct annual swim test at the Foothills YMCA in February.
- f. At Large, Rescue Chief's Association – Commissioner Land, the group is working on by-laws and working on the vacancy for the other at large position.

8. Committee Reports

- a. Radio Committee – Zac Smith OCES gave a short presentation, Commissioners Land & Zahn to serve on this committee. Mr. Shear requested additional radio tower information be sent to him.
- b. Incentive & Budget Committee – The Commission and Director Krein had some discussion on the amount that volunteers receive and noted that this is an item that should be briefed to the Public Safety Committee. Commissioners Olbon & Shear to serve.
- c. SOG Committee – Staff provided an update for the Commissioner. Commissioners Jackman & Land to serve.
- d. Training Committee – Commissioners Jackman & Sabolsky to serve. EMR/EMT CEP dates have been posted, Feb. 2nd there will be EMT skills testing offered both day & evening hours.

9. OCES – Mike Carroll's Report *[to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion, if required]*

- Response Report – Report provided
- Vehicle Update – Salem Rescues new unit has a “punch list” created of issues that will be addressed. Oakway Rescue has a unit on order.
- Incentive Final – 205 received checks out of a possible 300+ volunteers.

10. OCES – Scott Krein's Report *[to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion, if required]*.

After 18 years of service with OCES he will be retiring as of February 19. The group thanked him for his service to the County.

11. Rescue Squad Updates

- Region 1 – Squads 1 & 3 / Scott Shear
- Region 2 – Squads 2 & 6 / Dean Jackman

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- Region 3 – Squads 4 & 5 / Steve Zahn
- Region 4 – Squad 22 / Christy Sabolsky
- Region 5 – Squads 7 & 8 / Amber Olbon
- At-Large – Brady Land / Vacant

12. Executive Session *[upon reconvening Commission may take a Vote and/or take Action on matters brought up for discussion in Executive Session, if required]:*

None for this meeting.

13. Adjourn –Commissioner Zahn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackman, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 6:54 p.m.

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