



MINUTES

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting March 26, 2026

MEMBERS

Scott Shear, Region 1, Squads 1 & 3
Dean Jackman, Region 2, Squads 2 & 6
Steven Zahn, Vice Chairman & Secretary, Region 3, Squads 4 & 5
Christy Sabolsky, Region 4, Squad 22
Amber Olbon, Region 5, Squads 7 & 8
Brady Land, Chairman, At Large
Zac Smith, At Large

Other attendees: Deputy Director Mike Carroll

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, and concerned citizens.

1. Call to order: The Oconee County Rescue Squad Advisory Commission was called to order by Chairman Land at 1800 hours in the Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla. Commissioners Scott Shear, Dean Jackman, Steven Zahn, Amber Olbon, Christy Sabolsky, Brady Land, Zac Smith & Deputy Director Mike Carroll were present. A pledge of allegiance was done.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from February 12, 2026. Motion to approve by Commissioner Zahn and seconded by Commissioner Olbon. The Minutes were accepted by the commissioners by a unanimous vote.

3. Public Comment: None

5. Committee Reports:

Radio Committee: Commissioner Land reported that the committee met with a potential vender who presented their product. Some volunteers are testing this product in the county to see how it works.

Incentive/Budget Committee: Commissioner Olbon reported that the committee met. Some items in the \$200,000 line for volunteer incentives are being considered to become separate line items. Incentive requirements are the same as last year are 20 hours of training,

CPR/AED/FA, and a current certificate & physical on file, with the addition of NIMS 100, 200, 700 & 800. We may reassess this requirement if the government shut-down continues.

SOG Committee: Meeting scheduled 3/31/26 at the EOC at 1700 to discuss the proposed SOG from 2024 and the formatting requirements. Mike added his interpretation of who may participate in this committee meeting but he is getting this in writing. If you're a Commissioner & intend to attend a Committee meeting, please let Brady know beforehand.

Training Committee: Commissioner Sabolsky reported that this committee had not met in some time. She had questions about its purpose? Commissioner Jackman commented that Honeycutt is slammed with teaching, etc. Required courses are provided by the county according to the SOGs. A lengthy discussion took place about training. A training calendar is needed with ample advanced notice of courses with start dates & times.

6. Deputy Director Carroll's Report:

January best month on responses. Lowest 60%. 1 squad dropped down. Brady had a question about availability of reports from RED.

Responder App. Some love it & some hate it. There are talks about going back to Active. A discussion of using iPads took place.

Working on a training calendar. EMR Refresher starting 4/9. EMT class May 4 – Sept. (Other classes were presented but were unintelligible (Volume too low). IS 300 & 400 coming soon.

Commissioner Jackman reported a free class by the National Fire Sprinkler Assn. coming soon at R-2 on battery & intro to fire sprinklers around April 20th.

Oakway finishing being outfitted. Salem truck items being corrected by Motor Pool.

7. Rescue Squad Updates:

Region 1-Squads 1 & 3: R-3 no report. R-1 has new members. Weather spotter class coming. Wants to know the path to carrying Narcan? (Could not understand the answer) Discuss Crash Notifications.

Region 2-Squads 2 & 6: R-2: 1 new member. Lots of squad training. R-6 short on members.

Region 3-Squads 4 & 5: R-4 purchased a vehicle which is in service. R-5 has concerns about the high number of Lift Assist calls. Could not understand the response from Chief Carroll. Physicals can now be done by a private doctor. What is the process? (Response not understandable) Commissioner Olbon not in agreement with this policy.

Region 4-Squad 22: Lost 5 members. Long term member Charlene Stanton passed away.

Region 5-Squads 7 & 8: R-7: Working on swim test dates. Issue with call we got canceled to. Putting together an Open Water Class-open to all. Nominations for Asst. Chief & Lt. Working through organizational changes. Training at R-4 on Friday at 1800. Open to all. 2 new members. R-8: Be sure to have 10 essentials when on S & R calls. On 4/17, all day training with Prisma. Swiftwater training soon. 2 new members. Training Sunday @ R-4 @ 1330.

Rescue Squad Chief's elected Commissioners: Commissioner Smith suggested a review of the SOGs once a year in November with suggestions sent to this Commission for review. (Hard to understand) Commissioner Land reported VFIS person coming soon.

Entered Executive Session at 1908 to discuss a personnel matter.

Exited Executive Session at 2028.

The Commission found that the person nominated for Dive Chief did not meet the minimum requirements for that position. The 2 nominations for Asst. Chief of the Dive Team did reach the minimum requirements.

A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Zahn & seconded by Commissioner Olbon with a vote to adjourn at 2031.