



MINUTES

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting April 23, 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 March 26, 2026. Motion to approve by Commissioner Zahn and seconded by Commissioner Sabolsky. 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 Motorola. The county is looking at other options. At large Commissioner Zac Smith added that we're working with the Sheriffs' Department to find a fix that would work for everyone involved. Commissioner Shear asked about how many contractors we have to service the radio system. Commissioner Smith responded that we had one for digital & one for analog. Commissioner Shear stressed that there continues to be areas with very poor coverage for the Rescue channel.

Commissioner Smith assured that this would be reported. Commissioner Zahn added that the Motorola system, Palmetto 800, was very pricy.

Incentive/Budget Committee: Commissioner Shear reported that this committee did not meet.

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 Jackman reported that he was having trouble getting rescue squad members to be on this committee. Mike Carroll added that he would put this call out to the Training Officers at the squads.

Chairman Land reported that the Quarterly meeting of the Law Enforcement Health & Safety Committee meets on May 19. We are scheduled to give a report but he will be out of the country. Vice Chairman Zahn will be giving that report. Please send any additional information on your committees to him for inclusion.

6. Deputy Director Carroll's Report:

Run reports are looking great.

R-1 540 calls for the first quarter making 94%.

R-2 107 calls.

R-3 333 calls.

R-4 366 calls.

R-5 338 calls

R-6 46 calls

R-22 89 calls.

R-7 2 calls.

R-8 7 calls. (Something unintelligible said)

Medical calls continue to increase. He thinks that responses are looking pretty good.

Working bugs out of MNX software.

Responder app working good.

Commissioner Sabolsky asked about squad level access to Responder calendar. Mike said they were working on this.

Honeycutt put out July- December training.

CEP next week on Trauma. The 28 9AM. The 29 6PM.

EMT class has 12 interested. Max of 24.

Class E driving class for over 26,000lbs.

Fire Instructor class.

Augusta Burn Center for 2 classes in August.

Air Monitoring in August

Tech Rescue in August

Clemson Univ. Farm Emergencies.
High Angle Rescue
Confined Space Rescue
EMR in October.
VFIS to be announced.
VFIS may be after an EMR class.
New Vehicle Updates:
R-2 module lose. Being repaired.
R-3 being readied with the lights.
R-4 on for replacement of F-150 next year.

7. Rescue Squad Updates:

Region 1-Squads 1 & 3: R-3 looking for a nighttime EMR class. Let them know when there is training i.e. an MCI drill. Next year in the plans. R-1 did driver's training with trailers. NWS weather spotter class this month. Question on recruitment. Question on fist track for healthcare workers? Job posting for volunteers? Exit interviews for volunteers? Volunteer Coordinator position suggested.

Region 2-Squads 2 & 6: Hosted National Fire Sprinkler Assn. presentation. No new members. Boat trouble on a rescue on Jocassee. R-6 having trouble with members & call volume but they got 1 new EMR member. Help training went well. Helo training went well.

Region 3-Squads 4 & 5: R-4 bought a vehicle 4-C. It's in service operating well. R-5 doing well. Call volume up & responses are up.

Region 4-Squad 22: Ordered new vehicle. In production.

Region 5-Squads 7 & 8: Swim tests make-up days approaching. Tommy Christopher names Dive Chief. New boat for Jocassee.

Rescue Squad Chief's Elected Commissioners: Military ports operations training went well.

A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Zahn & seconded by Commissioner Sabolsky with a vote to adjourn at