



MINUTES

OCONEE COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting July 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
Vacant Region 4, Squad 22
Amber Olbon, Region 5, Squads 7 & 8 (Absent)
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 Brady Land, Scott Shear, Dean Jackman, Steven Zahn, Zac Smith & Deputy Director Mike Carroll were present. A pledge of allegiance was held.

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from June 25, 2026. Motion to approve by Commissioner Zahn; seconded by Commissioner Shear. The Minutes were accepted by the commissioners by a unanimous vote.

3. Public Comment: None

4. Commission Member Comments: Region 4 seat, Commissioner Sabolsky resigned. R-22 will do nominations in August & elections in September. That seat is up for elections this year so they will then have to do Nominations again in October & voting in November.

5. Committee Reports:

Radio Committee:

The Sheriff's Office is typing up an RFP.

A ready op will be sent out to report radio issues.

Comm. Shear spoke with Aaron Smith about our radio system & learned a lot.

Incentive/Budget Committee: Commissioner Shear reported that the Committee has not met. Chair Land added that according to the Ordinance, we are supposed to be involved in the Budget process. We have not been. He suggested that the Committee push for this to occur this year.

SOG Committee: Chair Land suggested we review this document every October. We now have a proposed final document. All rescue squads & Chiefs are on board with it. We now need to approve it & send it on to Dir. Caudill for his approval & implementation. Comm. Zahn made a motion to approve the SOG documents with Comm. Jackman seconding. A unanimous vote approving the SOGs took place.

Training Committee: Commissioner Jackman reported that they have not had committee meetings and he is not getting feedback from the squad training officers. He would like to put this forward at the Aug. 6th Rescue Chief's meeting & see what they would like to do. Maybe suspend the committee and leave it up to the squads. Recommend seeing what Rescue Chief's want and re-address with Commission at next meeting. Dep. Dir. Carroll suggested getting the chiefs involved in order to get their training officers involved.

6. Deputy Director Carroll's Report: Run reports are looking great. All are in green & blue. For the first time everyone finished first quarter in green & blue. Calls continue to increase. He has been tracking burdensome calls, i.e., lift assists, updated NIRs sub-incident line. Since 7/1 for 37501 there have been 87 calls dispatched as lift assists that did not change to an injured subject. Of those, 58 were falls without injuries, 20 calls for EMS lift assist (some normal addresses that run for medical appointments), comfort lifts were under 10 (a significant drop), 3 calls to assist medical facilities. Wants to work with Chiefs to clarify and make sure people understand fall with trauma. There are new dispatchers and sometimes they just dispatch as a "lift assist" when it was a "fall with trauma". That is a "trauma fall" call. Will continue to track these type of calls.

Red MNX: Everybody can have a Home Page for a price TBD.

Comm. Shear asked about Incentive Reports being available for admin. rights personnel.

Active 911: Working on getting Active up & running throughout county. 391 seats available purchased by county.

Training:

Burn Center training coming up.

EMT class ongoing.

In the fire portal, we're under Greenwood.

EMR class coming up. 10/2/26 night time class

VFIS driving portion 10/4/26 at HQ at 1700

New Vehicle Updates: R-4 gets a new F-150 on this Budget

Ch Land reminded all that they are still looking for a Secretary. Secretary does not have to be a commission member. Reach out to your squads. Cindy's replacement may be interested.

7. Rescue Squad Updates:

Region 1-Squads 1 & 3: R-1 did not meet this month. Working on replacement of 1-D. 2 new members. 1 with EMR. R-3 did not meet. 1 in EMR class. Asked about Lake Marking Systems.

Region 2-Squads 2 & 6: R-2: 1 new EMT running. 2 new signed up. 2-C up & running. Equipping Rehab trailer. R-6 struggling with day time calls.

Region 3-Squads 4 & 5: Working on getting members for day time coverage. R-5 working on getting members. When a member on-scene needs 12A, Dispatch needs a reason before they will send. We may not be able to tell them why due to scene problems. Too many lift assist calls. Regional dinners may be planned to assist fire & rescue with recruitment & retention paid for by county as a budgeted item to the Fire Chiefs' Assn.

Region 4-Squad 22: Will be electing a new Commissioner.

Region 5-Squads 7 & 8: Absent.

At Large - Comm. Smith: New quick response boat at Jocassee ready for deployment.

Discussion about Prisma High Performance CPR training done at R-4. Really impressive training. Contact mark. webber@prismahealth.org. to get this training or call Ashley Burton @ 864-557-4683.

A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Zahn & seconded by Commissioner Shear with a vote to adjourn at 1907 .