

Other County Functions Carried Out as Part of Emergency Management Agency

Oconee County Medical First Responder Unit

The First Responder Unit consists of 64-plus volunteers who have received a minimum 80 hours of medical training consisting of both classroom and practical exercises. The level of training achieved by members of the First Responder Unit include First Responder, Emergency Medical Technician -Basic, Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediate, and Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic. The First Responder Unit responds to calls dispatched by the county 911 Center for medical assistance, auto accidents, injuries of violence and other medical emergencies. The First Responder Unit responds to an average between 1600 to 1700 calls each year and operates four rescue trucks, a mass causality truck and trailer, and an all terrain rescue vehicle.



Oconee County Search and Rescue Unit

The Search and Rescue Unit is made up of volunteers from the First Responder Unit and firefighters of the Oconee County Fire Department. There are currently 100 plus volunteers that have completed the required courses of study to serve with the rescue unit which operates under a State Rescue license issued to Oconee County Emergency Management Agency by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. As in other disasters and emergencies, the Oconee Emergency Management Agency is charged with the responsibility of coordinating and performing all search and rescue missions by state law and GEMA.