

SUMMIT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

August 20, 2020

The meeting of the Summit County Emergency Management Executive Committee (EMEC) was called to order on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 10:30AM via Zoom by Bill Holland.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Dalessandro motioned for the approval of the February 20, 2020 minutes with Bill Gony as the second. Motion was carried by voice vote. Introductions were made.

II. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence Sent and Received

Bill Holland discussed the correspondence.

- Thank you letter for PPE from AxessPointe - Community Health Centers
- Letter from FEMA for the adoption of the Summit County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Ohio EMA FEMA approved the grant award for Phase I of the Summit Metro Parks Sand Run Parkway Protection Project.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Tommy Smoot stated the 2020 EMEC Grant is in process. The SC Sheriff's project is complete. The Summit Country Crash Team and Coventry Fire Department projects are still in process.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None

V. EMA AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Emergency Management Agency Report

- Tommy Smoot stated the EOC was activated March 13th with COVID19. EOC briefings initially were hosted multiple times a day and are and are now conducted weekly. The EOC representatives met a few weeks in a socially distant manner in person, and then moved to a 100% virtual EOC activation.
- Tommy Smoot stated we received many resource requests from our communities, public health department and hospital system. Some were filled at the local level and other were submitted to the State. We also submitted request for information.
- Tommy Smoot stated non-congregant housing was established in Summit County to "avoid an imminent threat with high probability of widespread exposure to COVID-19

with a significant risk of substantial harm to . . . the general population, . . . elderly, and people with weakened immune systems and chronic medical conditions.

- Joseph St. John shared an overview of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and the PPE donations distributed throughout 610 agencies within Summit County. Joseph stated pushes have slowed from the State.
- Joseph stated the bid for the distribution center was open from June 26 – July 10th. They are moving forward with disinfectant wipes, gloves, masks, face shield and safety goggles. Once we start receiving these items, we will open the availability up to the municipalities. Joseph stated we are not moving forward with the purchase of N95 due to counterfeit issues and price gauging. Isolation gowns may take longer for purchase.
- Tommy Smoot thanked the EMA and Public Health staff for their hard work. He also thanked the EOC representatives.
- Tommy Smoot stated the staff also responded and assisted with other incidents within the county including a tornado in Barberton/Green on 4/8, civil unrest with multiple protests throughout the county and a heatwave with drought like conditions. We also assisted with the Lake Dorothy dam gate issue in Barberton.
- Tim Gemind stated no SORT assets have been deployed. Hazmat has had 4 SRAs but no team responses.
- Tim Gemind stated training has started back up in June (Water, TROT, IMAT). TROT had a 3-day training at the old Sea World property in July.
- Bi-annual inspections have been done on 9 SORT trailers.
- Alex Burt stated she has reached out to the Summit County BOE to prepare for the November election.
- Alex Burt shared the training schedule
 - G300 (Dec 8-11) – G400 (1/20 – 22/21) are virtual
 - PER 340 Active Threat Oct 13-15 pending approval
 - L967 Logistic Section Chief Course April 2021
- Alex has been working with the EMS Subcommittee to complete the MCI Plan.
- Alex has been working on meeting with the various departments to review their COOP plans.
- FEMA has released BRIC and FMA funds and Alex has been working with Tommy to learn more about this in regarding to mitigation funds.
- Angela Robinson has been working 15 grant projects, 4 are completed and there 3 open for competitive bids.
- Angela has completed the EMPG information for reimbursement.
- Joseph St. John reported on a damage assessment application. They are presently looking at two different applications that will allow EMA to use in the field for damage assessment. Summit County will be the main administrator with the municipalities having access. Also looking into a resident self-report option.
- Tommy Smoot stated we will be developing a EMA mobile application. This will be available under the Google and Apple app store.

Summit County Public Health

Donna Skoda stated she appreciates all the help from EMA and SCSO. Donna stated there is presently 3700 COVID19 cases, 232 deaths (172 associated with long-term facilities) in Summit County. The average age is dropping and is currently 46 years old. There is not a lot of testing reagents. The turnaround time can be long. SCPH is currently looking to establish more testing sites. They are also looking to do congregate testing. Governor issued the Sports Executive Order yesterday with more specific consequences. We could see more spikes with

sports. Businesses have been trying to do their best to stay open. The governor has a task force that cites businesses who do not comply with governor's orders. There are 2 bars in town where there have been issues and they are going before the liquor control board. SCPH is going to encourage individuals to get flu shots.

800 MHz Radio System Report

Mike Szabo stated there is no issues with the 800 MHz Radio system. Stow, Hudson and Reminderville received grants to upgrade their systems. Sagamore Hills PD is in the process of having their radios programmed and will be on the system in the next 10 days and he will be training that department. Macedonia has approved funding to buy 800 MHz radios for their Police/Fire Departments. Northfield Village PD is also in that process. All the communities except Hudson Fire will be represented on the 800 MHz system. Hudson has an agreement with Bath for a joint dispatch.

Recently we received a MOU from Medina. Several of the communities will be moving to the Marcs system and we will have interoperability with them as they move over to MARCs.

Majority of users have received a records request from an individual in CF. The county has sent out a response to those agencies who have received this request on how to respond to this request.

Citizen Corp

Tommy Smoot stated both in person trainings for the spring and fall have been postponed.

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Tommy Smoot said the National Weather Service will be moving to a new building around September 14th in Brooklyn Heights. The radar equipment and observation equipment will stay at Cleveland Hopkins airport.

VII. Adjournment

Heidi Swindell motioned to adjourn the meeting with Bill Goncy as the second. The motion carried by voice vote. The next meeting will be October 15, 2020 at 10:00 am.