

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2020

Board Members:

Dennis Ragins
Tommy Smoot
David O'Neal
Steve Leslie

Staff/Guests:

Leigh-Ann Slaughter(Z)
Tim Gemind
Lori Pesci (Z)

Board Members Absent:

Brett Reinbolt

Z= Zoom

This meeting of the Summit County Special Operations Response Team (SCSORT) Executive Board was called to order by Chief O'Neal on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 10:03 a.m. in the EMA Conference Room, 175 S. Main St., Suite 103, Akron, Ohio 44308.

- **Approval of minutes – August 4, 2020**

Chief Leslie motioned for the approval of the above minutes, with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion carried by voice vote.

- **Chairperson's Comments/Correspondence**

Chief O'Neal reviewed and spoke on the correspondence.

- 1 Electronic vote for approval of purchase sheet for October
- Packet for the dive call out to Lake Milton
- Chief Leslie made a motion to remove Tony Calabro (Hazmat), change Ron Matkowski from New Franklin to Clinton (TROT/Region 5) and add Stephen Hren (Water), Ryan Mize (Water), Spencer Lindsay (Water), Brandon Burns (Water) and Anthony Aquino (Water) with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

Leigh-Ann Slaughter stated there was an SRA 10/9/20 for Springfield and 11/8/20 for Norton. The one for Springfield was done multiple times and in hindsight, dispatch will call Amonett in the future since it was at midnight.

- **INSTRUCTOR TECH**

Dennis Ragins stated he sent October and the finalized November report. The University has taken care of all the payments. There is approximately \$7200 left to be reimbursed. Chief O'Neal will send Richard Smith and Paul Amonett's Instructor Tech authorization forms to make sure they have been paid. If they can't be paid, Dennis Ragins will let him know. Chief Leslie made a motion to approve the reimbursement requests for Scott

Duber and Richard Smith with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- Capt. Amonett sent an email stating COVID has impacted training.
- November will be small hands on classes of 4-6 people at Station 1
- December will be rail car incident response
- PUCO needs completed before June
- Chief O'Neal stated they are using Goodyear 301 for all Hazmat responses in the city.

- **WATER**

- Report submitted
- Discussed Lake Milton callout.
- Worked on request package for \$6000 for SHSP funds
- Completed 2 week dive class
- Country TROT/Water Rescue Joint Training

- **TROT**

- Report submitted
- Completed joint training with water
- Cancelled December training
- Zone coordinators will put HERS equipment on all vehicles 11/30/20
- Tim Morgan stated Richard Smith submitted quotes for harnesses (6). Would like to request \$1981 from the SORT budget and the rest of the money from FY21 SAR (\$7250). Tim Gemind stated Angela is still working with Richard to determine costs before the SCSORT board can decide on this purchase.
- Tim Morgan stated 8 people participated in the forklift operator class.
- Training schedule has been sent out. The dates have been set, topics will be filled in.

- **IMAT**

- No report

- **REGION V**

Tim Morgan stated there was no meeting in October. They are still collecting the paging system forms. Richard and Angela are working on specs for shoring equipment.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Tim Gemind stated the generator for Station 10 has been repaired and is back in service.

Tim stated the legal department and Barberton Steel are meeting today regarding the Hazmat reimbursement.

Tim Gemind sent out the cost recovery for SORT and the route 8 incident for \$9000 this week.

The branches have been discussing training standards regarding the impact COVID has had on meeting the minimum requirements. Chief Leslie made a motion to waive the training requirements for 2020, but to submit any trainings documents that have been completed to Tim Gemind by March 1, 2021 with a second by Tommy Smoot. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Tim Gemind sent in his 214. Tim stated there were no purchase requests.

Tim Gemind submitted the budget sheet. Chief Leslie made a motion to approve the budget as submitted with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Chief O'Neal asked Lori Pesci about the amount to be received regarding the pipeline funding and how the funding will be distributed. Lori stated we are currently collecting revenue from the pipeline that will be appropriated at the beginning of the year. She does not have the current figures. They appealed what they thought they should pay through the Department of Taxation so they are only obligated to pay the 50% that they thought they should pay. This will be tax revenue that will be continued to be received – the timeline she will get back with the Board. The Board discussed having a plan in place once the amount of money is determined. Lori stated the legislation stated a portion of this money needs to be used for additional community requests for training and must be tied to the pipeline.

Chief Leslie asked if there were forms for equipment checklists. Tim stated he drafted a checklist but the contracts were not all back. Tim asked if the contracts stated how often the checks had to be performed. Tim will show the checklist to the branch directors for feedback.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Tim Gemind stated EMA submitted for a full scale LEPC exercise with the route 8 incident for 4 objectives. He should hear by January if this is accepted and if so, would not need any more exercises until the end of 2021.

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

- **NEXT MEETING**

December 8, 2020 @ 10:00 in the EMA Conference Room and via Zoom

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Chief Leslie made a motion to adjourn with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:13 pm.