

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2020

Board Members:

Dennis Ragins
Tommy Smoot
David O'Neal
Steve Leslie
Brett Reinbolt

Staff/Guests:

Tim Gemind(Z)
Lori Pesci Leigh-Ann Slaughter(Z)
Judy Kelly
Rob Keener(Z)
Richard Smith (Z)

Board Members Absent:

Z= Zoom

This meeting of the Summit County Special Operations Response Team (SCSORT) Executive Board was called to order by David O'Neal on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 10:03 a.m. in the EMA Conference Room, 175 S. Main St., Suite 103, Akron, Ohio 44308.

- **Approval of minutes – June 9, 2020**

Steve Leslie motioned for the approval of the above minutes, with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion carried by voice vote.

- **Chairperson's Comments/Correspondence**

David O'Neal reviewed and spoke on the correspondence.

- SRA from New Franklin for 6/15
- 2 Electronic votes for purchases of a SCBA adaptor and a charger for meters.
- John Calabro will be on leave from Hazmat for 6 months.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

Leigh-Ann Slaughter stated on July 3rd they were contacted by New Franklin on the SORT line and advised dispatch they had activated the South Summit section of the dive team. Dispatch asked if they needed to page out. There was confusion if they did anything wrong. Chief Leslie stated they did not do anything wrong. New Franklin dispatch is struggling with who to contact. South Summit dive team no longer exists – it is the South Zone. The intent is to notify the rest of county that the South Zone is out on a water call. They are not requesting any county asset or material, but they are notifying the other 2 zones they are out on a call. Chief Leslie stated it is his dispatch (local) monitoring this call. Akron Fire notifies the radio room on the SORT line and notifies what apparatus is out on a call. Chief Leslie will get with his dispatchers and tell them it will be a notification call only and to send out a notification page.

- **INSTRUCTOR TECH**

Dennis Ragins stated they have not processed any of the payroll, but they were sent to Chief O'Neal to evaluate. Paul Amonett and Richard Smith were signed by Chief O'Neal.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- Report submitted
- No monthly training due to COVID19, everyone is doing training in-house.
- SRA in Green July 14th
- August training is cancelled.
- SORT radio battery project is complete.

- **WATER**

- Report submitted
- Working on grant items
- Updating computers
- Serviced dry suits
- Training this week in Boston Heights for underwater metal detecting.
- Akron Fire assisted Akron Police with a weapon search in a pond.

- **TROT**

- Report submitted
- Still have some cities that are not training. Green is off training, Cuyahoga Falls is not training/but will deploy.
- Rewriting schedule for the rest of the year. Have taken of Confined Space training.
- Green Fire Station 3 is almost complete. They are not ready to move equipment yet.
- MRP's for deployment need turned in.
- Gave purchasing items to Tim.
- Region V – CivicReady there is a new form for page out.
- Certification classes – need SCO classes for Region V requirement.
- Sea World training went well, except it was very hot.
- Received communication from Hudson chief regarding training and more than 10 participants. Richard is waiting on response concerning deployments.
- Need to send thank you letter to Lee Woodall and towing company for training at Sea World.
- Waiting on confirmation for training this month.

- **IMAT**

- Report submitted
- Review of DOC operations by Chief Vober in July
- Review of EOC operations/set up for COVID with EMA/SCPH in June
- In need of a projector for the IMAT trailer – Chief Funai is looking for a source to fund.

- **REGION V**

Tommy Smoot discussed the Region V call out sheet. There were 3 changes made to the form. The IMAT box was removed from SRA, removed Region 5 from TROT and made its own group and did not add a Region 5 SRA. Brett Reinbolt made a motion to approve this sheet with Steve Leslie as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote. Tommy will work with Leigh-Ann to have this sheet go out to the all the dispatch centers.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Tim Gemind stated there is a Hazmat Zone Coordinators meeting tomorrow to finish training planning.

Tim Gemind stated he sent out one purchase request for TruFuel for Hazmat. Steve Leslie made a motion to approve the purchase request sheet with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Tim Gemind stated EMA went up to Sea World to see the training.

Tim Gemind asked about the MOU's for the truck checks. Chief O'neal stated Lori has sent out emails to law directors in the past week. Some communities need to return the MOU's.

Tim asked about the Nexus pipeline money. Chief O'Neal stated the amount is still in limbo. As far as a process, money will set aside for teams and individual departments. It will look like any other grant process. The money should become available the first of the year 20-21.

Tim stated he is still working with the Law Department and the County will still pursue Barberton Steel Company for their unpaid amount.

Tim Gemind passed out the budget sheet. This budget reflects the insurance and radio payouts. Steve Leslie made a motion to approve the budget as submitted with Brett Reinbolt as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Richard Smith asked if the SOG has been completed. Tommy Smoot stated there are still updates that need to be incorporated. He will send out a draft copy to the branch directors when complete.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Leslie asked about the projector for IMAT. Chief Leslie will reach out to Chief Funai and have him submit to SORT to buy.

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

- **NEXT MEETING**

September 15, 2020 @ 10:00 in the EMA Conference Room

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Steve Leslie made a motion to adjourn with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 pm.