

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2021

Board Members:

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

Staff/Guests:

Tim Gemind (Z)
Lori Pesci (Z)
Rob Keener (Z)
Judy Kelly (Z)
Leigh-Ann Slaughter (Z)
Steve Bosso (Z)

Board Members Absent:

Tim Morgan (Z)
Mikayla Davidson(Z)
Octavia Stokes (Z)

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, April 13, 2021, at 9:15 a.m. via Zoom.

- **Approval of minutes – March 9, 2021**

Chief Steve Leslie made a motion to approve the March 9, 2021 minutes with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was approved by voice vote.

- **Chairperson's Comments/Correspondence**

Chief O'Neal reviewed and spoke on the correspondence.

- No training reimbursement requests
- No electronic votes
- Discussion on new members. Tim Gemind stated the current SOG states that members of Hazmat need to be from a fire department. Chief Leslie made a motion to accept the applications of Steven Groves (Hazmat), Dennis Basch (Hazmat), David Fatheree (Hazmat), Robert Alderman Jr (HazMat) and to amend the SOG to reflect that you are a member of a government entity in Summit County with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

Leigh-Ann Slaughter stated there were no callouts and no reports for this period. She reminded everyone to thank a dispatcher since it is National Dispatcher Week. The SCSORT will compose a letter to thank the dispatchers to be presented at the next PSAP meeting.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**
 - March (18-20) refresher training
 - Monthly training from March through June will be in-person and March is part of grant-funded equipment.

- **WATER**
 - Report submitted
 - Tommy Smoot talked about the EMEC Special Projects Grant trailer. He stated when we went to place an order via purchase order, the price had increased. The vendor requested a downpayment and the order was subject to an additional surcharge when the build was completed. Tommy stated we are going with the 2nd vendor who will lock the price in place.
 - Doing a joint training with TROT in April at Brandywine
 - Captain Duber presented the option and recommendation (from the zone coordinators) of the Water Branch responding as one zone vs. three. This would be in line with HAZMAT and TROT. There was a discussion of the pros and cons. It was suggested that this issue be presented to the SCFCA since there is a cost involved. Capt. Duber stated in the past 5 years there have been 20 county water calls (this does not include local calls or not reported to EMA). He also stated the Cuyahoga Valley Parks system area has been monitoring traffic thru the river and in 2018 - 1400, 2019 - 1800, 2020 – 1000 people utilizing (with parks partially closed). Chief Leslie made a motion when needed the county water team will respond as an all-county response instead of a zone response with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote with one abstention.
- **TROT**
 - Report submitted
 - Had a one-day wide-area search training with Metro SWAT on March 10th.
 - Finalized the training scheduled for 2021 – in communications with Hudson schools for training opportunities at the old middle school for July, August, and September.
 - Grain bin training in May at Akron Fire Station 4.
 - Invoice from Royal Upholstery to modify forklift cover to a new mounting location for \$75.
- **IMAT**
 - Assistant Chief Steve Bosso accepted the position of Branch Director.
 - He completed the trailer check and discovered that the station did not have an air compressor. Chief Leslie stated there is an air compressor there now.
 - IMAT members have been working the vaccination site at Summit County Fairgrounds.
 - Membership push to get new members on IMAT.
 - Monthly training on WebEOC.
 - Steve Leslie stated the IMAT trailer will have to be moved outside around October. Steve Bosso stated this will be fine but they will look for inside storage as this trailer needs to be more centrally located.
- **REGION V**

Chief Tim Morgan stated there was a meeting last month. There was a test page on the Region V group that worked well.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Tim Gemind stated there was an emergency repair with 3816 for \$110.00 which has been processed. Tim Gemind discussed the purchase sheet. Chief Reinbolt made a motion to approve the budget sheet with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Tim Gemind submitted the 2021 budget sheet. Steve Leslie made a motion to approve the budget as submitted with Chief Reinbolt as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

None

- **NEW BUSINESS**

None

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Steve Bosso asked if IMAT could be contacted for future training with other teams for more experience. This would help with familiarization.

Chief O'Neal asked about the EMAC packets. Tommy Smoot stated there are still some outstanding. Chief O'Neal stated if they have not sent in their paperwork, they would not be considered in case of a callout. Richard Smith would like a copy of the list of those that submitted. Tim Morgan asked if there are enough people to roster a team. Tommy Smoot stated there would be for some disciplines and would include a chart in for the minutes.

2021 EMAC Paperwork Received on time

Summit County Sheriff's Office
Barberton
Hudson
Twinsburg
Copley
Akron
Fairlawn
Coventry
Stow

Summit County EMA
Green

Region 5
Kent Fire
Canton Fire
Aurora Fire -
Jackson Twp Fire

- **NEXT MEETING**

May 11, 2021 @ 9:15 am via Zoom

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Chief Reinbolt made a motion to adjourn with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.