

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2021

Board Members:

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

Staff/Guests:

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

Board Members Absent:

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, May 11, 2021, at 9:17 a.m. via Zoom.

- **Approval of minutes – April 13, 2021**

Chief Brett Reinbolt made a motion to approve the April 13, 2021 minutes with Steve Leslie as the second. The motion was approved by voice vote.

- **Chairperson's Comments/Correspondence**

Chief O'Neal reviewed and spoke on the correspondence.

- Training reimbursement requests were submitted by Scott Duber, Rob Keener and Richard Smith. Steve Leslie made a motion to approve the reimbursements as submitted with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- One electronic vote for \$75 to rent the Bounce Innovation Hub for training space for the upcoming grain bin training May 12-14.
- Tommy Smoot made a motion to accept new team member Derrick Kulcsar (IMAT), Gina Devito Staub (IMAT) and remove Gina Devito Staub (Hazmat) with Steve Leslie as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- Steve Leslie made a motion to move Derrick Kulcsar (Water Zone Coordinator) and Derek Griffin (Hazmat Zone Coordinator) with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

Leigh-Ann Slaughter stated there was one SRA Hazmat request on 4/13 through Stow Dispatch. They were having trouble with faxing over the paperwork and ended up scanning the document. Leigh-Ann will scan to Tim Gemind.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- Couple SRA's – no call outs
- April training completed – in-service of new meters with a factory rep.
- May training 20-22 at the union hall
- 3816 preventative maintenance completed by Akron Fire Maintenance. They did note the generator is old.

- **WATER**

- Report submitted
- Joint training with TROT was well attended.
- Couple call-outs - discussed how the response went out and who received the notifications (Coventry no page went out). Chief Leslie will look into it.

- **TROT**

- Report submitted
- Bounce Innovation Hub at 526 S. Main (Old BFW complex) and Akron Station 4 for the grain bin training May 12-14. Have not received as high of response for some training days, as anticipated.
- NPS arborist approached our team at joint training and has offered training on an in tree rescue class – considering scheduling later 2021 or 2022.
- Received EMEC grant equipment.

- **IMAT**

- Assistant Chief Steve Bosso stated IMAT had a busy month at the fairgrounds.
- Training this month with Justin Bechtel regarding his last deployment.
- Still searching for a deputy director for IMAT.
- Chief O'Neal stated they are looking at a possible garage space for the IMAT trailer this afternoon.

- **REGION V**

Chief Tim Morgan stated there was a meeting last month. They are still trying to get people signed up on the Region V paging group and they did not get a lot of people to send in their EMAC paperwork. They hope to get back to in-person meetings in May at CF FD #5.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Tim Gemind stated he has been going back and forth with the OEMA radiological group. Tim hopes to get ½ of the meters down in the next month (2020). Tim discussed with Lt. Keener and Capt. Amonett regarding the future of the meters and decided after 2020 is done, we will start doing this bi-annually.

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

Tim Gemind submitted the 2021 budget sheet. Chief 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**

Tim Gemind stated he talked to the Summit County Law Department yesterday and Barberton Steel has agreed to a payment plan. HOC will be going to arbitration.

Tim Gemind discussed the ATV and Hudson FD. The wildland pump unit will be shelved next to the ATV until needed and then would be placed on the ATV for an incident. Chief Varnes will deploy the ATV and wildland pump unit anywhere in the county as requested. Chief Leslie asked who would cover the insurance on the wildland pump? Tim Gemind stated Hudson Fire will insure the wildland fire pump. Chief Reinbolt made a motion to approve the county-owned ATV at Hudson Fire be used as a wildland firefighting asset on an as-needed basis with Chief Leslie as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Chief Morgan brought up the vote from the last meeting concerning the elimination of water response zones, for more discussion. He had talked to other chiefs and their main concerns were the time of travel from north/south and the financial impacts from local departments. Chief O'Neal stated the water zone coordinators discussed this in great detail and sent their recommendation to eliminate the zoned response to the SORT Board. The SORT board approved this recommendation after consultation with all the Water Zone Coordinators and Water Branch Director. This topic has been discussed many times during the monthly board meetings. Chief O'Neal stated this will not change unless there is a motion.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

None

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Richard Smith stated Tallmadge is building a new fire station #2 and it will have all the components for training in several technical rescue disciplines. Andy Miller is looking for input for any additions for training ideas. Please forward to Andy Miller.

- **NEXT MEETING**

June 8, 2021 @ 9:15 am via Zoom

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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