

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2021

Board Members:

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

Staff/Guests:

Tim Gemind Mike Banks
Lori Pesci Chris Plance
Rob Keener Ian Faieta
Judy Kelly Richard Smith
Leigh-Ann Slaughter

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, July 20, 2021, at 10:02 a.m. in the EMA Conference Room, 175 S. Main St., Suite 103

- **Approval of minutes – May 11, 2021**

Chief Brett Reinbolt made a motion to approve the May 11, 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.

- Previous electronic vote for pharmacy license renewal, a bottle of Cal Gas for Hazmat, and approval of members - resignation Morrow (Water), reinstatement of Capt. Calabro to Hazmat and employment change for Nadal Montoya.
- Tommy Smoot made a motion to accept new team members 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.
- Tommy Smoot made a motion to approve Joseph St. John (IMAT) and Steve Chiarappa (TROT) with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote. Chief Leslie made a motion to accept the resignation of Capt. Marzilli (TROT) with Chief Reinbolt as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

Chief O'Neal asked about the new CAD system and notifications on call-outs. Ian stated CAD paging is built into the new system. Call type/unit type – can be customized. Everyone receiving a page needs to be set up in CAD as personnel. No way of confirming as currently with CivicReady, and they are currently looking into the accountability piece. The sheriff's Office needs the communication piece. Mike Banks stated they have an agreement with Verizon Enterprise for bulk messaging capabilities – worked out issues so they don't block group messages. Lori asked Leigh-Ann if the operations workgroup can come up with a communication policy – to distinguish between callout/notification. Chief O'Neal stated this needs to be a notification and they will handle it from there. Also discussed using CivicReady for the activation. SRA's

would be handled as is. Chief O'Neal stated he will ask the departments at Summit County Fire Chiefs Association meeting for a list of people to be notified. Leigh-Ann will start with Water/Hazmat calls and Ian will make a test group with everyone and Capt Duber.

Leigh-Ann Slaughter stated there was two SRA request since the last meeting.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- No report

- **WATER**

- Report submitted
- Received equipment from grants and put in service
- Moving forward with participating in the MCI drill on August 26th with SCSO. Will be dispatched from home station.

- **TROT**

- Report submitted
- July meeting at school demo in Hudson
- The generator on 4166 not putting out power. Will take it to Parker.

- **IMAT**

- Report submitted

- **REGION V**

No report

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Tim Gemind stated he is waiting to hear from OEMA radiological group on the pickup of meters.

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

Tim Gemind submitted the 2021 budget sheet. Currently down to \$5-7000 to spend for the rest of the year. Chief Reinbolt made a motion to approve the budget as submitted with Chief Leslie as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Leslie made a motion to return to the 3 zone water response with Chief Reinbolt as the second.

Tim Gemind stated the Law Department talked to Barberton Steel and they conceded that they owe the money (trying to get on a payment plan) and the HOC incident is still in arbitration.

Tim Gemind asked about the pipeline money. This is still in appeal. Chief O'Neal stated this money is not on the table to help with the current budget issues. Lori stated pipeline is available but is for planning, training, or equipment for pipeline incidents. Lori stated it is up to the SCSORT Board on how this money is spent.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Smith from SCSO contacted Lori Pesci regarding purchasing a boat. They discussed connecting with the SORT Water team. Lt. Plance is going through the staff at the SCSO to see who would be eligible for the team. The Sheriff feels that when there is a drowning there could be a potential for a criminal piece. Chief Smith has a meeting on the 28th with the South Summit Chiefs regarding notifications. Chief O'Neal asked if we accept new members before they are trained. Richard Smith stated in the SOG it states they must be a part of a fire department and suggested making the change to public safety. The Board can approve outside of the SOG. Lt. Plance stated some members have had a lot of training and some minimal. Chief Leslie stated they would need to have the same standards as present members ie need to have the same credentials as the current team members. They will need to attend the county training. Tim Gemind will send the application package to Lt. Plance. Chief O'Neal has informed Capt. Duber regarding this.

Lt. Plance stated they train quarterly for radiological dispersal device and improvised explosive device situations with higher-level meters. The Board agreed this would be a good resource to have available.

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Board will send thank you letter to 3 members (Andy Miller, Josh Compton, and Richard Huggins) who responded with Ohio Task Force 1 for the Champlain Towers South condominium collapse in Surfside, Florida.

- **NEXT MEETING**

August 10, 2021 @ 10:00 am

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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