

# SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2021

Board Members:

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

Staff/Guests:

Tim Gemind    Tim Morgan (Z)  
Lori Pesci  
Judy Kelly  
Leigh-Ann Slaughter  
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, August 10, 2021, at 10:10 a.m. in the EMA Conference room.

- **Approval of minutes – July 20, 2021**

Chief Leslie made a motion to approve the July 20, 2021 minutes with Chief Reinbolt as the second. The motion was approved by voice vote.

- **Chairperson's Comments/Correspondence**

Chief O'Neal reviewed and spoke on the correspondence.

- Tommy Smoot made a motion to accept new team member Jerry Burroughs (Water), Mike Gasaway (IMAT) with Brett Reinbolt as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- Steve Leslie made a motion to accept Matt Cern's resignation (Deputy Director and Hazmat) with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote. Tommy Smoot stated Lt. Stanec will retire in October. The Board discussed sending out an announcement for the deputy director position for all branches except water.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

Leigh-Ann Slaughter stated there were no SRA's. Leigh-Ann stated the new CAD paging group has been set up. She asked if anything needed to be modified. Chief O'Neal stated this informative and if a team is activated there will be a follow-up page.

Leigh-Ann stated there was an issue where a page went out to the SORT team and Lt. McCready tried to call in the SORT phone line and was not able to get through. He sent out a page to cancel. They are looking into why there is a problem with the SORT phone line and will report out at the next meeting.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- Matt Cern is resigning
- Recall on the new box truck. As Chief Riedel took the box truck in for the recall repair, a check engine light came on. The emissions sensor is bad but on backorder.

- **WATER**

- Report submitted
- Working on the SHSP regional grant
- State Water TAC Conference Call
- Water training on August 26<sup>th</sup> at Turkeyfoot Lake – boat collision on the water

- **TROT**

- Report submitted
- Training at Hudson Middle School
- Next month training at the Tallmadge Fairgrounds

- **IMAT**

- Training this month will be moved to August 26<sup>th</sup> at Portage Lakes, will page team members out in real-time.
- If anyone is doing a training, IMAT would like to join.
- Joseph and Tommy completed the first part of training on the damage assessment system
- Alex or Joseph will send out a training notice to RSVP for the 0-305 training

- **REGION V**

Chief Tim Morgan stated there was a meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup>. They talked about sustainment and replacing Region 5 trailer to transition into a bumper pull trailer. Chief O'Neal asked if there was a way to convert the gooseneck trailer. Richard Smith stated no and if we decide to proceed Stow may be interested in buying the gooseneck trailer.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Tim Gemind stated he went to OEMA picked up the RAD meters and exchanged them.

Chief Leslie made a motion to use pipeline funds to pay for the 0-305 training and return the funds to the SORT operational budget with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Tim Gemind stated there were no expenses this month.

Tim Gemind submitted the 2021 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**

Tim Gemind stated he reached out to the Summit County Law Department for the pending cost recovery incidents.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- **FY21 SHSP Grant**

- Tommy Smoot stated the Water Branch has submitted applications for dry suits, a trailer, lift bags, harnesses, and portable illumination. TROT has applied to replace the 15-year-old gooseneck trailer.

- Tim Gemind stated Hazmat will submit an application for 20 air packs with spare bottles by the Friday, August 13, 2021 deadline. The current air packs are nearing expiration.

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- None

- **NEXT MEETING**

- September 21, 2021 @ 10am

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

- Tommy Smoot made a motion to adjourn with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.