

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2022

Board Members:

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

Staff/Guests:

Tim Gemind Tim Morgan (Z)
Rob Keener (Z)
Leigh-Ann Slaughter (Z)
Andy Miller
Lori Pesci (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, January 11, 2022 at 10:02 a.m. in the EMA conference room and via Zoom.

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

Chief Leslie made a motion to approve the November 9, 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.

- Two electronic votes – (0305 meeting lunch and 2 new team members)
- Tommy Smoot made a motion to accept Andy Miller as the new deputy director of TROT, Mike Jones (IMAT) and to accept the resignation of Mike Stanec with Chief Reinbolt as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

Leigh-Ann Slaughter introduced the new communications supervisor for SCSO, Lisa Horba. She will be training for the next couple of weeks and then will be working predominately a 5 pm-1 am schedule. On 12/6/21 at 3:39 pm, they received over a MAC call from Hudson Fire that they were en route with 4 team members and the hazmat spill trailer to Macedonia. Leigh-Ann was not aware of any HazMat Team callouts and reached out to Tommy to see if something had bypassed her. She asked if anyone could shed some light on this. Tim Gemind stated he received a phone call from Paul Amonett who received a phone call from Hudson Fire who was in the middle of helping Macedonia Fire who needed some water spill absorbent. Macedonia knew Hudson had the County trailer but did not go by the book and call the SCSO for the hazmat team deployment and Hudson took the trailer out for an hour. This was talked about at the Zone Coordinator's meeting. Macedonia has since reached out to Hazmat and asked for some refresher training on how to request the team when needed. Hudson's Asst. Chief Alexander will be advising their personnel that they should have advised Macedonia to call for the hazmat team. The spill came from Norfolk Railroad so Tim has

followed up to see if there will be reimbursement to the County. Leigh-Ann said if they can do anything on their end for training, they would be happy to help.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- Report submitted
- Rope gun put in service
- 2022 training schedule

- **WATER**

- Report submitted
- Worked on outfitting the new trailer
- Working on the EMA Special Projects grant application

- **TROT**

- Report submitted
- Discussed sustainability and recruitment within the team - 153 members, 80 had no hours, 21 had less than 10 hours
- Trying to address training needs.
 - Rope 1 & 2 (\$28k)
 - Confined space(\$25)
 - HERS(25)
- Discussed IAFF offers confined space for free
- B & W Confined Space training for January
- Paratech Training on February 9, 10, 11
- 4116 – fires rotated \$201.00

- **IMAT**

- No report submitted
- 0305 class 11/29-12/3
- Working on SORT semi-annual report
- Training tomorrow will be on EMAC deployment to KY
- Looking to come up with more training ideas
- Still looking for a deputy director
- We will be talking about tasks books

- **REGION V**

Chief Tim Morgan stated they met on December 15th. They continue to try to get people interested and are working on revising the By-Laws. They are continuing to reach out to the counties that have signed on with the MOU's, trying to get more involvement and update who is representing them on the advisory board. They are also working on the equipment sustainment list for the SAR R5 grant.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Tim Gemind discussed the purchase sheet. The bi-annual PM's on all the trailers (\$3000). Tim would like to hold off on this to see how the budget goes. Tim also discussed the awning repair for \$500. He is waiting on a quote for a manual awning but has not received it. Chief Reinbolt made a motion without the \$500 awning repair with Steve Leslie as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Tim Gemind stated there were 2 budget sheets mailed out and discussed. Chief Reinbolt made a motion to approve the end of the 2021 budget/2022 budget with Chief Leslie as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Tim Gemind discussed the recall repair on the new hazmat vehicle has been completed.

The Law Department stated the cost recovery reimbursement checks from HOC and Barberton Steel were in the mail.

Late summer Chief O'Neal asked Tim to purchase a toolbox for the Water Rescue trailer and it was received and will be put in service. The damaged one may be put to use on the trailer for Akron.

Chief O'Neal stated that we are supposed to come up with aliases for county assets. Chief O'Neal will send out an email regarding this to determine what to do for the next meeting.

- **PIPELINE FUNDS**

Chief O'Neal stated he sent out a copy of the legislation and draft application to the Board. There is currently \$46,000 in the pipeline fund with approximately \$60,000 to be deposited by February. The proposal was to make this money available with a grant system (\$60,000) leaving some money available for whatever we may need in regards to pipeline training/equipment. There will be a submittal time where they are due by February 18, 2022, and to be reviewed at the March meeting. The grant notification will be sent out to Police/Fire Chief's distribution list. The Board will identify what the priorities are. The priority would go to the SORT teams, then to other municipalities. The EMA office will distribute. Chief Leslie made a motion to distribute the current pipeline grant application to a similar group as the EMEC grant and to follow the established pipeline grant guidelines with Chief Reinbolt as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

There was one letter of intent for the EMEC grant from the Water Branch and this was approved by the Board before they submitted it to EMA.

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

- **NEXT MEETING**

February 8, 2022 @ 10am via Zoom.

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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