

# **SUMMIT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

October 14, 2021

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The meeting of the Summit County Emergency Management Executive Committee (EMEC) was called to order on Thursday, November 3, 2021, at 10:02 AM via Zoom and the EOC, 166 S. High St., basement by Chief Clarence Tucker.

## **I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Lori Pesci motioned for the approval of the June 17, 2021 minutes with Mayor Goncy as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

## **II. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Correspondence Sent and Received**

Chief Tucker discussed the correspondence.

- Letter from OEMA stating our EOP has been approved
- A thank you note from Elmcroft Senior Assisted Living for providing masks and gloves.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS**

### **EMEC Grant**

Tommy Smoot reported:

- The trailer came in for the Akron Fire Department and will be picked up later this week.
- There is one more project to complete – the Bridger Line Gun (SORT Hazmat) – which is undergoing a redesign.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

### **2021 Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Update**

Joseph St. John discussed the Summit County EOP updates.

- Joseph sent 137 copies via DocuSign and has received 125 back. This is the first time we have sent it out virtually.

## V. EMA AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Emergency Management Agency Report

- Tommy Smoot reported:  
COVID -
  - EOC bi-weekly briefing was reestablished in September
    - Continuing to submit resource requests and provide support to our planning partners as needed
  - Ohio EMA Directors meeting virtually every other week as well

### Grants / Funding

- Received a 24% increase in our FY21 EMPG Award - \$227,632.00
- I completed BSIR federal reporting for June 2021
- Ohio EMA Accepting Pre-applications for the BRIC and FMA Programs. The deadlines in the Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) are later to allow the state time to compile all sub-applications and submit them to FEMA.
  - September 30, 2021 - HMA Pre-application form due to Ohio EMA for entities interested in applying for BRIC and/or FMA (attached form)
  - November 15, 2021 – Draft applications due to Ohio EMA
  - January 3, 2022 – Final applications due to Ohio EMA
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds are available statewide for eligible sub-applicants to apply for projects that reduce risk to people and property from natural hazards and their effects. The deadline to submit HMGP pre-applications to the Ohio EMA Mitigation Branch is October 8, 2021.
  - Summit County EMA applied for funding to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan

### Training/Exercise:

- I will serve as an evaluator for the City of Tallmadge DOC functional exercise on 11/4/21. JSJ will serve in the exercise SIM cell.
- Attended the Barberton Stormwater planning committee meeting on June 24, 2021. The next meeting is on December 16, 2021.
- Attended the Akron Marathon Planning Meetings. Joseph and I served in the GIC for 8K and Full/Half, Relay Marathon. Tim Gemind served in the GIC for the Goodyear 10 K.
- I participated in the SORT Water and IMAT branch MCI exercise on August 26, 2021, at the Portage Lakes State Park Beach.
- We hosted the ENS Subcommittee meeting and provided a few vendor-based system demonstrations.
- I sent out the Summit County NIMS Reporting form out in September 2021 and it was due October 1, 2021
  - Completed state NIMS and SPR reporting

### Leadership

- I was elected as the President for the Northeast Ohio EMAO Sector
- I was elected as the President for the Downtown Toastmasters group

- Tim Gemind reported on the following:
  - The TROT team responded to Macedonia for a person that fell 200 feet down a ravine. The person was rescued and brought back up the cliff using ropes with no injuries.
  - Two Hazmat SRA's – Green and Fairlawn which resulted in no response from the Hazmat branch.
  - Our Water branch was on stand by for Mahoning County for evidence recovery, although they did not deploy.
  - All branches maintain their respective monthly training and are working to complete the 2022 training schedules.
  - Have had some minor repair maintenance and repairs done to equipment and apparatus.
  - All grant equipment that has come into the office has been distributed to the respective branches.
  
- Alex Burt reported on the following:
  - For the BRIC & FMA funding, we should get something from the State if anyone from our county has applied for that funding so we will know which projects are coming up.
  - In addition, under mitigation, we have applied and done the pre-application for a grant to have an organization come in and help us write our hazard mitigation plan, which is due in 2023. We are going to try to utilize these funds to help us through this process.
  - We are participating in a dam tabletop exercise with Virginia Kendall Dam and the Park Service at the end of November.
  - There will be an IMAT training coming up and Faylin has a couple of LE trainings. The State has started doing in-person training again for 300 & 400. They have some virtual options around us, but we have not hosted an in-person 300 & 400 class yet, hopefully in the spring.
  
- Angela Robinson reported the following:
  - **FY19 SHSP Grant Update:**
  - 21 total projects; A couple of projects were added to help expend the remaining grant funds. 15 complete, 6 remaining projects, most of the equipment has been ordered and will be coming in this month, so those projects will be complete by November 1. All orders have been taking 20 weeks or more to come in. The only project that I am concerned about is the vehicle for Mahoning County. We have a projected date to have the truck by Christmas; however, with the national chip shortages, I am unsure if this will happen or not. If not, we may need to request a grant extension for this 1 project.
  - **FY20 SHSP Grant Update:**
  - 19 total projects, 9 projects are complete, 1 equipment project ordered and waiting to come in, 3 projects are pending approval from OEMA, 3 projects are in the process of an RFP, 3 projects are waiting on information to write specs from the team.
  - **Quarterly Reporting:**
  - Emailed Quarterly Reports to OEMA on 10/7/2021
  - Gathering all documents to complete EMPG Cash Request.

- Joseph St. John reported the following:

#### PPE

- Distributed 4.4 million pieces of PPE from state materials to 649 organizations with almost 2,000 allocations or pushes to those organizations.
- From our allocation purchased from CARES funding, we have had 247 requests with 46 new requests since June.
- The most requested item is disposal masks

#### EMA App

- Renewed our apple developer members in August to maintain our membership and for the company to revalidate our distribution license so we can host it on the platform for apple.
- To date, we have had 880 downloads which was an increase of 80 downloads.

#### Damage Assessment – Crisis Track

- Most of the issues we've had so far have been with the reports have been taken care of by the company. We were having trouble with the address going to the respective jurisdiction versus our account.
- We had all the OEMA forms uploaded into the system.
- We hosted a second IMAT training and had them go through and assess the self-reports and look at and assign the damage levels.

#### **Summit County Public Health**

None.

#### **800 MHz Radio System Report**

None

#### **Citizen Corp**

Tommy stated we are working on a plan to get back to in-person training.

#### **VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- The 2021 ShakeOut Earthquake Drill will take place on Thursday, Oct. 21 at 10:21 a.m. and will last one minute.
- DPSC/EMEC Planning Workshop - November 4-5, 2021
- NWS Enhanced Thunderstorm fact sheet (attached)

## **VII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Tommy Smoot with Chief Delasandro as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

The next meeting will be on December 16, 2021, at 10:00 am.