SUMMIT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
February 17, 2022

The meeting of the Summit County Emergency Management Executive Committee (EMEC) was called to order on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 9:30 AM (Grant Presentations) 10:00 (regular meeting) via Zoom by Inspector Bill Holland.

GRANT PRESENTATIONS

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Heidi Swindell 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

Bill Holland discussed the correspondence.

- Thank you card from Dominion for assistance during the natural gas outage in January of 2022
- A letter from FEMA regarding the City of Reminderville where there was a change to a flood zone map

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

2022 Proposed EMA Budget

Budget notes – The Community per capita per the 2020 census data is reflected at .55 cents per citizen. The County of Summit matches .275 cents per citizen to fund the Emergency Management Agency. Tommy Smoot discussed the different line items of the budget including Salaries, internal services, special projects grant and the SCSORT line item. Bill Holland made a motion to approve the budget with Ed Diebold as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Community Per Capita Review

Tommy Smoot stated we are currently at .55 cents per citizen which is based on the 2020 census and provided a list of population/city. The population of Summit County stayed about the same as the 2010 census. The per capita funds the essential services provided by the Emergency Management Agreement.

Elections

Tommy Smoot opened nominations for EMEC Chirperson from the floor.

Bill Goncy made a motion to nominate Bill Holland as the EMEC Chairperson, with a second from Chief Tucker.

Tommy Smoot asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor for Chairperson.

Edward Diebold made a nomination to close nominations from the floor, with a second from ClarenceTucker. The motion was carried by voice vote.

All members present voted in favor of Bill Holland for the Chairperson. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Tommy Smoot opened nominations for EMEC Vice-Chirperson from the floor.

Bill Holland made a motion to nominate Clarence Tucker as the EMEC Vice-Chairperson, with a second from Bill Goncy.

Tommy Smoot asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor for Vice-Chairperson.

Heidi Swindell made a nomination to close nominations from the floor, with a second from Bill Goncy. The motion was carried by voice vote.

All members present voted in favor of Clarence Tucker for the Vice-Chairperson. The motion was carried by voice vote.

V. EMA AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Emergency Management Agency Report

- o Tommy Smoot reported:

Incidents

- Completed damage assessment for the NWS confirmed tornado EF-0 in Hudson October 21, 2021
- Participating in the April 8, 2024 eclipse event planning with Ohio EMA
- January 16-17, 2022 Snow Storm
- Hosting COVID EOC bi-weekly briefing throughout December, January, and February
- Assisted with the water main break on January 22, 2022, that led to a natural gas outage affecting parts of downtown Akron.
- Assisted with the downtown Akron electrical outage on January 23 due to a vault fire.
- Winter Storm Landon February 3-4, 2022
- Rain and snowmelt could lead to flooding and high wind concerns today and through the weekend

Projects

- The Emergency Notification and Warning Subcommittee decided to transition from CivicReady to Regroup for the county emergency notification system. Helped to transition all departments to the new vendor on January 26, 2022.
- Assisting with the review and update county building safety and security policies
- Collecting EMAC Forms and IGAs - due March 1, 2022, to Summit County EMA

Training/Exercise/Planning:

- I served as an evaluator for the City of Tallmadge DOC exercise on November 4, 2021. The City of Tallmadge great job with this exercise.
- Joseph and I participated in the December and January Stormwater Taskforce meetings hosted by Barberton Mayor Bill Judge
- We will host a DOT/TAG Pipeline Security Training April 5, 2022 - Library
- We will host an Elected Officials Training TEEX MgT-312 April 12, 2022 - Library
- EMA will continue to serve on the Akron Marathon Planning Meetings and GIC for 8K, Goodyear 10 K and Full/Half, Relay Marathon

Mitigation Grants

- DR 4507 Pre-Applications
  1. Summit County Engineer (2)
  2. New Franklin
  3. Reminderville
  4. Barberton
- As a result of the disaster declaration on March 31, 2020, **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 March 25, 2022.** The State Hazard Mitigation Team will meet in early April to prioritize HMGP pre-applications. The highest-ranking pre-applications will be invited to develop full HMGP applications. A blank HMGP pre-application is attached.
  1. This is the second opportunity to apply for these grant funds. There is approximately $9.5 Million in funding available to fund mitigation projects in this second round.

- Tim Gemind reported on the following:
  - Hazmat responded to a sheen on the waterway in Macedonia
  - SCSORT water branch on alert for weather-related flooding in the area
  - Receiving grant-related equipment/training for TROT, Hazmat, and Water.
  - Currently reviewing 2022 training hours for all branches
  - All branches submitted 2022 training schedules
  - Graded TTX at Omnova with Portage County LEPC in May
  - Completing 2020-21 SORT Bi-annual report
  - Lt. Keith Geiger is deputy branch director of Hazmat and Battalion Chief Andy Miller is deputy branch director of TROT

- o Alex Burt reported on the following:
    - o Discussed upcoming training
    - o Sent out grant funding possibilities for all-hazard mitigation.
    - o Applied for grant funding to hire a contractor to assist with the next update of the hazard mitigation plan. We are waiting to hear back from the State on the grant application.
    - o Working on adding 2 projects to our hazard mitigation plan.
    - o Weather updates sent out
    - o Working on getting the MCI PowerPoint out

- o Angela Robinson reported the following:
    - o Completed end-of-year reporting, single audits to the County, and annual inventory and quarterly reports for the EMA grants.
    - o The State has rolled out a new grant management system and we completed training on this new system.
    - o Placed new orders for procurement.

- o Joseph St. John reported the following:

    SNS (as of 2/11/22)
    - 652 organizations
    - 1934 allocations
    - Inventory: 1,868,396 pieces
    - Distributed: 4,649,190 pieces

    DC (as of 2/11/22)
    - 297 total orders since 7/20
    - Popular items: N95, disposable masks, gloves
    - Internal audit supposed to complete inventory first quarter of this year

    EMA App
    - No significant issues/changes
    - A large increase of downloads after Stow water main break and EMA press release reminder
    - 1,025 downloads; in context 880 total in October 2021

    Damage Assessment
    - No significant issues/changes
    - The overall system received form updates recently for residential, commercial, and public assistance forms; did not affect Ohio EMA forms created/uploaded to our account

    EOP
    - 2021 updated plan distributed and at least one representative from each jurisdiction/organization has signed
    - DocuSign was a great tool for distribution; may look to do something similar for the next EOP update in 2025

    Mitigation Plan
    - Reminderville mitigation amendment submitted to state/FEMA and received approval Nov.
    - Submitted request for a grant to cover a contractor for the 2023 plan update

    COVID-19 Test Kits
    - Looking at quotes since September, more feasible pricing now
    - Looking at procuring between 500-1500 kits for employee use only at this time

Training/Exercises/Events (since the last meeting)
- G-557 Rapid Needs Assessment   October
- G-235 Emergency Planning   November
- O-305 AHIMT Training   November/December
- ODNR Virtual Dam Safety Training   January
- FEMA Alert/Warning Webinar   January
- Verizon Large Events Webinar   January
- Tallmadge DOC Functional Exercise   November
- Virginia Kendall Dam Tabletop   November
- Ohio Traffic Incident Management   November
- DPSC Workshop   November
- EMAO Winter Conference   December

Misc
- Helping Tim with Tier II's; most are being sent digitally, minimal manual input so far
- Helped Alex with training applications for ICS 300/400, and decisions on desired courses
- Working to host a one-day pipeline security course in April, currently working out logistics
- Assisted some Stow residents with signing up for reverse alert through Regroup

Bill Holland stated before this meeting there were grants presentations completed and reviewed each project:

#	Applicant Group	Project	Requested Amount	Full App Received	Award	Motion 1st/2nd
1	SC Metro Crash	Bosch laptop & touchpad	$10,500.00	Yes	Yes	Diebold/Swindell
2	SORT - Water	Water Rescue Trailer, bed liners, graphics	$27,000.00	Yes	Yes	Tucker/Goncy
3	South Summit Fire Investigation Team	4 Arson Investigation kits	$10,000.00	Yes	Yes	Swindell/Goncy
			$47,500.00			

The motion to approve and carry forward with the 2022 EMEC grant projects was approved and carried by voice vote.

Summit County Public Health

None.

800 MHz Radio System Report

Mike Szabo reported there is a planned update to the System Release in May for the radio system. This will involve installing updated software at all radio sites and MCC7600 console sites.

Citizen Corp

1. Ohio Administrative Code sections 4501:3-7-01 and 4501:3-7-02, pertaining to the registration of Emergency Management volunteers, have gone through the public hearing process and are set for implementation in March 2022.
2. ServeOhio, The Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism will be the new host of the State's volunteer registry through their Get Connected platform.
    1. EM Volunteer programs will have **90-days from the date the OAC Rule takes effect** to establish their presence and their volunteers will need to register on the new platform
    2. Although Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is not impacted by this rule change, and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has elected to continue their contract with their vendor to continue to use the Ohio Responds platform for MRC volunteers ~ **Ohio EMA will no longer support the Ohio Responds volunteer registry**

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

VII. Adjournment

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

The next meeting will be on April 21, 2022 at 10:00 am.