

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2023

Board Members:

Tommy Smoot
Steve Leslie
Dennis Ragins (Z)
Brett Reinbolt

Staff/Guests:

Tim Gemind
Richard Smith
Lisa Horba
Mike Angerstien
Lori Pesci
Judv Kelly

Board Members Absent:

Z= Zoom

This meeting of the Summit County Special Operations Response Team (SCSORT) Executive Board was called to order by Chief Reinbolt on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 10:04 am in the EMA Conference Room, 175 S. Main St., Suite 103.

- **Approval of minutes – December 13, 2022**

Chief Leslie motioned to approve the December 13, 2022, minutes, with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was approved by voice vote.

- **Chairperson's Comments/Correspondence**

Chief Reinbolt reviewed and spoke on the correspondence.

- No electronic votes
- No training reimbursements
- Chief Leslie made a motion to accept the application for Liet. Bickett as the Water Branch Director, with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was approved by voice vote. We will also need to advertise for a Deputy Branch Director
- Chief Leslie made a motion to accept the removal of Capt. Calabro (Hazmat Zone Coord), Erik Bigelow (Hazmat), Steven Brant (IMAT), and Brian Cyphert (Hazmat), with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- Chief Angerstien made a motion to accept the applications of Steve Swartz (IMAT), Brent Bauknecht (IMAT), Blaize Bryan (TROT), and William Samilson (TROT) with Chief Leslie as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

Lisa Horba reported they had two callouts this year. The first one was on January 4 by Akron Fire for the white powder threat at Market/Main. The issue they had was that the call did not originate on the SORT line but on the business line, which was an improvement over walking it over. The second call was on January 10 by the Norton FD for water rescue. They did have to call back to get a corrected number for the officer in charge. The group discussed the white powder callout and determined it ran relatively smoothly, considering it was multi-faceted and there was a lot of communication between the branches.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- No report
- Working on the 2023 training schedule
- Hazmat team typing went well

- **WATER**

- Report submitted.
- District Chief Duber needs to be replaced as the Water Branch Director due to his promotion
- Dropped two dry suits off at PDR for repair
- Working on grant items

- **TROT**

- Report submitted.
- Training last week at DD building – good training and well attended
- The 2023 training schedule submitted
- The HERS class was awarded - trying to schedule for May, 2024.
- Macedonia has requested SORT to teach a Rope 1 & 2 class. Tallmadge is hosting a Rope I class May 16-19
- CFFD #5 has had some discussion about relocating some of the equipment stored at their building. We are actively searching for a place to put some of this equipment. Tim has suggested that some of the equipment could go to Marsh Rd. Lori Pesci stated we would have two bays out at the garage at the DD building. The bays will be used for vehicles/trailers only.
- Also discussed was the Region 5 white gooseneck trailer, which has limited backup tow availability. They will apply again for another replacement trailer for more towing resources.
- Rob Keener discussed Macedonia's request to teach their crew Rope I. Discussed funding a single department for training. Tim stated we would continue with further discussion.
- Richard Smith discussed the sustainability of the team. Currently, the TROT roster has 180 people, with 24 actively showing up to an incident. It was decided to wait and see what the training numbers are from last year and revisit.
- Lori Pesci reminded everyone that there is Pipeline money to use for training.

- **IMAT**

- No activations
- The training schedule is ready for 2023
- Revising the team manual and position task books
- The US Coast Guard District 9 office was supposed to do a drill on August 26-27, but there may be funding issues.

- **REGION V**

During the last meeting, Richard Smith stated that the group decided to spend the SAR grant on adding to the Paratech cache. Region V is having the same issue with sustainability. Tommy Smoot said we are working to send out the Rescue Task Force Series training for Portage County for bid for the 3rd time. This group discussed the training specifications and how to complete the training by the end of the grant period. The specs were revised and will be sent to Ohio EMA for approval.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Tim Gemind stated the 20 new SCBAs should be ordered and received by the end of the year; we will plan our training accordingly.

Tim Gemind stated training schedules were emailed to everyone last month.

Tim Gemind stated we received the household hazardous waste facility reimbursement check for \$1,865.32. Amerigas is still out for reimbursement, and he will talk with our staff attorney.

Tim Gemind discussed the purchase request on the monthly purchase sheet. Chief Leslie motioned to approve the purchase sheet submitted with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Tim Gemind stated the new budget sheet is \$109,900. There is no physical copy since we are starting the new system in Munis.

Discussed the radio payments – Tommy stated the last year will be 2024.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

None

- **PIPELINE FUNDS**

Tommy Smoot will send out the application regarding the Pipeline Grant application so they will be available to review applicants at the March meeting. Lori Pesci will check with the Fiscal Office on the available funding.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Elections

Chief Leslie motioned to elect Chief Reinbolt as the Chair of the SCSORT Board, with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Chief Reinbolt motioned to elect Chief Leslie as the Vice Chair of the SCSORT Board, with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Lori Pesci stated the motion to appoint Chief Angerstien to the SORT Board would go before County Council on 1/30/23.

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

- **NEXT MEETING**

February 14, 2023, @ 10 am in the EMA Conference Room

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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