

SUMMIT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 16, 2023

The Summit County Emergency Management Executive Committee (EMEC) meeting was called to order on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 9:00 am in the Emergency Operations Center.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Gony motioned for the minutes to approve December 15, 2022, with Faylin Thurn as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

II. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence Sent and Received

Tommy Smoot discussed the correspondence.

- Amendment to the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Akron

III. OLD BUSINESS

- None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Tommy Smoot discussed the 2023 budget. Tina Merlitti motioned to approve the budget with Chief Natko as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

The community per capita is at .55 cents per citizen, and the County of Summit matches .275 cents per citizen based on the 2020 population to fund the Emergency Management Agency. We are not recommending any changes. Mayor Gony motioned to accept the per capita with Trustee Bruce Koellner as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Tommy Smoot discussed elections for 2023. Mayor Gony motioned to nominate Bruce Koellner as the vice chair and retain Bill Holland as the chair. Deputy Chief Caprez provided the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Tommy Smoot discussed IPAWS, the FEMA's Integrated Public Alerts and Warning System. Summit County has had an MOA with FEMA since 2019. He introduced a document that outlines the IPAWS plan and agreement. The National Weather Service is the only agency to send weather alerts and warnings. We can send out a shelter-in-place or evacuation. Mayor Gony motioned to adopt the form for the IPAWS system with Tina Merlitti as the second—the motion was carried by voice vote.

Tommy Smoot introduced and discussed the new emergency management certification program, Summit Ready. The Summit Ready program assists the 31 municipal governments and organizations in understanding and preparing for their role in disaster response and recovery. Participation in the Summit Ready program is voluntary, at no cost and is open to any community or organization in Summit County. It includes a set of core emergency management standards that need to be met by both communities and other organizations. While the certification program encourages preparedness, participation can catalyze increased resilience, cooperation, and collaboration within Summit County. We are looking for a few communities willing to participate in the program. Bruce Koellner motioned to adopt the Summit Ready program with Mayor Goncy as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

V. EMA AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT:

Emergency Management Agency Report

- Tommy Smoot reported:
 - We are migrating to the Regroup 2.0 system on March 20, 2023, and will host two upcoming admin trainings. All users must migrate from Regroup 1.0 by March 30, 2023.
 - We participated in the Summit County Public Health - Radiation TTX on January 20, 2023.
 - ODH hosted a radiation TTX on February 17, 2023.
 - We served as observers at the Tallmadge Active Shooter Full Scale Exercise on February 17, 2023
 - I will serve as a facilitator at the Cuyahoga Falls tabletop on March 29, 2023
 - The City of Akron will host an ASHER Training beginning the week of May 15, 2023; all police and fire agencies are invited to attend.
 - We will serve on the planning team for the Revere School District Active Shooter on August 18, 2023
 - We met and had a productive planning meeting with the Goodyear Business Continuity team and EH&S staff on February 2, 2023
 - We participated in the Cleveland Clinic AGMC - Akron General Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA) meeting on February 15, 2023
 - Tommy reported that Judy Kelly had done a great job helping with the transition and migrating the public safety/EMA purchase orders into the new accounting system, Tyler Munis.

- Tim Gemind reported on the following:
 - District Chief O'Neal retired from AFD, and District Chief Angerstien will be the new Akron Fire Department representative on the SORT Board. Chief Reinbolt (Lakemore) is now the SORT Board Chair.
 - District Chief Duber (AFD) resigned from the Water Rescue Branch Director position due to an internal promotion. Lt. Bickett (CFFD), formally the Deputy Director, moved to the Branch Director position. The SCSORT Executive Board is interviewing two candidates for the Deputy Branch Director Position.
 - The Water and Hazmat Branch added new Zone Coordinators who are considered part of the leadership for the Branch.
 - All Branches are completing the annual, monthly trainings.
 - Water had an incident with a car in a retention pond in Macedonia; no occupants were located.
 - Hazmat had an SRA phone call with Copley Fire.

- The County HazMat Team assisted AFD with the white powder incident at the Federal Building.
- The County HazMat Team was on standby for Stark County for a day as their county Hazmat team responded to the train derailment in Columbiana County.
- Faylin Thurn reported on the following:
 - ICSG-300 at Akron Fire Station #4 on 4/24-25/23
 - ICS G-400 at Akron Fire Station #4 on 4/24-25/23
 - Cybersecurity for Elected Officials on 4/20/23
 - L-1055 Public Information Basics at CFFD #5 on 5/8-5/10/23
 - Summit County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Meeting #2 on 5/18/23
 - LASER Class for LE at InfoCision Stadium on 5/23-25/23
 - Behavioral Threat Assessment during the fall of 2023
 - NTSB during the fall of 2023
 - Skywarn during the fall of 2023
- Angela Robinson reported the following:
 - FY22 SHSP- 8 projects awarded totaling \$636,612.00 100% reimbursable. We have not started purchasing but have started working with teams to prepare specs.
 - FY21 SHSP- Procurement and purchasing have begun. There are remaining funds that the Region will have to determine how to spend.
 - FY20 SHSP- Everything is going great. Total of 28 projects- 26 are complete. One remaining Grant M&A and the other swift water dry suits that are slated to arrive on 2/20/23. Grant should be finished before the performance period ends on 3.31.23
 - FY23 SAR Stipend (\$9,334) and FY23 SAR- Water (\$8,083.00) Regional funds have been received. Worked with team leads to determine the needs and what needed to be purchased. Purchasing has begun, and orders have been placed for equipment. We are still experiencing supply chain issues; anything we order with metal has an ETA of 5 months or longer.
 - FY22 Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO Grant)- for three specialized hazmat training. The performance period ends on 6/30/23 and the goal is to have the grant completed by 6/1/23.

Item:	Vendor:	Training Date:
Hazcat Refresher	Haztech Systems	February 15-17 2023
ERDSS Training	Safeware	March 22-24, 2023
Clandestine Lab Training	Bad Day Training	April 19-21, 2023

- FY22-24 HMEP Grant- for three specialized hazmat trainings. The performance period ends on 9/29/23, goal is to have the grant completed by 9/1/23. The vendor is Noble, formerly known as Federal Resources.

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Drug IQ Training	Noble	May 17-19, 2023
Explosive IQ Training	Noble	June 21-23, 2023
BioTech IQ Training	Noble	Aug 16-18, 2023

- FY22 Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant to update the Hazard Mitigation Plant Grant. I am working diligently with Tommy and Joseph to gather information for grant reporting and reimbursement requests. Award adjustments has been made based on the total cost of the project, The grant award is \$21,670.00, \$19,503.00 reimbursable with a local match of \$2,167.00. The first draw-down request has been reimbursed.
 - Quarterly reporting for FY21, FY20, and FY19 and single audits complete.
 - The master inventory audit was completed in January 2023.
 - Munis training, G91, elected official training and Excel 1 & 2 completed
 - FY22 SHSP –8 projects totaling \$636,612.00 were awarded by Ohio EMA out of 16 applications; This year, the grant was competitive.
 - Recently completed Grants
 - FY21 EMPG – completed grant total award amount \$227,632.00
 - FY21 EMPG – ARPA \$73,650.00 Award – cash request is pending with OEMA. The grant will be completed once reimbursement is made
 - Quarterly reporting for the period ending 12.31.22 has been submitted and approved.
 - The Single Audits were completed and submitted on 1.11.23 for 17 grants
 - The annual inventory was submitted to OEMA on 1.25.23
 - Tommy Smoot completed the BSIR and submitted by 1.23.23
 - I completed the mandatory county trainings.
 - I completed a new FEMA grants training. They reminded us that we are not able to write specs to buy a specific brand; anything we purchase with grant funding should be able to be purchased from multiple manufacturers. This is in alignment with the Federal Procurement Guidelines 2CF 200 317-328
 - Upcoming OEMA trainings are OH 318 Mitigation and G358 Evacuation and Re-entry
- Joseph St. John reported the following:
PPE
 - 5145166 pieces distributed
 - 653 Organizations
 - 1962 allocations
 - Plan to distribute to LTC partners soon

DC PPE

- 336 requests/orders since 7/2020
- The order link is still open to request supplies from

Mitigation

- 2023/2024 Plan update in progress
 - Held public/stakeholder meetings on January 19 in Twinsburg and Green
 - Great turnout; need to track down a few remaining communities for input
 - Had communities/organizations fill out three surveys
 - Plan goals review
 - Hazard prioritization
 - Previous plan project status
 - The contractor is now working on risk assessment items for the plan
 - The following public/stakeholder meeting is on May 18, with the same locations as January 2023.
- I completed open space monitoring of parcels bought out using federal funds in January
 - Use the state portal to verify space is not used for residential buildings
 - Upload new photos of parcels

SummitReady

- Assist with the implementation and creation of EOP templates for communities/organizations

Crisis Track

- I plan to provide refresher training to IMAT on system use in March

LEPC

- I continue to assist with paper copy uploads of Tier II submissions

EMA App

- Last requested download numbers: iOS: 1025; Android: 598; 1623 total
- Still supplying handouts with app download info to increase download numbers

Summit County Public Health

Donna Skoda stated COVID, RSV, and the flu appears to be decreasing. They are watching the delta variant. WHO has ended the Ebola crisis in Uganda, so SCPH does not have to follow travelers from that Region.

SCPH is engaged with mutual aid to Columbiana County about the train derailment in E. Palestine. We are sending water inspectors who may also be doing water testing samples. So far, all the limits have been within normal limits.

800 MHz Radio System Report

No updates

Citizen Corp

Tommy Smoot stated they are working on returning to in-person training.

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Donna Skoda stated they have COVID test kits available.

VII. Adjournment

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

The next meeting will be on April 27, 2023, at 10:00 am.