

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2023

Board Members:

Tommy Smoot
Steve Leslie
Dennis Ragins (Z)
Brett Reinbolt
Mike Angerstien

Staff/Guests:

Tim Gemind Paul Amonett
Richard Smith Tim Morgan (Z)
Lisa Horba
Judy Kelly
Rob Keener
Chris Bickett

Board Members Absent:

Z= Zoom

Chief Reinbolt called to order this meeting of the Summit County Special Operations Response Team (SCSORT) Executive Board on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 10:03 am in the EMA Conference Room, 175 S. Main St., Suite 103.

- **Approval of minutes – January 17, 2023**

Chief Leslie motioned to approve the December 13, 2022, minutes, with Chief Angerstien 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
- Hazmat reimbursement received from Amerigas for \$1,896.24
- Chief Leslie motioned to accept the application for Shane Reid as the new Hazmat Zone Coordinator, with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion carried by voice vote.
- Chief Leslie motioned to accept the application for Dan Pittman as Zone Coordinator for the Water Rescue Branch, with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- Chief Leslie motioned to accept the applications of Brittany Gemind (HazMat) and Colin Nolte (IMAT), with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion carried by voice vote.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

Lisa Horba reported they handled two call-outs since the last meeting. The first was on February 3 by Macedonia for a truck in a pond. There was an issue with the way the request form was completed. This was more of an SRA than a call-out. The group discussed how training is needed across the disciplines for SRAs, including dispatcher training. Tim and Capt. Amonett will work on revising a presentation to put out to the PSAPs and the Fire Chiefs. They will also include education about the teams and recruiting.

The second call was on February 5 for the train derailment at East Palestine. The dispatcher asked what team they were requesting, and they said they did not know, so the dispatcher paged EMA and an SRA for Hazmat; this was the correct thing to do.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- HazCat Training training this week, 1-day class (repeated three days)
- Last month's training on 3816
- On standby for East Palestine

- **WATER**

- Report submitted.
- Zone Coordinator meeting on the 21st
- Lt Bickett chaired a subcommittee for dive team typing at the State level. They are looking to tie the State Water TACs into legislation that would help the Water TAC with training and funding. He will present this to the Zone Coordinators on the 21st and email it to the group after.
- We will need Deputy Water Branch Director
- Hosting a mask and med dive class
- Discussed the Sheriff's Office involvement in training and will reach out to Larry Brown.
- Discussed sizing of the dry suit on the purchase sheet

- **TROT**

- Report submitted.
- We have partially vacated CF #5 and moved TROT equipment to the old DD building
- We Would like to thank Cuyahoga Falls for storing the equipment all these years
- Attended training in Medina

- **IMAT**

- No activations

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Chief Morgan stated they met last month and continued the conversation about engaging the different counties. The sustainment funds are being used to build out the Paratech equipment cache.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Tim Gemind stated he toured with Chief Reinbolt last week to see the SCSORT equipment and apparatus.

Tim Gemind stated he received an email from the Law Department regarding the HOC reimbursement. Due to there being no attainable assets, we will not be pursuing them. Tim will continue to work on the reimbursement for Barberton Steel.

Tim Gemind discussed the purchase request on the monthly purchase sheet. Chief Leslie motioned to approve the purchase sheet submitted with Chief Angerstien 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. We will try and work on this for next month. We have spent approximately \$2800 since the beginning of the year.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Reinbolt stated he toured some of the SCSORT storage equipment. Marsh Rd is getting full. Andy Miller said the TROT team would be willing to help clean up. They will discuss this at the zone coordinator meeting.

- **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**

Chief Reinbolt discussed adding a drone team to a County team, such as IMAT. The Board discussed the lack of funding and issues sustaining.

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

- **NEXT MEETING**

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

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

The Executive Board completed a roll call into an executive session meeting to discuss water branch personnel.

The Executive Board completed a roll call out of the executive session.

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