

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2023

Board Members:

Tommy Smoot
Steve Leslie
Dennis Ragins
Brett Reinbolt
Mike Angerstien

Staff/Guests:

Tim Gemind
Judy Kelly
Rob Keener
Lori Pesci

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, April 18, 2023, at 10:03 am via Zoom.

- **Approval of minutes – March 14, 2023**

Chief Leslie motioned to approve the March 14, 2023, minutes, with Dennis Ragins 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 motioned to accept the application for Steven Cook (IMAT) and Alex Bartfai (Hazmat), with Chief Angerstien as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- Chief Leslie motioned to accept the replacement of Adam Rockich (Water Zone Coordinator) with Liet. Langenek with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

None

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**
 - No report submitted
- **WATER**
 - Report submitted.
 - Joint training in Valley
 - Zone meeting at the same time as this meeting

- **TROT**
 - Report submitted.
- **IMAT**
 - No activations

- **REGION V**

The next meeting is on April 26 at Cuyahoga Falls FD #5. Discussed the incident in East Palestine and how it could have impacted Region V. They are interested in the response matrix and how to promptly get people on the road. Columbiana County is interested in participating in Region 5. We discussed turnover and how to request a Summit County team.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Tim Gemind stated we received the new medical license signed by Dr. McHugh.

Tim Gemind and Chief Reinbolt toured the Akron stations with SORT apparatus.

I received the 30 DuoDote kits and distributed them to the Hazmat Branch.

At the request of Tallmadge Fire, Tim is taking TROT truck 4166 to Parker Truck tomorrow to have the tires inspected and will report back to Tallmadge.

Lt. Bickett and Tim met with SCSO (a Lieut. and a chief deputy) regarding personnel committing to joining the SORT water branch south water zone. They already have a PO in place to purchase equipment to outfit both.

We replaced a battery on the emergency generator in Green.

Tim explained one of the expenses on the purchase sheet. Someone from Green Fire took a suit to PDR last August. This request was not submitted through Tim/Chief Duber for SORT Board approval. Green picked up the suit after it was repaired. This was the second time this has happened in 3 years with Green Fire. The groups discussed how to proceed and prevent this issue in the future. Tommy Smoot stated this suit was ten years old, and replacing it may have been more cost-effective. Chief Leslie motioned to approve the purchase sheet with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Reinbolt stated he approached the Fire Chiefs' and asked them to assemble a committee for the Drone team. Chief Reinbolt has met with the group twice in the past

two weeks. They are meeting with the Northeast Ohio Drone Association today to discuss things they may need for the team. The committee would like to discuss these recommendations at the next SCSORT meeting. They would like a generalized cost to start, team sustainment, training, and estimate outside funding sources. Chief Reinbolt stated each department would be responsible for purchasing/sustaining its drones.

Chief Reinbolt discussed the grant writing position. The group discussed the benefits of having a committee of 3 with Brian Langenek as chair. The SCSORT Board decided to table for further discussion.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Tim Gemind and Lori Pesci discussed pipeline funds paying for the 800Mhz radio chargeback for SCSORT. It would be a reimbursement for 2021 to 2022 and a payment for 2023/2024 chargebacks. The total cost would be \$78,123.73. Chief Leslie made a motion to reimburse SCSORT from the pipeline funds for 2021/2022 for \$40,270.66, with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote. The SCSORT will vote on the 2023 payment for the radios after the May SCSORT meeting on the drones.

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

- **NEXT MEETING**

May 16, 2023, @ 10 am in the EMA Conference Room. We may move to an outside office.

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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