

# SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2023

Board Members:

Tommy Smoot  
Steve Leslie  
Brett Reinbolt  
Mike Angerstien

Staff/Guests:

Tim Gemind     Paul Amonett  
Judy Kelly     Chris Bickett  
Rob Keener  
Mike Porpora  
Joe Shumaker  
Lisa Horba

Board Members Absent:

Dennis Ragins

Z= Zoom

Chief Reinbolt called to order this meeting of the Summit County Special Operations Response Team (SCSORT) Executive Board on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 10:10 am at the Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department #5.

- **Approval of minutes – April 18, 2023**

Chief Leslie motioned to approve the April 18, 2023, minutes, with Chief Reinbolt 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
- One training reimbursement for District Chief Duber for swift water training
  - Chief Leslie made a motion to approve payment of \$192.50 with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- The MOU was signed between the County of Summit and Tallmadge
  - The fires still need to be addressed.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

Lisa Horba stated there were no issues with the TROT callout this past weekend in Cuyahoga Falls with the man falling down a 200 ft. cliff. Lisa noted with the new COG slated to start in October- she is unsure what her new role will be. In the last meeting, the group discussed training all new dispatchers on SCSORT callouts. Besides providing training on sending the SCSORT notifications out, Lisa would also like to introduce calling the different call centers. Lisa would like to update the water groups in the system before they go live; it may be challenging to get these done before October.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- No report submitted
- Inventory of radios
- Next month's training is on improvised explosive devices (IED)
- Request submitted to ODH to replace two suspect white letter evidence kits

- **WATER**

- Report submitted.
- April training w/TROT
- Instructors of the Day
- Missing a rope bag – Tim will take care of
- May 31 going to Toledo for sonar training
- Sept. 11-13 Ohio 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Public Safety Divers Conf. We want to send two from each zone. The cost would be \$3,000 plus room and board.
- Recovery in Cuyahoga Falls
- Discussed for repairs, \$1000.00 or under – the Branch Director can approve; over \$1,000.00, the Zone Coordinators have to agree. Two divers from the SCSO will be assigned or paired with Coventry Fire; the SCSO will buy all their gear.
- Submitted three projects for the SHSP grant – Underwater Robot, Surface Supply Air, and Dry Suits.
- State typing will get approved in June. From there, it will be presented to the Ohio Fire Chief's Association. We will probably be considered a type 3 team.
- Currently, a dive trailer out at Valley Fire holds county gear. New Franklin is holding a class in June and is asking to use that gear for their training. SCSORT Board approved the trailer going to New Franklin.

- **TROT**

- Report submitted.
- Wants to purchase 2 – 400 ft. rope bags for training approx. \$200
- Last day of rope class in Macedonia, the first day of rope class in Tallmadge
- Submitted items for grant

- **IMAT**

- No activations
- If there are any training exercises, please let them know

- **REGION V**

Richard Smith stated they are waiting for the tech rescue classes for Portage County's grant dates. We are waiting on the EHPs to be approved by FEMA. The deadline for having all the courses completed is 3/15/24.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Tim Gemind stated we had four Hazmat Technicians attend the Midwest Conference in Chicago. We have four technicians (3 from Akron and 1 from the county) attending the International Association of Fire Chiefs HazMat Conference in June. The LEPC funds their attendance.

Tim Gemind discussed the tire issue in Tallmadge. The tires were fine, but the DOT was outdated, as was the same with the truck in Green. Tim got quotes for new tires with the cheapest with Ziegler. When the money for the pipeline funds transfers, Tim would like to proceed with the purchase. Chief Leslie motioned to approve the purchase sheet with Chief Angerstien as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

The budget was sent out with expenses to date, with approximately \$10,000 spent.

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

- **OLD BUSINESS**

None

- **NEW BUSINESS**

District Chief Joseph Shumaker will replace District Chief Angerstien after County Council approves.

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

- **NEXT MEETING**

June 5, 2023, @ 10 am in the EMA Conference Room.

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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