

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2023

Board Members:

Tommy Smoot
Steve Leslie
Brett Reinbolt
Joe Shumaker
Dennis Ragins

Staff/Guests:

Paul Amonett
Judy Kelly
Lisa Horba
Chris Bickett (Z)
Richard Smith (Z)

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, July 11, 2023, at 10:00 am in the Summit County EMA Conference Room.

- **Approval of minutes – May**

Tommy Smoot motioned to approve the May 16th & June 5th 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.

- One electronic vote to send six divers to a dive training Sept 11-13. Chris Bickett requested to add one night for the 10th because of equipment setup early the next day. Lt. Bickett stated there would only be four people going—one from Coventry, one from New Franklin, and two from Cuyahoga Falls.
- Chief Leslie made a motion to accept applications of Bryan Friend (TROT/WATER), Edward Manney (TROT/Water), Dawson Grimm (TROT/Water), TROT/Region 5), Joseph Boa (TROT/Water), Vincent Kapsandy (TROT/Region 5/Water), Brian Weaver (IMAT) and Chris Karakis (IMAT) with Dist. Chief Shumaker as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- Tommy Smoot made a motion to approve the removal of Capt. Mark Pazdernik as zone coordinator from our TROT team and replacing him with Lt. Ken Johnson as zone coordinator for TROT with Chief Leslie as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

Lisa Horba stated there were two calls in June. Jackson Township requested water rescue on June 19 for a truck submerged in a lake. The other call was New Franklin on June 23 for the missing 90-year-old man. Both calls went well, with no complaints or issues. Chief Leslie thanked the teams for their help. IMAT was very helpful.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- No report submitted
- After-Action Summary for the support of the July 4th parade
- No training in July
- Meeting with Tim, Angela, and Dennis Basch to takeover writing hazmat grants for Steve Groves
- SCBA's coming in but are delayed – will be a complete change out for both Hazmat rigs. There will be training for this equipment in the future.
- FYI – boilers are supposed to be inspected yearly, a building code regulation. 3846 has a boiler on it. Paul will find out if it needs to be inspected.

- **WATER**

- Report submitted.
- We went to Toledo for new sonar equipment training; excellent training but very pricey. They will be keeping an eye on this piece of equipment.
- They had a meeting with the National Park Service. They will access the river at Steels Corners with an anchor point and a shed to store a boat.
- New Franklin will be pushing back their dive class training until September and will not need the dive trailer until then because of shift schedules.
- Lt. Bickett asked about the county radios and communicating with Akron Dispatch. The group discussed the need to carry two radios or calling Akron to have Akron Dispatch for a patch. The SCSORT discussed the issues with the radios and batteries.

- **TROT**

- Thanked SORT for the tires
- Region 5 class this week at old MRDD Tallmadge building on structural collapse. We will send thank you to the City of Tallmadge.
- Forklift Train-the-trainer operator class September 12 – suggests four. Chief Leslie motioned to send four people to Train the Trainer Operator Class with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- Moving generators out CF #5 to Tallmadge and are working to make them operational
- Paratech equipment order is on delayed.

- **IMAT**

- Report submitted

- **REGION V**

Tommy Smoot stated they will update the Region 5 MOU to add Columbiana County. Alex Burt will coordinate this and recirculate it to the ten counties. Tommy has been reaching out to update the membership. The last meeting was the highest meeting

attendance Region V had. Richard Smith stated one of the things that will change would be Appendix E will be the deployment matrix and how you set up a team roster. There were some guidelines that the branch director would do to make the timeframe shorter. Tommy emphasized the need to have the EMAC paperwork turned in. The first Portage County FY21 SHSP training is full, with a waiting list.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Chief Reinbolt discussed the purchase sheet that Tim Gemind sent out. Dennis Ragins motioned to approve the purchase sheet with the added \$2400 training with Chief Leslie as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

The budget was sent out with expenses to date. The pipeline funds radio have been transferred to SORT.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Reinbolt talked to Chief Celinski and advised him to come up with a contingency plan for the drone plan to proceed.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

None

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Friday 21st at noon retirement lunch for Lt. Don Burroughs at Station 1

- **NEXT MEETING**

August 8, 2023, @ 10 am in the EMA Conference Room.

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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