

# SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

## September 12, 2023

### Board Members:

Tommy Smoot  
Steve Leslie  
Brett Reinbolt  
Joe Shumaker  
Dennis Ragins

### Staff/Guests:

Rob Keener     Steve Boss (Z)  
Judy Kelly  
Lisa Horba  
Chris Bickett  
Andy Miller  
Tim Gemind

### 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, September 12, 2023, at 10:00 am in the Summit County EMA Conference Room.

- **Approval of minutes – August 8, 2023**

Chief Leslie motioned to approve the August 8, 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
- One emergency repair of the ATV in Hudson
- Chief Leslie made a motion to accept applications of Gary Huhn (Water), Colin Papp (Water), Christian Avalos (Water), Rocco Mauer (Water), Scott Schwaben (Water, TROT), and Michael Jones (change Dept to Bath Township FD), with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

Lisa Horba stated there have been no callouts since the last meeting. This will be her last meeting, and she is unsure who will replace her in these meetings.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- Report submitted
- Reviewed the remainder of the year's training
- Projecting next year's topics for training
- Next week is the Hazmat drill with a graded LEPC drill on Friday
- The new SCBAs are in and at Station 1
- Sending four technicians to the Hazmat Instructors & Commanders Conference in Fort Lauderdale, FL, sponsored by the LEPC
- Solon Hazmat Conference in November

- **WATER**
  - Report submitted.
  - Capt. Marzilli (ZC) was replaced by Capt. Jaimy Garrett
  - County training hosted by South hosted at Portage Lakes State Park.
  - SC Sheriff's office is assigned to the South Water branch. They are down to one responder, who has no response gear. The group discussed that the Sheriff's office needs some commitment to proceed and respond with the branch.
  - October 5-7 is a county dive - and 986 Monroe will be a night dive.
  - The Public Safety Diver Instructor class will be in Cuyahoga Falls from May 13-17, 2024. The second class will be September 9-13, 2023, and 4-6 attendees are registered. Lt. Bickett asked the SORT Board if there is a possibility of funding part of this due to the total cost of all classes being around \$7000 per student. Lt. Bickett will prepare a list of needs for the certification cost and forward it to Tim.
  
- **TROT**
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  - New zone coordinator Cal Davis
  - Going through the roster, looking at who's active
  - We worked on the training calendar for 2024. The branch decided to switch to even months and have longer days for training, more instruction, and hands-on scenarios.
  - The rescue Tech class hosted by Portage County is full, with a minimum ten-person waitlist.
  - Andy Miller has asked for office space at the Summit DD building. There are also three bays for TROT; The 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer is not operational.
  - Region 5 – Andy Miller stated that Portage County has a truck with equipment. They are trying to track down a sister truck with similar equipment in the region.
  - Training this week structural collapse in Kenmore
  - We discussed training and the availability of assets; the training would not have to be stopped if there was an incident.
  
- **IMAT**
  - Report submitted
  - No training last month
  - Drone training this month
  - New tee shirts for IMAT members
  - Discussed the location of the IMAT trailer
  
- **REGION V**

The next Region 5 meeting is September 20. The HERS class is tentatively scheduled for May; we only received one bid and will have to go out for re-bid.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Tim Gemind discussed the purchase sheet.

The budget was sent out with expenses to date.

Tim stated the County Engineer's Office will complete preventative maintenance on the TROT portable generators and chainsaws by the end of the year.

Tim should have a quote for the next meeting on the new portable radio chargers.

The HazMat team will participate in a Sept 20-22 LEPC Functional exercise at Firestone Polymer and will be graded by the SERC.

Twinsburg Fire borrowed the TROT ATV and had issues; Hudson tried troubleshooting, and Tim instructed them to transport it State 8 for further inspection and evaluation. We spent \$600 on a new fuel pump but had to send it back to State 8 for additional work.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Reinbolt discussed retired people who would like to work for the branches. Lori Pesci stated they need to be affiliated with a local department. Dennis Ragins noted that they could be affiliated with the University of Akron if they reapplied.

Chief Reinbolt discussed removing inactive team members. He would like a list for the SCSORT Board to review. They will send a letter to the Chief of each Department first to review their inactive members.

Chief Reinbolt stated Chief Cain will be present at a future SCSORT meeting regarding the drone team.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Andy Miller sent out an email regarding equipment that is no longer needed. Andy Miller wants to replace the 5<sup>th</sup>-wheel trailer because it is difficult to tow. Chief Leslie stated we should offer the surplus equipment to county departments first, then Region 5, and then to the county auction. The Branch Director will determine that it does not affect the team's typing status.

We discussed office space at the previous MRDD maintenance facility. Lori Pesci stated there are two offices available. The Executive's Office will cover the cost of the building utilities (electric, natural gas).

District Chief Shumaker stated their backup Decon trailer in Akron will be sent to surplus. The Board agreed they don't need another trailer.

District Chief Shumaker discussed the Area Raes software issue, which has been sold to Honeywell. They now need a software update. There is a yearly fee for this software update per unit.

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

- **NEXT MEETING**

October 10, 2023, @ 10 am in the EMA Conference Room.

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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