

# SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2023

Board Members:

Tommy Smoot  
Steve Leslie  
Brett Reinbolt  
Joe Shumaker  
Dennis Ragins

Staff/Guests:

Rob Keener    Steve Bosso  
Judy Kelly  
Chris Bickett (Z)  
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, October 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the Summit County EMA Conference Room.

- **Approval of minutes – September 12, 2023**

Chief Leslie motioned to approve the September 12, 2023, minutes, with Chief Shumaker as the second. The motion was approved by voice vote.

- **Chairperson's Comments/Correspondence**

Chief Reinbolt reviewed and spoke on the correspondence.

- Telegraphic vote for truck batteries for Hazmat 3816
- One emergency repair of the ATV in Hudson
- The SCSORT Board discussed the applications. Also discussed was changing the application to reflect the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> choice of teams the applicant would want and possibly a disclaimer that even though you pick your first choice, it's subject to the needs of the SCSORT Board at the time of the application. Chief Reinbolt will meet with Chief Wincik to discuss the team membership pending applications. The Board will table the applicants for Springfield until after this meeting and discuss them at next month's meeting.
  - Chief Leslie motioned to accept Matt Maloney's (TROT/Water) and Tanner Baker's (TROT) applications, with Chief Shumaker as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
  - Chief Leslie motioned to accept the change in Water Zone Coordinator from Batt. Chief Jason Marzilli to Lt. Jaimy Garrett, with Chief Shumaker as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
  - Chief Leslie motioned to accept the resignation of Shiloh Baily (TROT), with Chief Shumaker as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **SCSORT DISPATCH**

There was no dispatch report. Tim stated he is unsure who will be taking over for Lisa Horba.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- Report submitted.
- Compiling next year's training schedule, January will be in-service training on the SCBAs.
- October 31, Nov 1, 2 – TRANCAER providing rail car training.
- The FY23 SHSP PPE Grant has been approved. We will be writing specs for Level A, B, and C PPE.
- LEPC exercise was successful and achieved all their objectives.

- **WATER**

- Report submitted.
- Four people who attended the Gilboa Dive Conference stated it was excellent training and thanked the SCSORT Board for sending them.
- Develop a flow chart for SRA responses and deployment in and out of the county.
- Requested Regroup authorized sender access for the director/deputy director.
- We discussed the dive instructor costs for seven candidates. The total cost would be \$39,550. CF (2), Akron (2), New Franklin (1), Green (1), and Coventry (1) would be represented. The SCSORT Board discussed splitting the cost with the communities at 50%. Chief Shumaker motioned for \$19,775 to support the Public Safety Diver Instructor class in Cuyahoga Falls, with Chief Leslie as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- I want to talk with IMAT and have one IMAT member attend out-of-county deployments.

- **TROT**

- Training in November in Tallmadge; December's training will be going through the equipment.
- Next year's training calendar has moved to every other month with some homework assignments on the off months.
- FY23 SHSP approval of grant items: search camera, harnesses, replacement rope, and a trailer.
- We were going through the roster, looking at who's active.
- The rescue Tech class hosted by Portage County is full, and next week's training will be Trench.
- They are starting the PM cycle this week. The lifting mechanism on the trench trailer is broken, but they found a workaround using a cordless drill. Andy will find out the cost of repair vs using the crank.
- Surplus airshore equipment is getting picked up tomorrow.
- HERS class is still planned for next May.

- **IMAT**

- Report submitted.
- ODNR training last month.

- Chief Cain provided a drone training overview and will do hands-on training next month.
- New tee shirts for IMAT members are available.
- Discussed the internet for the IMAT trailer – Steve will put together pricing and the items he needs to have donated.

- **REGION V**

The next Region 5 meeting is October 25 at Tallmadge FD #2. The Board discussed who will chair Region V. 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. He added one more battery tender for the IMAT trailer. Chief Leslie motioned to approve the purchase sheet with amendments with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

The budget was sent out with expenses to date.

SCSORT vehicles and trailer PMs are well underway.

The LEPC will send up to 30 Hazmat technicians to the Annual Ohio Hazmat Conference in Solon the first week in November.

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 received a quote from Akron Radio for new firmware for the portable radio chargers. Replacing all the chargers would cost \$10-12k. The firmware update would be around \$2k. Tim would like this expense to come out of the pipeline funds.

Twinsburg Fire borrowed the TROT ATV and had issues; Hudson tried troubleshooting, and Tim instructed them to transport it to State 8 for further inspection and evaluation. We spent \$600 on a new fuel pump but did not add a new fuel filter. State 8 didn't charge for the fuel filter and it seems to be running fine.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

None

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Tommy stated we received an FY24 SAR Water Grant for \$8083 and FY24 SAR for \$9334. This money will be used for sustainment, with the purchases completed by 5/31/24.

Chief Reinbolt stated Chief Cain presented a revised plan for the drone team. Start-up costs would be \$14,950, with a yearly fee of \$4,700 for streaming and mapping software. The satellite link (StarLink) would only be charged when we use it. Chief Reinbolt stated we could cut some of the costs in the proposal. One of their long-term goals for the team was to add a trailer in the future. Chief Reinbolt will send the information and discuss it at the next meeting. IMAT and the Drone team would be able to share StarLink. The concern would be future sustainment.

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

- **NEXT MEETING**

November 14, 2023, @ 10 a.m. 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.