

# SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2023

Board Members:

Tommy Smoot  
Steve Leslie  
Brett Reinbolt  
Joe Shumaker  
Dennis Ragins

Staff/Guests:

Rob Keener  
Judy Kelly  
Jeff Funai  
Tim Gemind  
Richard Smith

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, November 14, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the Summit County EMA Conference Room.

- **Approval of minutes – October 17, 2023**

Chief Leslie motioned to approve the October 17, 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
- Chief Leslie motioned to accept the applications of Andy Hopkins (TROT), Tim Morgan (TROT), Bruce George (IMAT), Mike Ward (IMAT), Brian White (IMAT), Steve Simich (IMAT), Shaquoi Farrington (Water), Jared Hagen (Water), Joseph Wagner (Water), Nate Weaver (Water), Broc Minne (Water), Trent Harrell (Water), Matthew Bagnato (TROT – pending Chief signature) and Nick Folden (HAZMAT – Pending Chief signature) with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- Chief Leslie motioned to accept the resignation of Alec Williamson (Water), Bryon Barth (Water), Eric Davis (Water), Jessica Amato (Water), Ken Facemire (Water), Ryan Gray (Water), Mark Melice (Water), Don Smerk (Water) and Sgt. Cucuz (Water), with Chief Shumaker as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

There was no dispatch report. Tim Gemind stated they are still looking for a replacement.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**
  - Report submitted.

- We sent 24 people to the Annual Ohio Hazmat Conference in Solon, which the LEPC sponsored.
  - We sent four technicians to the Hazmat Instructor and Commanders, which the LEPC also sponsored.
- **WATER**
  - Report submitted.
  - We talked with Lt. Tenney (AFD) and Lt. Krebs (CFFD) for the Swiftwater Rope class in 2024.
  - Chief Duber from Valley Fire will host a Swiftwater Tech class in 2024.
  - Water Zone Meeting discussed the Water SOG revamp.
  - State Water TAC Dive Team typing was approved and adopted by the Ohio EMA. It looks like we are a type 3 dive team, but we will verify if we need to be officially typed by a site visit.
  - The State Water TAC has established two subcommittees for Swiftwater. They will put Summit County members on each committee representing Region 5 and SCSORT. They will work on a new Swiftwater instructor update and class curriculum.
  - Chris Bickett is working with Angela Robinson on grant purchases.
  - Initial discussions and planning committees have begun for the dam removal in 2 years in Cuyahoga Falls. The last time the SORT SOG was last updated was in 2020.
- **TROT**
  - We disposed of surplus Airshore equipment to a Wayne County department and surplus airbags to a Summit County department.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer is now empty. We will offer internally and then to the Region. If no one is interested, it can go to auction.
  - Discussed the training calendar for next year – the zone coordinators decided to move training to every other month, two days, with some homework assignments on the off months.
  - FY23 SHSP approval of grant items: search camera, harnesses, replacement rope, and a trailer.
- **IMAT**
  - Report submitted.
  - Essendent donated a new printer and a slightly used LED monitor. Tim Gemind will need the serial numbers of the equipment.
- **REGION V**

The next Region 5 meeting is December 6 at Tallmadge FD #2. The Board discussed who will chair Region V and will see if there are any nominations at Wednesday's Fire Chiefs meeting.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Tim Gemind discussed the purchase sheet. Chief Leslie motioned to approve the purchase sheet with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

The SORT Board budget was sent out with expenses to date.

SCSORT vehicles and trailer PMs are continuing and almost complete. The TROT truck in Green will need future brake work, the Tallmadge TROT vehicle received a new exhaust pipe, and the Stow Boat trailer received new tires/bumper.

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

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Reinbolt stated that Chief Cain's latest estimate startup for the Drone Team has decreased, but the sustainment has increased. The Board discussed incorporating the Drone Team into the IMAT Branch. StarLink would be able to be shared amongst the team. The incident commander will choose if the IMAT team goes out with the Drone Team. Jeff Shumaker motioned to put the drone team under IMAT and provide \$5,000 startup costs for the drone team, with Chief Leslie as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Tim Gemind stated we previously discussed revising the SORT application process. Tim passed around the draft SCSORT team prerequisites for each Branch. The SCSORT Board will discuss incorporating requirements at the next meeting.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

None

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

- **NEXT MEETING**

December 12, 2023, @ 10 a.m. in the EMA Conference Room.

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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