

SUMMIT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

August 17, 2023

The Summit County Emergency Management Executive Committee (EMEC) meeting was called to order on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 10:00 am in the Emergency Operations Center, 166 S. High St., Basement.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Goncy motioned for the minutes to approve April 27, 2023, with Tina Merlitti as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

II. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence Sent and Received

Bill Holland discussed the correspondence.

- Letter from the Engineer's Office in their change in leadership. Tina Merlitti will replace Heidi Swindell as the primary member, and Aaron Engelhart will serve as the alternate.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None

V. EMA AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT:

Emergency Management Agency Report

Tommy Smoot reported:

Exercise

- We participated in the CAK TTX on May 15, 2023
- We participated in the Summit County Sheriff's Office and Cuyahoga Falls Blossom MCI/ASHER on May 25, 2023
- We observed the following school-based exercises:
 - Mogadore ASHER drill June 6, 2023
 - Green/Coventry Schools/Sheriff ASHER Exercise - July 5-7, 2023
 - Revere School District Active Shooter - August 18, 2023
- Our staff will serve in the GIC for the Akron Marathon series.

Training

- For a national preparedness month, we will host FEMA Region 5, OEMA and other local leaders on 9/11 for a roundtable.
- We'll host the NTSB for a two-day workshop on September 26 – 27, 2023.
- We are hosting a Behavioral Threat Assessment for LE; all disciplines are invited to attend the training on October 3
- Skywarn training will be in the evening on September 28, 2023
- ICS 300/400 November & December dates are approved; register through the Ohio EMA Public Safety training campus website.

Solar Eclipse

- We have been discussing this topic throughout the past year.
- There are prediction models that our population could double
- We have reached out to ODOT, Turnpikes and the Cuyahoga Valley National Parks.
- \$1 million set aside by the State for this event

Projects

- We are continuing to prepare the agenda, TTX exercise, and speakers for the DPSC Workshop prep September 13-15 at Maumee Bay Lodge.
- I will send out the annual NIMS report to the communities and organizations in September 2023
- National Preparedness Month – September
 - Summit County Council adopted a resolution of support.
 - Please promote the EMA app and Reverse Alert during September - send out the link.
- FAC/FRC meetings will resume later in the year.
- The Mobile Surveillance Tower is up and running, and Stark County successfully used it during the Hall of Fame gathering. We will send out the application to request the tower.

Meetings

- Virtual meeting Ohio EMA with SC Fire Chiefs on forming EMAC Strike Teams
- Solar Eclipse

Tim Gemind reported on the following:

- SCSORT incidents
 - TROT in May, an assessment phone call to Northfield Village FD for a car into a structure
 - Water in June, Jackson Twp, for a vehicle in a pond
 - IMAT/TROT in June, activation for a New Franklin missing resident
 - TROT in June, activation for a porch collapse in Tallmadge

- Hazmat – threat assessment completed for the Stow 4th of July parade
- We will soon begin the PM program for all apparatus and trailers
- All branches continue their monthly training.
- In September, the Hazmat Branch will conduct a State-graded LEPC functional exercise.
- I have processed several new members across all branches and replaced zone coordinators for Hazmat, Water, and TROT.
- Ongoing maintenance and repairs of miscellaneous equipment
- Still considering adding a drone branch or integrating operations into an existing branch

Angela Robinson reported the following:

- FY23 SHSP – We are still waiting to see what projects have been awarded; applications were submitted in May.
- FY22 SHSP- The federal funding hold was lifted last week for the eight projects awarded, totaling \$636,612.00. I will begin working with OEMA on the specifications for the bid process.
- FY21 SHSP- Many of the projects have been completed. There is still some grant money left. The Region will need to decide what to do with the remaining funds.
- FY20 SHSP- Completed 16/16 projects. The performance period ended on 3/31/23
- Since the beginning of the year, we have procured a total of \$915,619.48 / \$289,443.25, the LE portion and \$511,556.75 EMA/Fire.
 - We have procured 13 grants; eight have been completed, and five remaining grants have performance periods ending in December 2024. We are working diligently to meet important grant milestones and deadlines.
 - These grants have played an essential role in Summit County and across the other 12 counties in the Region. We have been able to provide equipment to these teams to help enhance their capabilities as they respond to or mitigate the ever-challenging crisis they face daily. We have taught over 150 fire, hazmat, and EMS professionals seven training classes.
 - We are still facing severe supply chain delays.
- FY22-24 HMEP Year 2 – We are still waiting to hear about the grant application we submitted on 3/9/23 for four specialized hazmat trainings that will help with identification, staging, mass care, evacuation and re-entry, and decontamination in the amount of \$52,950.00 - 42,360.00 80% reimbursement and 20% locally funded \$10,590.00.
- We are submitting grant quarterly reports on a timely basis, and the next set is due towards the end of September.
- FY22 HMGP - The team is still working on the grant to update the mitigation plan.

Joseph St. John reported the following:

- Mitigation
 - 2023/2024 Plan update in progress
 - Draft is almost at complete and requires participation from all communities
 - The public comment period will be open for two weeks, and the goal is to open during the first two weeks of September.
 - We plan to send it to the state/FEMA 6 months before the current expiration (April 2024)
- Summit Ready
 - Nine communities/organizations have submitted an initial application
 - Three communities/organizations have submitted checklists with the required documentation
 - We will present each agency with a plaque with the initial certification year and renewal year plates
- DPSC
 - We Continue to participate in subcommittees
 - Evacuation
 - Working to update school bus fleet inventory from 2018
 - Discuss first responder driver training of Metro buses
 - EMS Subcommittee
 - Continues to meet every two weeks
 - Currently reviewing the 2021 plan and adding elements to align with the regional MCI plans
- EMA App
 - New layout is available on both Apple and Android devices
 - The vendor is working to solve the issue with the android version not prompting the user to update the mobile application.
 - Download numbers: 1,738 as of 8/16
- Crisis Track
 - Communities participating in Summit Ready are required to use this system; many have created accounts for the certification process
- PPE
 - 5,810,681 distributed
 - 653 Organizations, 1990 allocations
 - Main distributions to LTC partners
- DC PPE
 - 377 requests/orders since 7/2020
- Training/Exercises
 - Participated in the FEMA Basic Academy (101 and 102 complete)
 - Participated in the CAK Tabletop
 - Participated in Blossom Exercise
 - Participated in Mogadore ASHER

Summit County Public Health

Donna Skoda reported that COVID-19 has had a slight uptick. With this variant, people are not getting as sick, but it is contagious. They have not been able to pre-order the new vaccine. They also have test kits if needed. Lyme disease cases have also increased this year. She reminded the group to check their pets, be careful, and get treated if they think they have been bitten. They have also been collecting mosquitos throughout the year. They have positive West Nile pools all over the county, but we have no positive disease. They have continued to spray but reminded everyone to protect themselves. The group discussed the trends in the increase in drug overdoses.

800 MHz Radio System Report

No updates

Citizen Corp

No report

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mayor Goncy with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

The next meeting will be on October 19, 2023, at 10:00 am.