

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2024

Board Members:

Tommy Smoot
Steve Leslie
Brett Reinbolt
Dennis Ragins
Joe Shumaker

Staff/Guests:

Rob Keener Andy Miller
Judy Kelly
Steve Bosso (Z)
Tim Gemind
Richard Smith
Jeff Funai

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, January 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Summit County EMA Conference Room.

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

Dennis Ragins motioned to approve the December 12, 2023, minutes, with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was approved by voice vote.

- **Chairperson's Comments/Correspondence**

Chief Reinbolt reviewed and spoke on the correspondence.

- Two electronic votes – for the dumpster at the MRDD building and the TROT MSA meter.
- No new members

- **SCSORT DISPATCH**

There was no dispatch report. Tommy Smoot stated that David O'Neal would be the new representative for dispatch.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- Will in-service the new SCBAs at the next meeting. After the training, they will go on the trucks.
- I am still putting together the dates and planning for conducting the lithium-ion battery class and hoping for a March training date.

- **WATER**

- Report submitted.
- McClellan (Coventry) bowed out of instructor classes. Liet. Bickett will put this back out and see if anyone will take his place.
- Dive team typing – Summit County is a type 3 – It sounds like someone from OEMA or State Tac will reach out, and we will have to provide information on what we are and prove it on paper.

- **TROT**
 - Report submitted.
 - The training calendar went out.
 - The event in Macedonia resulted in a callout. We discussed this callout and dispatch. We await hearing from Macedonia from the incident commander and dispatch center and will take the next steps to resolve any issues.
 - The dumpster was picked up from DD.
 - New tires were left behind; Tim will follow up on having someone pick them up.
 - Facilities are handling the address for the DD building.

- **IMAT**
 - Report submitted.
 - We want to add two more zone coordinators for drone operations. Tim Gemind stated that historically, IMAT needs to submit this request via email to him, and the Board can approve.

- **REGION V**

And Miller stated they continue to have monthly meetings. The next meeting is January 24.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

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

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

Tim Gemind stated he has begun the 2023-24 bi-annual report. Branch directors have been requested to send me information for the last two years.

Akron Radio has completed the firmware update on all the bank chargers; The price came in 1/3 cheaper.

We completed the radiation meter cache calibration for Akron in 2023. This year, we will do the county cache.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

The SCSORT Board discussed the prerequisites for SCSORT, with the only concern being water. The Board discussed that it would be difficult for smaller departments to fund with all the requirements. Chief Leslie motioned to approve the prerequisites as submitted, with Chief Shumaker as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Tim Gemind inquired about the next steps on the SORT Board approval of the startup costs for the Drone Team. Chief Reinbolt will reach out to the Drone Team.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Leslie submitted a letter indicating New Franklin's interest in the TROT Goose Neck Trailer surplus. The SCSORT Board approved the transfer of this asset, and Tim Gemind will facilitate the transfer.

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The Summit County Fire Chiefs Association will host a Winter Symposium in February 2024.

Chief Reinbolt accepted a new position at Springfield Township but will remain with the SCSORT Board.

- **NEXT MEETING**

February 13, 2024, @ 10 a.m. in the EMA Conference Room.

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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