

SUMMIT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 15, 2024

The Summit County Emergency Management Executive Committee (EMEC) meeting was called to order on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 10:00 am in the Summit Emergency EOC, 166 S. High St., Basement, Akron, OH 44308.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lori Pesci motioned to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2023 meeting, with Donna Skoda 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.

- Office of Management & Budget – IAEM, BCEM, and NEMA submitted a letter for increased EMPG funding.
- Closeout letter for the City of Akron from Ohio EMA - 10 properties acquired under the FMA funding.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- The 2024 EMA Budget per capita is at .55 cents per resident. Each community pays into that fund, and Summit County matches half of the per capita (.275 cents)
- Tommy Smoot discussed the change in grant administration after FY21. LE and SHSP are now combined into one competitive grant. Lori Pesci urged the group to collaborate locally and regionally with the new funding/grant process. Lori stated she would have a conversation with the Executive's office regarding our ability to support any efforts for grant oversight.
- Mark Derrig motioned to approve the 2024 EMA operation budget with the current per capita rate, with a second by Daniel Bickett. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- Elections - Bill Holland is the current chair, with Bruce Koellner as the co-chair. Lori Pesci motioned to keep the chair/co-chair with Donna Skoda as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- Tommy Smoot welcomed new members: Mayor Bud McDaniel (Village of Clinton), Chief Daniel Bickett (City of New Franklin), and Andrew Barry (SC Executive Office).

V. EMA AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT:

Emergency Management Agency Report

Tommy Smoot reported:

Policy

1. On Friday, January 19, 2024, FEMA announced significant changes to the FEMA Individual Assistance Program; These changes go into effect for disasters declared on or after March 22, 2024. The program is being updated to remove barriers to assistance, reach more survivors, and deliver assistance more quickly. (attached)
2. Attached is the January 25, 2024, Voluntary Organization Information Sharing for Engagement (VOISE) PowerPoint presentation from last week's webinar regarding the changes to IA
3. The Summit County OIT and EMA met with the State of Ohio Cyber Range to learn more about the Ohio Persistent Cyber Improvement (O-PCI) program. It guides Ohio local government entities through three cybersecurity preparedness levels.
4. A reminder EMAC paperwork is due to EMA by February 16, 2024

Planning

1. Planning to start updating sections of the Summit County EOP - deadline of 6/1/2025
2. Please continue to work on your Summit Ready Applications.

Exercise

1. CAK Full Scale Exercise May 14, 2024
2. LEPC All Hazards Conference – October 4, 2024

Grants

1. Prepare grant projects for the FY24 SHSP grant application
2. EMA applied for additional FY22 EMPG supplemental funding.

Response

1. Eclipse Update
 - a. GAC Morning Meeting for the Solar Eclipse February 9, 2024
 - b. Summit County Livestream on February 13, 2024
 - c. Summit County Virtual EOC Activation
 - i. WebEOC Incident
 - ii. Summit County will reserve a MAC Channel
 - iii. Ohio MARCS has secured channels and assigned counties to zones
 - iv. Meeting next week with ODOT District 4 and Summit County Administrator

Tim Gemind reported on the following:

- All branches have a full year of monthly training. This month, TROT is doing its training out at the air dock.
- PMs on all large vehicles & trailers will be completed this quarter.
- We are working on ongoing maintenance and repairs for minor and miscellaneous equipment.

- Responses since the last meeting:
 - Technical Rescue to Macedonia for confined space recovery
 - Hazmat to Macedonia for a large diesel fuel spill
 - Hazmat SRA to Tallmadge for overturned box truck carrying acid
 - Hazmat to Cuyahoga Falls for a minor who was experimenting with radiation

Angela Robinson reported the following:

1) Grant Reporting:

- I completed the Quarterly Reports for the period ending 12.31.23 and submitted them to OEMA.
- I completed the EMPG Cash Supplemental Request for the performance period ending 12.31.23 was submitted.
- Tommy completed the workplan update for the EMPG Grant, and I submitted it.
- The annual Inventory was submitted to OEMA by the 1.31.24 deadline.
- We completed the single audits and submitted to ACFR for 18 grants totaling \$2.1 million.

2) Upcoming Grant Opportunities:

- PUCO – Public Utilities of Ohio- Grant window open on March 1, 2024- will assist Hazmat Team with applying.
- HMEP Year 3- Will be released any day now by OEMA, I will work with Tommy, Tim, and the Hazmat Team to apply.

3) New Grant Awards:

We were awarded four new grants, and I have been working with Alex to get all the grant agreements and necessary paperwork signed by various Summit County Officials to accept the grant awards.

- FY24 SAR
- FY24 SAR Water
- FY23 SHSP
- FY23 EMPG

4) Existing Grants:

- FY24 SAR Water- I placed the order for dry suits and underwater communications equipment, and it has an ETA of 5/8/24. Grant ends 5/31/24.
- FY24 SAR- Waiting on the team to resubmit the request. They submitted items that will take over a year to arrive, and we may not be able to obtain a grant extension.
- FY22 HMEP (Year 2)- Specialized Hazmat Training (4 specialized hazmat training); Awarded \$52,950.00 in grant funds last year; we are working to secure the purchase orders so the teams can schedule the training. 2/4 contracts have been obtained to complete the training. CAMEO, Lithium Battery, Air Monitoring, and Tox Medic. Please see Tim or the HazMat Team for more information.
- FY22 Hazard Mitigation- I submitted the 3rd draw-down request in January. The vendor submitted The Summit County Hazard Mitigation Plan to Ohio EMA, which is being reviewed for approval.
- FY23 SHSP Grant- Still on hold, probably until the fall. The federal budget has to be approved first. 5% admin included in each project.

- FY22 SHSP- 8 Projects- Faylin and I have been working diligently on these projects. A total of 8 projects, 3/8 completed, and all the equipment has been ordered. The grant should be completed by the end of May, no later than July 2024. PP ends 12/31/2024. 5% admin included in each project.
- FY21 SHSP- 9 Projects- 7 are complete, and 2 are in progress. There are remaining grant funds. Regional Triage Tag update from State - OEMA must get FEMA approval for this project and be able to tie it into a National Priority Project. OEMA is working with me to see how this project can get approved. Due to the complexities and estimated ETA, we may not have them by the CAK Full-Scale Exercise; however, we are doing everything possible to get the project approved and procured. If this project is approved, a grant extension will be needed, as the current grant period ends on 3/31/2024.

Faylin Thurn (Tommy) reported the following:

- OH290 PIO Awareness completed Monday with good attendance
- G-358 Evacuation and Re-Entry Planning 3/25-26
- Per-220 Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents is 4/16-17
- ICS-300/400 will be at the Akron Zoo on 4/29-5/1 and 6/3-6/4
- AWR407 DART Drone Assessment and Response on 5/14/24
- FAA Full-Scale Exercise – Akron Canton Airport 5/14/24 in the evening
- LEPC Conference 10/4/24 at the Red Cross (The Fire Chief from East Palestine has agreed to be a presenter)

Joseph St. John reported the following:

Mitigation

- 2023/2024 Plan update
- Ohio EMA reviewed the plan and sent back with comments and documents to include
- OEMA requested more information on NEORSR projects to include in the plan
- Sent back to OEMA on 1/31/24 to review changes; still on track for the 4/12/24 deadline

Summit Ready

- 10 communities/organizations have begun the process and submitted initial applications
- 3 communities/organizations have been approved for Summit Ready
- Sent follow-up emails to those who have sent initial applications but have not returned the entire packet in January

DPSC

- EMS Subcommittee
 - Moving through the process to gain support for plan changes (Fire and Police Chiefs, DPSC, then EMEC)
 - We are still waiting to hear on state approval for triage tag project.
 - Plan to test new plan components at CAK full-scale exercise in May.

EOP

- We discussed integrating 211 into the EOP with United Way; we will likely see amended annexes once changes are completed.
- Plan up for review by the state in 2025; DPSC subcommittees have started including this for upcoming goals.

EMA App

- The new layout is available on both Apple and Android devices
- The 2024 Eclipse feature is now active; it redirects to our webpage
- Download numbers: 2,754 as of 2/13; up from 1,982 as of 12/20/2023

PPE

- 6,001,923 pieces distributed as of 12/20/2023 (nothing distributed since)
- 654 Organizations, 2,002 allocations

DC PPE

- 409 requests/orders since 7/2020

LEPC – Helping Tim with Tier II reporting

Summit County Public Health

Donna Skoda stated that the flu and RSV have spiked, and COVID-19 increased in December. They just received the data from the wastewater treatment, and it's clear that Influenza A is out there, and people are sick. Measles is also a concern with cases in Richland and Montgomery County related to travel. This is the first time the Ohio Department of Health put out an alert that if you were in an airport at a particular time, you were probably exposed to measles. Travel is an issue – be careful traveling with little ones or older individuals. The District Advisory Council will be meeting on March 4 @ 1130.

800 MHz Radio System Report

No updates

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Tommy Smoot discussed the eclipse and the live stream panel on February 13, 2024, featuring SC Public Health, Greta Johnson, the National Weather Service, NASA, and OEMA. Summit County EOC will be virtually activated. SC Communications Department will be putting together social media to share. We discussed pushing 988 for those with mental health issues. WebEOC will be available, and an incident has been created. Tommy will be requesting DOC contact information from each community/organization. He plans to request a MAC channel, and the state will have some State MARCS reserve channels for the region/zone.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Bud McDaniels with Donna Skoda as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

The next meeting will be on April 11, 2024, at 10:00 am.