

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2024

Board Members:

Tommy Smoot
Steve Leslie
Brett Reinbolt
Dennis Ragins
Joe Shumaker

Staff/Guests:

Rob Keener
Judy Kelly
Steve Bosso (Z)
Tim Gemind
Lori Pesci
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, April 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Summit County EMA Conference Room.

- **Approval of minutes – March 12, 2024**

Steve Leslie motioned to approve the February 13, 2024, 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
- Letters from Portage County for the appreciation of Andy Miller and Richard Smith for their help with the success of the tech-rescue operations training
- Chief Leslie motioned to approve the Matt Sinopoli (Hazmat) application with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- There was one training reimbursement for Andy Hopkins for \$206.25. Chief Leslie made a motion to approve with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- Tim distributed the deployment matrix with revisions. Chief Leslie motioned to approve the revision with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

Chief Reinbolt stated we sent the new SORT Team Request for Response form out and that they would check to see if this helps the process. Copley will transition their dispatch services to the SECC. The SORT form now includes Mass Decon and the MCI trailer.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- We hosted a lithium-ion battery and EV emergency response class this month; there was a great turnout each day.

- EPA at Akron Fire Training next Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday for a boom refresher
- Angela Robinson is assisting Dennis Basch with writing a grant for 2 PUCO classes.
- **WATER**
 - Report submitted.
 - Swiftwater tech class this week – will make 16 new
 - Public Safety instructor class coming up – 9 in class
 - Canceled the zone meeting; next meeting 5/7
- **TROT**
 - Report submitted.
 - Rope I Tues – Friday. Tim Morgan and Andy Miller taught. We will thank Chief Underwood for allowing us to use their facility.
 - We completed the Vehicle and Heavy Machinery Extrication training, the last Portage County grant-funded training class.
 - The National Guard reached out regarding swift water rescue. They will have 12 personnel come out to observe our training.
 - Forty-seven people signed up for the HERS class. We will have a waiting list. 343 Construction is making the forms.
- **IMAT**
 - Report submitted.
 - Monthly training at Tallmadge on the IMAT trailer
- **REGION V**

Richard Smith stated we discussed upcoming training and grant items. More counties have signed the MOU and are participating.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Tim Gemind discussed the purchase sheet. The three items on the purchase sheet for the HERS class will be funded with pipeline funds. Chief Leslie motioned to approve the purchase sheet, with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

We emailed the SORT Board budget with all expenses to date.

The first draft of the SCSORT 2022-2023 bi-annual report is done and being reviewed.

LEPC is sponsoring four hazmat technicians to attend the Chicago Midwest Hazmat Conference.

The LEPC also will sponsor four hazmat technicians to attend the Baltimore IAFC conference in June.

Last month, I ordered and received the Cyano kits for Akron and the County.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Tommy Smoot stated that Mike Szabo emailed about (12) XTS5000 portable radios and (2) chargers no longer in use. The board agreed to the equipment surplus and offered it to another county agency/department.

Tim Gemind stated the drone hardware/software Starlink is still on his radar. He will work with Judy to purchase. Chris Baker is also considering a potential Starlink purchase for SCPH.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

None

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

- **NEXT MEETING**

May 14, 2024, @ 10 a.m. in the EMA Conference Room.

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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