

SUMMIT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 11, 2024

The Summit County Emergency Management Executive Committee (EMEC) meeting was called to order on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 10:00 am in the Summit Emergency EOC, 166 S. High St., Basement, Akron, OH 44308.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mark Derrig motioned to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2024, meeting, with Chief Funai as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

II. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence Sent and Received

Tommy Smoot discussed the correspondence.

- Letter from OEMA referencing the closeout of the FEMA-DR-4360.13R-OH, a hazard mitigation award to the Summit Metro Parks for \$2,268,120.86 (federal share), \$378,313.25 (state share), and \$378,313.25 (local share) for the Sand Run Parkway Protection Project. There were additional federal funds for subrecipient management costs of \$22,245.38.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Funai asked the committee to approve the changes to the MCI Plan, an annex of the Emergency Operations Plan. The Summit County Fire and Police Chiefs have approved all revisions. The DPSC has been included throughout the revision process. Significant changes are now reflected in the plan, including making the plan consistent with all of Northeast Ohio. The regional aspects should allow for a more cohesive response, including changes to reflect rescue task force initiatives and equipment used during a mass casualty. The plan also better addresses a static versus a dynamic incident response, including:
 - The Rescue Task Force concept.
 - Fire officers will report to Summit County Hospitals (FTL).
 - There are updated job action sheets for LE.
 - There are updated contact lists.
 - The plan integrates the FAC.
 - The plan simplifies organizational lists.

Tina Merlitti motioned to approve the plan with Joe Natko as the second. There was additional discussion on how the MCI barcode scanning would integrate with the patient

tracking system and the hospital. Summit County EMA will purchase 40,000 triage tags for 12 counties in Ohio Region 5, distributed based on their population (1 county already has MCI). The tags should be ready by the end of May/June. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- 2024 Summit County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan – Summit County Council passed a resolution to formally adopt the plan on April 1, 2024 plan. All municipalities have participated in the plan development and review. We will contact each of the 31 communities to adopt the plan (formal resolution). The Summit County 9-1-1 plan will come out first. A majority of the communities must also adopt the 9-1-1 plan within 60 days. The Mitigation Plan will come out second, probably in May, with the communities adopting by August 2, 2024. Chief Daniel Bickett motioned to approve the 2024 Summit County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan with Mayor Bud McDaniels as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote. Alex Burt discussed the 9-1-1 plan and changes.

V. EMA AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT:

Emergency Management Agency Report

Tommy Smoot reported:

New EMEC Members

- Welcome to Captain Scott Lietke (APD Alternate)

Activations

- The Summit County EOC was virtually activated for assessment and monitoring during the Total Solar Eclipse.
- EMAs and First Responders can submit overtime costs associated with Eclipse activities to Ohio EMA for reimbursement consideration.

Grants

- We received an opportunity to apply for additional FY22 EMPG supplemental funds.
- Please begin to prepare grant projects for the FY24 SHSP grant application
- The bid threshold has increased to \$75,000.

Training/Exercise

- May 14 Airport
- Week of May 13 – Akron-sponsored RTF training hosted at EJ Thomas

Tim Gemind reported on the following:

- All branches continue monthly training. Annual Swiftwater, TROT, and IMAT joint training will occur this week.
- Next month, nine divers will begin a very intense Water Rescue Dive Trainer course. This course will encompass several weeks of mentally and physically demanding training. EMA and SCSORT appreciate the time commitment and respective departments and chiefs.
- Next month, the TROT Branch is hosting a four-day grant-funded HERS training for 32 people. Most are current TROT members, but some are from the Region.
- We completed PMs on all large vehicles & trailers.

- We are working on ongoing maintenance and repairs for minor and miscellaneous equipment.
- SCSORT approved a drone group to join the IMAT branch and will deploy accordingly. Three-zone coordinators for the group were also approved. Some equipment to make this happen is still in the purchasing process, and guidelines are being developed.
- The 2022-23 bi-annual report is complete and will be distributed in the coming days to the fire chiefs.
- No deployments

Angela Robinson reported the following:

- Grant Reporting: Previously discussed, and the report is attached

Faylin Thurn reported the following:

- 220 Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents is 4/16-17, SECC
- ICS-300/400 will be at the Akron Zoo on 4/29-5/1 and 6/3-6/4
- TERO 5/6 at American Red Cross
- AWR407 DART Drone Assessment and Response on 5/14/24
- L105 PIO 6/10-12 DSS
- FAA Full-Scale Exercise – Akron Canton Airport 5/14/24 in the evening
- PER-374 Active Threats 10/23/24 SECC
- LEPC Conference 10/4/24 at the Red Cross (The Fire Chief from East Palestine has agreed to be a presenter)
- During the week of May 13, Akron will be doing an RTF training at EJ Thomas

Joseph St. John reported the following:

Mitigation

- 2024 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan update
 - Ohio EMA sent an Approval Pending Adoption (APA) letter.
 - Tommy presented the plan to the County Council committee on 3/25, and the legislation passed on 4/1 and was sent to Ohio EMA on 4/3.
 - The final approval involves a letter from FEMA with the date the plan is approved to begin the next five-year cycle.
 - We will start working with communities/organizations to pass legislation adopting the plan.

Summit Ready

- Ten communities/organizations have begun the process and submitted initial applications.
- Three communities/organizations are Summit Ready through 2028

DPSC

- EMS Subcommittee
 - Bringing final MCI plan documents to this meeting to be approved and included as an amendment to the 2021 Summit County EOP

- State approved triage tag project and project specs; finally received three quotes and are moving forward with lowest cost vendor; hope to have tags by mid-summer
 - Will be distributed to 12 out of 13 counties in the NECO 5 region based on a percentage of the total population each participating county has
- Plan to test new plan components at CAK full-scale exercise in May

Exercise

- The Akron Canton Airport Exercise on 5/14: drill starts at 3:00p and ends at 6:00p
 - Stark County is the lead; Summit will assist with a virtual coordination center/EOC between counties.
 - Summit is responsible for setting up JIC at MAPS Museum utilizing the Summit County DPSC PIO group.
 - Summit is taking the lead on providing volunteers; the scenario requires 25 patients for the MCI objective.

EOP

- Plan up for review by the state in 2025; DPSC subcommittees have discussed upcoming goals

EMA App

- The new layout is available on both Apple and Android devices
- Download numbers: 2,909 as of 4/10, up from 2,754 as of 4/10/24; saw an increase after Eclipse live stream and social media posts

PPE

- 6,002,003 pieces distributed as of 4/3/2024
- 654 Organizations, 2,003 allocations

DC PPE

- 413 requests/orders since 7/2020

Summit County Public Health

No report.

There was a brief discussion on the retirement of Health Commissioner Donna Skoda at The End of 2024

800 MHz Radio System Report

No updates

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Tommy reported the following items:

- Severe Weather Awareness Week March 17-23, 2024.
- On April 1, 2024, FEMA Celebrated 45 years of Emergency Management.

- President Jimmy Carter established FEMA through an executive order signed on April 1, 1979. He charged the agency with the dual mission of civil defense, disaster response, and recovery.
- Over the last 45 years, our all-hazards agency has responded to thousands of disasters. Through billions of dollars in grants and training, we've also worked diligently to prepare our nation for disasters and mitigate their effects.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Chief Shumaker with Chief Bickett as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

The next meeting will be on June 20, 2024, at 10:00 am.