

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2024

Board Members:

Tommy Smoot
Steve Leslie
Brett Reinbolt
Dennis Ragins
Joseph Shumaker

Staff/Guests:

Judy Kelly
Paul Amonett
Tim Gemind
Chris Bickett
Richard Smith

Chief Berczik
Scott Cottle
Steve Bosso (Z)

Board Members Absent:

Z= Zoom

Chief Reinbolt called the Summit County Special Operations Response Team (SCSORT) Executive Board meeting to order on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 10:02 am in the Summit County EMA Conference Room.

- **Approval of minutes – June 11, 2024**

Chief Leslie motioned to approve the June 11, 2024, minutes, with Chief Shumaker as the second. The motion was approved by voice vote.

- **Chairperson's Comments/Correspondence**

Chief Reinbolt reviewed and spoke on the correspondence.

- Four electronic votes:
 - Dry suit for \$392
 - TROT application for Scott Cline from CFFD
 - Two decon pools not to exceed \$700 from the Royal Chemical incident
 - Two additional decon pools from the Royal Chemical incident not to exceed \$900
- Chief Leslie motioned to approve Milarad Cucuz (Water) and Daniel Fortney (IMAT), with Chief Shumaker as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- Chief Leslie motioned to accept the resignations of Keith Geiger (Hazmat), with Chief Shumaker as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- Chief Leslie motioned to approve the training reimbursement for Andrew Hopkins (\$385) and Timothy Morgan (\$330), with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- Chief Leslie motioned to approve the application for Lt. Marty to be Zone Coordinator for the Hazmat Team, with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

Tommy Smoot stated that David O'Neal submitted the SORT Dispatch report via email for one Hazmat SRA diesel spill with Bath fire was handled promptly.

Tim Gemind stated he has been working with Leigh-Ann Slaughter to get an incident number for every SORT request starting in 2025.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- IAFF Technician Class will be a 2-week class – more people needed to attend
- Medical Director McHugh's work duties and responsibilities may be changing – he may have to change his current team role.
- The group discussed the reimbursement for the Macedonia incident.

- **WATER**

- Report submitted.
- Lt. Bickett will be stepping down as the Branch Director in December. He is working on a transition plan for the Water Branch as he nears retirement.
- The request for the dive team from the Stark County incident for possible drowning turned out to be a false report. Chief Reinbolt asked about a potential delay, and Lt. Bickett stated there was no delay in the response.
- The instructor class is working on a full-face mask trainer, and they discussed upcoming trainings.
- Brownie 3rd lung - going to push for South Summit to purchase.
- Chief Funai asked about considering an out-of-county team member from Uniontown. The SCSORT Board discussed this and will defer it back to Lt. Bickett.
- The group discussed the EMAC request to North Carolina. The team was stationed in a community center and called out three times during the deployment. They only had one issue with the NC radios: they lost communication once due to the hilly topography.
- The Water SOG was revamped and emailed to the board.

- **TROT**

- Report submitted.
- 23 SHSP grant – trailer cost came in less; the team is waiting to hear if we can order additional items.
- Team members must complete the James A. Garfield training forms before arrival. The Training starts at 9 am.

- **IMAT**

- Report submitted.
- We ordered a few supplies for the IMAT trailer
- Monthly Training on Crisis Track and Quick Capture
- Hot wash on Macedonia chemical explosion
- Found a way to hook up the trailer to the electricity when off generator power
- Email from DC Stasik requesting leave of absence through October

- **REGION V**

Chief Berczik reported there was new leadership in Stark County, and they are interested in modeling the Summit County SORT model for all hazard teams in Stark County. He has attended some of our meetings and will take feedback to Stark County. The next Region 5 meeting will be on August 28.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Tim Gemind discussed the purchase sheet. The group discussed Polaris repair and possibly purchasing a new ATV next year with pipeline money. Chief Leslie motioned to approve the purchase sheet as submitted, with Chief Shumaker as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

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

Tim sent out the reimbursement request for the Royal Chemical incident (\$43,432.13)

SORT received reimbursement for the Royal Chemical incident of \$3,804.17.

The county cache of radiation meters will be sent to Columbus for calibration in October.

He had two meetings with Richard Smith and Angela Robinson regarding the TROT grant specs.

4 Hazmat Technicians attended the June IFC Hazmat Conference in Baltimore, funded by LEPC.

Tim received an email from the US EPA. They were putting together a Cleveland Central Lake Erie Sub Area Contingency Response Plan and wanted to know our water spill resources. Chief Joe Alexander from Hudson completed the survey and questionnaire, and Tim submitted the inventory list and sent it back.

We are still working on the carryover budget.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

The SCSORT Board discussed the commitment of the Summit County Sheriff's Office to the Water Branch with Chief Cottle. The pending application we have is with Sgt. Cucuz. The SCSORT Board wants to ensure the SCSO is aware of the equipment cost of participating in the Water Branch. The SCSO would be assigned to train and deploy to Coventry (South Zone). We discussed the commitment of this applicant, and Chief Cottle stated he feels he is committed to fully participating. The SCSO wants to keep two people involved and see how the equipment/personnel costs play out.

The group discussed the transition with the Hazmat Branch, which works with the SCSO Bomb Squad as the squad transitioned leadership. Chief Cottle stated that Deputy Alderman is no longer involved with the Hazmat Branch, and Sgt. Nervo can attend future SCSORT Board meetings.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

None

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Chief Leslie stated the old County TROT trailer is now in service in New Franklin.

Tim Gemind stated Lt. Bickett did an excellent job putting the deployment to North Carolina together.

- **NEXT MEETING**

September 10, 2024, @ 10 am in the EMA Conference Room.

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Tommy Smoot motioned to adjourn with Chief Shumaker as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.