

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2024

Board Members:

Tommy Smoot
Steve Leslie
Brett Reinbolt
Dennis Ragins

Staff/Guests:

Judy Kelly
Paul Amonett
Tim Gemind
Chris Bickett (Z)
Rob Keener
Richard Smith

Jeff Funai
Lori Pesci
Andy Miller (Z)

Board Members Absent:

Joseph Shumaker

Z= Zoom

Chief Reinbolt called the Summit County Special Operations Response Team (SCSORT) Executive Board meeting to order on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 10:00 am in the Summit County EMA Conference Room.

- **Discussion on the sustainability of deployments**

- **Shelter**

- Chief Funai researched different types of shelters.
- The group discussed setting parameters for each discipline, such as how long and how many people we would like to deploy.
- The group discussed the trailer at Marsh Rd. and what would fit inside the trailer. The support trailer has served as an asset for deploying personal gear and water/food.
- The group discussed the pros and cons of other types of shelters and what the various vendors offered.
- The new deployment shelter would primarily be used outside Region 5 and rarely in Ohio. Lori asked if this could be part of the EMAC package. Andy said the reimbursement package would be wages (staffing). It's the team's job to sustain the equipment. Andy Miller stated you need housing and sustainability.
- The new shelters could also be used at county events for EMS, first aid, IMAT, special events, and housing people if needed.
- A grant submittal for the shelter could be made, or pipeline funds could be used if the cost is reasonable.
- The current tow vehicle, the Ford 550, is approaching 20 years but only has 8900 miles. It is used every month for training.
- The group assembled a subgroup/committee to research and get pricing.
- Richard Smith, Paul Amonett, and Andy Miller will assemble what is needed and present it to the board in October.

- **Supplies**

- Water, MRE, Jerry cans, and personal gear were discussed.
- A flatbed truck in Sharon is a good deployment truck with a tow motor.

Chris Bickett discussed the SSI Scuba class, which has increased by \$800 per student. He asked if SORT would continue to fund the 50% for each student. Tim Gemind and Judy Kelly would find the previously approved motion and report to the SORT Board if this exceeds the original amount approved.

The board decided to invite the two HazMat Deputy Branch Director applicants to the next SORT Board meeting.

- **NEXT MEETING**

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

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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