

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2024

Board Members:

Tommy Smoot
Steve Leslie
Brett Reinbolt
Dennis Ragins
Joseph Shumaker

Staff/Guests:

Judy Kelly
Tim Gemind
Dennis Basch
Rob Keener
Richard Smith

Board Members Absent:

Z= Zoom

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

- **Approval of minutes – October 8, 2024**

Chief Leslie motioned to approve the October 8, 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.

- Two electronic votes - \$31.68 to cover overage on the FY25 SAR Water grant purchase and \$7.15 to cover overage on the FY25 SAR Water grant purchase. Both electronic votes passed.
- Chief Leslie motioned to approve Tim Herstine (Water), James Chapman (Water), Scott Robinson (Hazmat), Brandon Alvarez (Hazmat), Christian Bobak (Hazmat), and Aaron Smith (Hazmat) with Chief Shumaker as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- No training reimbursements
- Chief Leslie motioned to accept Brittany Gemind (Hazmat) as Zone Coordinator, with Chief Shumaker as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

No report. Tim Gemind stated he had requested paperwork from the Macedonia callout.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- Report submitted
- New suits are in, waiting on reimbursement. This will keep us updated when multi-thread suits (delivery expected on January 17th) arrive.
- The PPE suits included training, which should be scheduled in February.

- **WATER**
 - Green had lift bags they weren't using. These were relocated to Cuyahoga Falls.
 - Transitioning suits – used extra money to buy just new suits.
 - New instructors are almost done. Matt White still has prerequisite courses to finish. Chris Bickett has an ice diver trainer course Feb 24-26, outside the initial agreement. They must complete the second half of their SSI open water in May.
 - This is Chris Bickett's last meeting.
 - Lt. Bickett would like to have the country adopt the new water SOG.
 - Received two dive suits at the beginning of the year – Dive Rescue sent the wrong size. Tim Gemind stated we still have not received the correct size from Dive Rescue.
- **TROT**
 - Report submitted.
 - Discussed Brandywine Falls callout, resulting in the successful extraction of an injured individual. The operation involved multiple teams and equipment, with no equipment lost or damaged.
 - Training on Wednesday and Thursday to make sure the equipment works.
 - Received a call from Cross Trailers – should receive new trailer early next year.
 - Grant items in and distributed
 - We are moving the training back to 3 days and offering the training every month. Off month trainings will be held at various departments.
 - No award this year from the SHSP grant.
- **IMAT**
 - Report submitted.
 - Three days of training last week were well attended.
 - Green Fire maintenance department completed some repairs/maintenance on the trailer.

- **REGION V**

No report

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Tim Gemind discussed the purchase sheet. Tommy Smoot motioned to approve the purchase sheet with Chief Leslie as the second. The motion was carried and approved by voice vote.

We emailed the SORT Board budget with all expenses to date. Next year will be the first year with no radio equipment payment. We hope to have our carryover budget sooner this year.

SMB reimbursement will be approximately \$7,500.

Tim Gemind received the Hazmat and TROT 2025 training schedules.

Tim has been working with the State to get reimbursed for \$300 for supplies to send with people to the Hurricane Debbie deployment.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Leslie motioned to approve the Water SOG with Chief Shumaker as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

We discussed the DLX shelter, priced at \$121,769.88, which would probably be housed at Green and could be used at multiple events. Chief Reinbolt proposed purchasing it with pipeline funds. Chief Leslie motioned to buy the DLX shelter, with Chief Shumaker as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

None

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Tim Gemind stated Lori Pesci submitted a capital expense request to replace the old Hazmat vehicle for 1.5 mil.

- **NEXT MEETING**

January 21, 2024, @ 10 am in the EMA Conference Room with interviews at 9 am.

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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