

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2025

Board Members:

Tommy Smoot
Steve Leslie
Brett Reinbolt
Dennis Ragins (Z)
Joseph Shumaker

Staff/Guests:

Judy Kelly Paul Amonett
Tim Gemind Scott Pasco
Andrew King
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, January 21, 2025, at 10:01 am in the Summit County EMA Conference Room.

- **Approval of minutes – December 10, 2024**

Chief Leslie motioned to approve the December 10, 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.

- No electronic votes
- Chief Leslie motioned to approve Brian Douds (Hazmat) and Marcus Santoli (Hazmat) with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- Chief Leslie motioned to accept the resignations of Chris Bickett (Director Water Branch) and Kelly Corbin (IMAT) with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- No training reimbursements

- **SORT DISPATCH**

Tim Gemind stated there was a delay in the Macedonia callout because Macedonia faxed the requested paperwork instead of calling first. The procedures have been updated to ensure the proper notifications (call/then fax) are sent when branches go out on a call.

The South Water Branch notified the SECC that they were going to a call in Jackson Twp. The SECC did not send out a page announcing their departure. This has been addressed to notify all when a branch goes out of service.

Starting in 2025, the run numbers are coming out sequentially.

Discussion in reference to MERC calls for responding to SORT incidents. Tim Gemind stated he will follow up with the SECC.

We discussed the Twinsburg TROT and Hazmat call regarding the Akron request. Chief Shumacher stated that after researching the SOGs, for Akron to respond with all members, they would have to be requested through the SECC or Akron Dispatch Center.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- Report submitted
- Capt. Amonett discussed the Twinsburg incident. The incident involved a fatality within a confined space, and the investigation is ongoing. He will not close his report until OSHA and the medical examiner finish their reports.

- **WATER**

- Surface ice training
- Marshallville dive request
- Preparing this winter for under-ice dives.

- **TROT**

- Report submitted.
- Lighter than air training at Goodyear Blimp in February 12-14
- Provided Tim with a list of items needed after the December training
- Replacement trailer from Cross trailer should be here in February
- SRA call Saturday night in Twinsburg for a vehicle/building with no life hazard
- Discussed the Brandywine Falls callout and improvements for future request
- Will be able to utilize the reallocated funds from the FY22 SHSP funds

- **IMAT**

- No report submitted.
- Discussed adding another Deputy Director
- In the process of purchasing 15 radios from the FY22 SHSP funds

- **REGION V**

No report

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

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

The SMB incident reimbursement was received for \$2,859.09.

Training next month on new Hazmat suits.

Tim went down to Columbus and picked up our radiation meters.

Sent out requests for training hours due by 4/1/25.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Mobile Deployment Trailer - Tommy Smoot stated the authorization to bid for the deployment shelter will be introduced to County Council on 1/27/25.

Deployment Procurement Cards - Tommy introduced the procurement card discussion. The board decided a MOU must be signed with the local department handling the p-card and two cards per branch will be assigned, and it will be decided who will be assigned the card. This p-card will only be used for deployments.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Leslie made a motion to accept the application of Captain David Tenney (Director Water Branch), FF Daniel Pittman (Deputy Director Water Branch), and Lt. Brent Boetler (Deputy Director Water Branch) with Chief Shumaker as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

The SCSORT Board discussed postponing the radio chargeback for 23/24 to pipeline fund until needed.

Chief Leslie made a motion to approve the SCSORT budget with Chief Shumaker as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote. There should be approximately \$39,873.62 in the carryover budget for 2025.

The Hazmat branch has put together a committee to replace 3816. We did not receive funds from the capital budget request. It takes approximately 36 months to get a new truck.

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

- **NEXT MEETING**

February 11, 2024 @ 10 am in the EMA Conference Room

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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