

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2025

Board Members:

Tommy Smoot
Brett Reinbolt
Dennis Ragins
Joseph Shumaker

Staff/Guests:

Judy Kelly Paul Amonett
Tim Gemind Greta Johnson
Andrew King Lori Pesci Ron Matkowski
Rob Keener Dennis Basch
Richard Smith Brad Hemphill

Board Members Absent:

Steve Leslie

Z= Zoom

Chief Reinbolt called the Summit County Special Operations Response Team (SCSORT) Executive Board meeting to order on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 10:01 am in the Summit County EMA Conference Room.

- **Approval of minutes – January 21, 2025**

Chief Shumaker motioned to approve the January 21, 2025, minutes, with Tommy Smoot 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 – 908-meter repair and items from the 2/11/25 meeting
- Two training reimbursements for Andy Hopkins (\$316.25) and Paul Amonett (\$330.00). Tommy Smoot made the motion to approve with Dennis Ragins as the second. Motion was approved by voice vote.
- Dennis Ragins motioned to approve Lt. Ben Kerner as Water Branch Zone Coordinator with Chief Shumaker as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

None

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- Report submitted
- The ME report has been completed, and OSHA is collecting information. Clean Harbors reimbursement cost recovery will be submitted for approximately \$18,500, and Summit County SORT's portion will be roughly \$4000.
- The new PPE arrived and was placed in service last month
- 2 Hazmat meters serviced
- New pharmacy license is in and posted

- **WATER**

- Tim forwarded the Water SOG to 3 directors to be distributed to the ZC and branch members
- Surface ice training completed
- Akron FD has new water instructors – Boley, Gostowski, and Bolter.
- Akron is hosting a Public Safety Diver class in May

- **TROT**

- Report submitted.
- Rope & Confined Space at Tallmadge Station 2 this Friday
- Please send a thank you letter to Lighter than Air training at the Goodyear Blimp hangar.
- Received items from Tim from a list of items needed after the December training,
- We received the new trailer from Cross Trailer.
- We adjusted the training calendar
- We received several saws from the SHSP grant.

- **IMAT**

- No report submitted.
- Chief Bosso requested to add a deputy branch director. Tommy will send the deputy branch application to the zone coordinators and team members.

- **REGION V**

No report

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

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

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

The 2025 expense sheet was also presented.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Reinbolt discussed the email received on behalf of the Mobile Deployment Trailer bid and his concerns. Lori Pesci stated the project was not canceled but on pause. The SCSORT budget is part of the EMA budget, which the General Fund supports. The Executive has asked each Department to look at sustainability and to pause large purchases until we understand how the federal funding changes will impact funding for staffing. The group discussed the EMAC deployment process and other pressing SORT significant capital projects/needs. The SORT Board decided to table the mobile

deployment trailer bid and re-evaluate the purchase in July. We will come up with a capital plan based on the current assets.

The Board decided to keep the Drone group as part of the IMAT Branch.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

None

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

- **NEXT MEETING**

April 8, 2025 @ 10 am in the EMA Conference Room

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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