

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2025

Board Members:

Tommy Smoot
Joseph Shumaker
Steve Leslie
Dennis Ragins

Staff/Guests:

Richard Smith(z) Joseph St. John
Tim Gemind Joe Schabel (intern)
Brad Hemphill
Steve Bosso (z)
Judy Kelly

Board Members Absent:

Brett Reinbolt

Z= Zoom

Chief Leslie called the Summit County Special Operations Response Team (SCSORT) Executive Board meeting to order on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 10:01 am in the Summit County EMA Conference Room.

- **Approval of minutes – May 20, 2025**

Minutes to be approved at the next meeting.

- **Chairperson's Comments/Correspondence**

Chief Leslie reviewed and spoke on the correspondence.

- A letter thanking the Assistant Superintendent for hosting the hazmat branch training at the Cuyahoga Falls Water Treatment Plant.
- No electronic votes
- No training reimbursements
- No new team members

- **SCSORT DISPATCH**

No report

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- Report submitted
- Mini report with three phone calls
- City of Stow requested the Polaris ATV for the July 4th parade, and we are coordinating with Hudson, who needs it back on Saturday
- The LEPC graded exercise is on July 16th in Macedonia with Norfolk Southern. Norfolk Southern will notify the media regarding the exercise. Tim will get a copy of the notification to give to Greta Johnson.
- Met with the third vendor, EVI, to obtain a quote for replacing the 3816 vehicle. The verbal quote was received for approximately \$1.2 million with a 2-year build time. The vendor stated they will have a drawing by July 3rd. We do not plan on meeting with any other vendors. We still hope that the County will contribute \$ 250,000 toward the new truck.
- IFF training will be 9/22-10/2.

- **WATER**
 - Annual preventative maintenance on scuba tanks and masks is underway.
 - Callout over the weekend. The individual was not found in the lake but was located safe 2 hours after the call.
- **TROT**
 - Report submitted.
 - Training at Camp James A. Garfield. Well-attended, with a positive reception, and the team will be invited back. Please send a thank-you letter to Sergeant Shelly.
 - TROT will also be participating in the LEPC exercise in July with Norfolk Southern. TROT will not be graded.
- **IMAT**
 - Report submitted.
 - 800 radios are on the trailer, working on getting distributed.
 - Assisted Valley Fire with Trauma in the Park training last month at CVNP on May 12th
 - We appreciate all the equipment enhancements for the IMAT trailer, and it was moved back to Tallmadge this morning.
 - Issues with accessing the trailer, but this is being resolved.

- **REGION V**

Meeting scheduled for next Wednesday.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Tim Gemind discussed the purchase sheet. Everything was paid on an emergency basis.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

None

- **NEW BUSINESS**

None

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Paul Amonett stated that his branch will be staff-heavy on the management side for the next couple of years due to succession planning.

Congratulations to Chief Shumaker, as this is his last board meeting before his retirement.

- **NEXT MEETING**

July 15, 2025 @ 10 am in the EMA Conference Room

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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