

SUMMIT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 17, 2025

The Summit County Emergency Management Executive Committee (EMEC) meeting was called to order on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 10:00 am in the Summit Emergency Communications Center, 630 North Ave., Tallmadge, OH.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chief Funai motioned to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2025, meeting, with Joe Natko as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

II. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence Sent and Received

Tommy Smoot discussed the correspondence.

- Tommy reviewed a letter from the Ohio EMA approving the Summit County EOP.
- Tommy reviewed a letter from the Ohio EMA requesting documentation to conduct a monitoring review for FY18 SHSP and FY18 LESHSP
- Tommy reviewed a letter from the Ohio EMA Preparedness Grants Branch stating that there is a 30-day manual review for FEMA grant reimbursements
- An email from Ohio EMA Disaster Recovery stating that Laura Adcock will retire as Disaster Recovery Branch Chief on May 16, 2025, and all inquiries should be made to emarecovery@dps.ohio.gov.
- Tommy reviewed an email from the Ohio EMA Mitigation Branch about FEMA waiving certain requirements for Local Hazard Mitigation Plans

III. OLD BUSINESS

- None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- Summit County EOP Updates – Annexes
 - Joseph St. John presented EOP documents for approval by EMEC. They were previously sent via email. The group discussed the changes.
 - Basic Plan
 - Fire and Rescue Annex
 - Damage Assessment Annex
 - Radiological Annex
 - Resource Management Annex
 - Debris Management Appendix

- Chief Funai motioned to accept the above changes with Chief Dan Bickett as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

V. EMA AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT:

Emergency Management Agency Report

Tommy Smoot reported:

Members

- Welcome to Chief Jack Simone from Springfield, who will be the Police Chiefs Association Alternate Rep
- Welcome back to Heidi Swindell, who will be the Engineers Alternate Rep

Training / Exercise -

- CAK Tabletop Exercise May 13th at 8 am
- We are hosting the NECO Region 5 Sim Cell in the Summit County EOC on April 29, 2025

Grants and Funding

- The spring ICS 300 and 400 have been postponed due to Ohio EMA not being able to draw down funds
- NWS Cleveland canceled their local spring Skywarn local training
- FEMA has " canceled the FY24 NOFO for the BRIC grant program."
- We received an FY23 EMPG supplemental grant award of \$20,745.00

Incidents

- Assist with the Portage County Helicopter crash at the Mogadore Revisor on March 14, 2025
- Weather-related death on April 15, 2025 - a tree fell onto a house in Barberton.

Meetings

- Spring Kick-Off was hosted after the last DPSC meeting on March 7, 2025, and was well attended; we will not have a Christmas/ holiday gathering
- Animal Control Meeting on March 10, 2025 - will be a division under the Department of Public Safety
- The Executive hosted a meeting with our Summit County State Legislators on March 10, 2025, at the SECC - 9-1-1 was the first topic discussed
- Ohio Homeland Security, ILO Partner Meeting - March 12, 2025
- Attended the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services ESF-6 Partner & Stakeholder Annual Virtual Meeting on March 26, 2025
- Secretary Of State's Primary Election Physical Security SITREP Monthly Calls
 - Key 2025 Primary Election Dates and Resources

- March 21, 2025: Military and Overseas Absentee Voting Begins.
- April 7, 2025: Voter Registration Deadline.
- April 8, 2025: Start of Absentee and Early, In-Person Voting.
- April 29, 2025: Your board of elections must receive absentee ballot applications by 8:30 PM.
- May 5, 2025: Mailed absentee ballots must be postmarked by this date.
- May 6, 2025: Primary/Special Election: The polls are open from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM.
- Bath/Copley/Fairlawn Joint Safety Quarterly meeting on April 15, 2025
- GIS/EMA meeting for an upcoming workshop

Communications

- Aurelian AI software is being implemented at a few dispatch or communications centers to assist with non-emergency calls
- Link Layer Authentication deadline approaching
- Broadband - all community public safety agencies should be able to connect to the ring

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- All Branches continue monthly training schedules. Last week, the annual Swift water refresher training in the Cuyahoga River with the Water, Technical Rescue, and IMAT branches occurred. This three-day training course is very well put together and always well attended.
- The Hazmat truck replacement committee met with a vendor to discuss the needs for the new vehicle. The estimated cost is \$1.5-\$2 million, with a 40-month build time. We will meet with another vendor next week.
- The TROT Branch responded to Barberton to assist with a structural collapse due to a tree falling on a house.
- Hazmat team typing will be in December.

Angela Robinson reported the following:

- FY24 SHSP—We were approved to begin procuring this grant. The SWAT projects are still under federal hold, but not the bomb squad projects. Faylin is working with the respective teams to gather specs to begin procurement.
- FY23 SHSP—We have completed all projects initially awarded with this grant.
- FY22 SHSP- We have completed many of the projects. Many projects still have pending reimbursement requests, and Faylin and I have a lot of equipment in our offices waiting to be dispersed to the teams. We hope to get the equipment dispersed in the last week of April.

- FY24 PUCO—Public Utilities Commission of Ohio—Two hazmat trainings will be held, one of which has already been completed and the other coming up in May: May 21-23. Please reach out to the Hazmat team if you would like to attend.
- FY22 HMEP YR 3- Three hazmat trainings:
 - Air monitoring to be facilitated by Safeware will be held June 25-27, 2025, ARM Decon to be facilitated by Safeware July 23-25, 2025, and
 - FoamIQ to be facilitated by Noble September 17-19, 2025.
 - Please see the hazmat team if you would like to attend the training.
- Recent Grant Awards:
 - FY23 EMPG Supplemental Grant
 - FY24 EMPG Grant - The EMPG covers 50% of EMA personnel and operating expenses.
- Recent Grant Submission:
FY25 PUCO—Public Utilities Commission of Ohio—I worked with the Hazmat Team to apply for this grant. Two training courses totaling \$18,825 were requested. The grant application window closes April 30, 2025. We hope to be awarded sometime by September 2025.

Grant Reporting:

- Quarterly reports for the performance period ending 3.31.25 were submitted to Ohio Emergency Management for all open grants.
- Working on preparing the EMPG Cash Request for the performance period ending 3.31.25
- Grant Time and Admin for grant reimbursement under the SHSP grants were submitted
- The Grant Virtual Monitoring Visit for the FY18 LESHSP and FY18 SHSP Grants is in process. All paperwork was present and has been gathered. It will be reviewed again before submitting by May 7, 2025. We are hoping to get a clean audit report on these grants. The last time we were audited, it took about two months to receive feedback from the monitoring visit.

Faylin Thurn reported the following:

- NECO Regional Exercise 4/29/25
- Region 5 ILO Workshop 4/30/25 Akron Red Cross
- Laser Active Shooter – LSU 5/13-15, 2025, InfoCision
- HSEEP 9/3-4, 2025 SECC
- Complex Coordinated Attacks – LSU, 10/7-9, 2025, SECC
- Working with Homeland Security to create a targeted violence and terrorist prevention strategy

Joseph St. John reported the following:

- EOP
 - State approved plan on 2/27/2025; provided letter.
 - We are still working to complete a comprehensive review/update and will not need approval from the state for new updates/changes.
 - Working with DPSC subcommittees to review and update related annexes (see below).
 - Brought several documents to the committee today for local approval; the tentative plan is to bring most of the other documents to the next EMEC for approval (depending on the status of review).
- DPSC
 - EMS Subcommittee
 - Assisting with the upcoming NECO exercise on April 29th will help facilitate having Facility Transport Liaisons in position at local emergency departments.
 - All triage tags have been distributed throughout the county.
- PIO Subcommittee
 - Assisting with the EOP update by providing an EOP review workgroup, continuing to meet.
- Law Enforcement Subcommittee
 - Met on April 11th and assisted with the EOP update.
- Evacuation Subcommittee
 - I will assist with the EOP update, beginning with a meeting in May.
- Behavioral Health
 - Assisting with EOP update. We should finalize the subcommittee recommendations at the next meeting in May.
- Shelter and Mass Care
 - Continuing to meet and assist with the EOP update.
- Summit Ready
 - Working with interested organizations and communities to get certified.
- Exercise/Training
 - NECO Regional PIO Workgroup and JIC/JIS Training/Tabletop Exercise
 - Hosting Sim Cell for the upcoming NECO exercise in the EOC
- EMA App
 - Most current download numbers (as of December 19)
 - 4,027 (up from 3,862 on 12/19) for both iOS and Android
- Damage Assessment
 - Working with Crisis Track to update the Self-Reporting form to better capture property information for future incidents. Changes should be completed shortly.

- Other
 - Working to update the county drone database.

Summit County Public Health

None

800 MHz Radio System Report

Mike Szabo reported that every 2 years, Motorola does a system refresh, which is currently occurring. There will be a scheduled outage at some point when they switch out gear, and this will be scheduled. The progress on radio authentication is at about 86% of all radios in the county. Just a reminder, there is a deadline of July 1st for the link layer authentication to prevent unauthorized radios from using the system. We will have to disable the Stow site and move the antennas at some point. This should have little if any impact.

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Tommy Smoot discussed the following topics:

- National Telecommunicators Week, April 13-20
 - Dispatchers' appreciation dinner was April 13th, 5 to 9 and was successful
- Dayton will host the NATO Parliamentary Assembly May 22 - 26, 2025
- Save the date was sent out for the DPSC/EMEC Workshop, September 10-12, 2025

VII. Adjournment

Joe Natko made a motion to adjourn with Chief Funai as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

The next meeting will be on June 26, 2025, at 10:00 am at the SECC.