

# SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2025

## Board Members:

Tommy Smoot  
Steve Leslie  
Dennis Ragins  
Brett Reinbolt

## Staff/Guests:

Richard Smith   Lori Pesci   Rob Kenner  
Tim Gemind   Greta Johnson   Leigh-Ann Slaughter  
Brad Hemphill   Andrew King   Samantha Fickes  
Judy Kelly   Scott Pascu  
David O'Neal   Dennis Basch  
Brent Boelter   David Tennev

## Board Members Absent:

Joseph Shumaker

Z= Zoom

Chief Reinbolt called the Summit County Special Operations Response Team (SCSORT) Executive Board meeting to order on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 10:01 am in the Summit County EMA Conference Room.

- **Approval of minutes – May 20, 2025, and June 17, 2025**

Chief Leslie made a motion to approve the minutes from May 20, 2025, and June 17, 2025, with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **Chairperson's Comments/Correspondence**

Chief Reinbolt reviewed and spoke on the correspondence.

- Two electronic votes.
  - To spend up to \$16,000 to replace 6 level A hazmat suits from the Barberton incident. Tim will compile a cost recovery invoice for the responsible party.
  - An additional \$3000 for a transfer pump from the same Barberton incident.
- One training reimbursement for Tim Morgan for \$165 for the CJAG Exercise. Chief Leslie made a motion to reimburse Tim Morgan with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- Chief Leslie made a motion to approve Adriana Schoene (Hazmat) with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- Chief Leslie made a motion to approve Lt. Tony Vilt as a Hazmat Zone Coordinator with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

No report

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- Report submitted
- There will be a LEPC graded exercise with Norfolk Southern tomorrow starting @ 230pm. The LEPC will provide lunches for 120. The EOC will be activated. The team leadership will monitor the weather and the heat.
- 3826 had some electrical issues and Akron Fire Maintenance addressed them.

- **WATER**
  - Annual preventative maintenance on scuba tanks and masks is underway.
  - 3 Callouts
    - Munroe Falls individual was located but not in the water
    - The Cuyahoga Falls response and call-out process was discussed. Talked about the dispatch issues and specifically if the SRAs are needed or not.
    - The Portage Lakes State Park response was discussed.
- **TROT**
  - Report submitted.
  - TROT will also be participating in the LEPC exercise tomorrow with Norfolk Southern. TROT will not be graded.
- **IMAT**
  - Report submitted.
  - Callout with Water to Cuyahoga Falls for 2 days with the Drone team

- **REGION V**

The last meeting in July was cancelled, and the next meeting will be in September.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Tim Gemind discussed the purchase sheet. Everything on the purchase sheet was purchased for emergency repairs. The Barberton incident utilized a significant amount of Hazmat equipment, including 6 of the new level A suits. We will be receiving the replacement suits tomorrow. Total cost recovery is \$31,600, with \$20,293.75 being requested by Summit County HazMat.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Reinbolt stated that in August, he would like to have an answer from the SCSORT Board as to whether we should proceed with the shelter system. Greta Johnson and Lori Pesci provided an update on the County budget and the potential cuts from State and/or Federal grants. This could affect the SCSORT budget. There is also a possibility of a loss of funding due to the elimination of property taxes and or inside mileage.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

The SCSORT Board and the SECC staff discussed the dispatching process for SORT, specifically the SRAs. The SECC proposes a single SRA text group for all branches. David O'Neal stated that the SECC will prepare an official notification to inform all other dispatch centers and fire departments of the change. Leigh-Ann and Tommy will work together to create a single SRA text group. David O'Neal also stated that from now on, all SCSORT requests will be handled by a supervisor.

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

- **NEXT MEETING**

August 12, 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.