

# SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2025

## Board Members:

Tommy Smoot  
Steve Leslie  
Dennis Ragins  
Brett Reinbolt

## Staff/Guests:

Richard Smith   Andrew King  
Tim Gemind   Brad Hemphill  
Judy Kelly   Scott Pascu  
David O'Neal   Dennis Basch  
David Tenney

## Board Members Absent:

Z= Zoom

Chief Reinbolt called the Summit County Special Operations Response Team (SCSORT) Executive Board meeting to order on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 10:01 am in the Summit County EMA Conference Room.

- **Approval of minutes – July 15, 2025**

Chief Leslie made a motion to approve the minutes from July 15, 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.

- No electronic vote
- No training reimbursements
- Chief Leslie made a motion to approve Cory Fraver (Hazmat), Mitch Warehime (Hazmat), Michael Morrison (Hazmat), Jared Andrews (Hazmat), and Timm Herstine (Hazmat) with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- Chief Leslie made a motion to approve Lt. Ryan Fairfax as a Hazmat Zone Coordinator with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- Dennis Ragins made a motion to remove Daniel Fortney (IMAT) with Chief Leslie as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **SCSORT DISPATCH**

David O'Neal stated that they had a training session and hope this has addressed some of the issues with the AI program. Dennis Basch stated that Macedonia is still working out the issues with AI. David O'Neal stated that you need to state your name, rank, and agency to identify in the system. They have also made a change in their dispatch room that only supervisors are handling SCSORT callouts. The SCORT form is still the same.

Tommy worked with Leigh-Ann on the new SRA group. They used the Hazmat group to rebuild and rename it, incorporating the other SRA groups. There were two numbers that they had not identified, which were likely from an old cellphone.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- Report submitted
    - LEPC drill, grading came back with high marks. SERC should vote on objectives tomorrow. This was well attended.
    - Tim stated they are still looking to replace the Hazmat vehicle and received two quotes for \$1.3 and \$1.4. Four of the Hazmat members are traveling to Farber on August 20th to observe their manufacturing process.

- **WATER**

- Have a demo for AquaEye
    - Large tree in the Cuyahoga River, which they are going to try to remove
    - Unsure when they are going to get the boat back from Cuyahoga Falls due to repairs needed

- **TROT**

- Report submitted.
    - Participated in the LEPC exercise
    - Transcaer safety train training July 16th
    - Trench training this week
    - Grant items are in, waiting for reimbursement from the State
    - Medina is in the process of unloading the old lumber trailer, which will be palletized on 4126

- **IMAT**

- Report submitted.
    - IMAT trailer updated with supplies
    - Participated in training in Macedonia
    - Deputy Director Justin Bechtel is back in the area after a long deployment and is with a new employer

- **REGION V**

Next meeting is at the end of August.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Tim Gemind discussed the purchase sheet. Chief Leslie made a motion to approve with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

The expense sheet was emailed out before the meeting.

Tim talked to Quality Carriers, the responsible party for the Barberton incident. They stated that they will let Tim know today when they plan to send the reimbursement.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Motion by Chief Reinbolt, seconded by Chief Leslie, to purchase the shelter system. The motion was carried by voice vote, with one dissent.

Chief Reinbolt and Chief Leslie noted that they had discussed the purchase of the shelter system with other fire chiefs before the meeting.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

None

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

- **NEXT MEETING**

September 9, 2025, 10 am in the EMA Conference Room

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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