

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2025

Board Members:

Tommy Smoot
Steve Leslie
Dennis Ragins
Brett Reinbolt
Scott Pascu

Staff/Guests:

Richard Smith Andrew King
Tim Gemind Brad Hemphill
Judy Kelly David O'Neal (Z)
Paul Amonett
Rob Keener

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 – August 12, 2025**

Chief Leslie made a motion to approve the minutes from August 12, 2025, with Chief Pascu as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **Chairperson's Comments/Correspondence**

Chief Reinbolt reviewed and spoke on the correspondence.

- One electronic vote – shelving for trailer
- No training reimbursements
- Chief Leslie made a motion to approve Chris Martin (AHIMAT), Jack Breese (AHIMAT), Matt Kee (AHIMAT), Charles Kilbel (AHIMAT), Charmaine Casenhiser (AHIMAT), and Luke Rychlik (AHIMAT) with Chief Pascu as the second. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- Chief Leslie made a motion to remove Jason Boivin (TROT) with Chief Pasu as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

David O'Neal stated that they had a training session for the dispatch supervisors on the process of Hazmat/Water Rescue callouts for SCSORT. The supervisor will be the one to filter out the SCSORT requests. David O'Neal mentioned it would be a good idea to send reminders out to other agencies about how callouts work and continue to send them out periodically.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- Report submitted
- Additional training in the last part of the year. Continue monthly training and have asked for orientation days for new employees.
- October 3rd is the LEPC Conference
- November is the Solon Conference

- We are down one gas meter. We use MSA air monitoring equipment, and during the last calibration, it came back with an error code. We will try to fix it.
- PM completed on Decon via Akron Fire
- Team typing will be on December 19th
- Goodyear will be selling their chemical facility and will coordinate with County Hazmat before selling to do one last walkthrough.
- LEPC has approved four people to go to Texas for the Hazmat conference
- **WATER**
 - Dive training at Springfield Lake with a demo of AquaEye. South (Green, Coventry, New Franklin, Springfield) got a grant to purchase 4. We want to look at getting one for the North.
 - Mask tech class on January 6th would like to ask for half of the \$575 per student. (Tenney wants to lock in the price.) Chief Reinbolt stated he would need to know how many students.
 - Annual night diving class in October in Munroe Falls
- **TROT**
 - Report submitted.
 - September class cancelled, October training will be search and rescue
 - 4136 Rescue truck in Green is having issues with black mold. Suggested running more or using an additive
 - 4116 Tow vehicle in Tallmadge needed a battery replaced
 - Tallmadge gave a 5-year commitment to store 4166
 - Waiting on the dipstick for the forklift
 - Rob Keener stated he put together a proposal for Akron Fire to house the TROT truck at Station 7
- **IMAT**
 - Report submitted.
 - Went out with Dive team
 - IMAT trailer updated with supplies with extra solar panels/TV's

- **REGION V**

Meeting in August. Next meeting in October.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Tim Gemind discussed the purchase sheet. All were emergency purchases.

The expense sheet was emailed out before the meeting.

Chief Leslie made a motion to approve the 2026 SORT Budget with Chief Pascu as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Tim stated that we received the reimbursement check from Quality Carriers, the party responsible for the Barberton incident, for \$20,293.75.

With regards to the new 3816 Hazmat truck replacement, Tim, Andrew King, and Dwayne Marty went to Farber to look at their plant and discuss what they have to offer. After the visit, they decided that they were not a viable option for the new truck. The committee is going to meet on September 22nd to discuss the three companies that are left and discuss a plan/funding.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Reinbolt discussed the housing of the TROT truck. Green is not stating they do not want to house the truck, but are asking if there are other options. Macedonia is no longer an option to house the truck. Chief Reinbolt stated Akron Fire has a plan, with a station that has people on call to staff the truck. Chief Leslie made a motion to move the TROT truck from Green to Akron Station 7 with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Chief Pascu stated he was asked to speak at Cuyahoga County LEPC regarding the Rosemary Incident.

Chief Reinbolt mentioned the request for the capital improvement plan was submitted.

- **NEXT MEETING**

October 21, 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.