

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2025

Board Members:

Tommy Smoot
Steve Leslie
Dennis Ragins

Staff/Guests:

Richard Smith Doug Tenney
Tim Gemind Dennis Shumaker
Judy Kelly David O'Neal
Rob Keener Steve Bosso
Leigh-Ann Slaughter

Board Members Absent:

Brett Reinbolt
Scott Pascu

Chief Leslie called the Summit County Special Operations Response Team (SCSORT) Executive Board meeting to order on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 10:03 am in the Summit Emergency Communications Center, 630 North Ave., Tallmadge, OH.

- **Approval of minutes – October 21, 2025**

Dennis Ragins made a motion to approve the minutes from October 21, 2025, with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **Chairperson's Comments/Correspondence**

Chief Leslie reviewed and spoke on the correspondence.

- No electronic votes
- No training reimbursements
- Dennis Ragins made a motion to approve Aiden L'Hommedieu (Hazmat), Will Huff (Hazmat), and Zachary Bruce (Hazmat) with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- Tommy Smoot made a motion to remove Keith Geiger (Hazmat) with Dennis Ragins as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **SCSORT DISPATCH**

David O'Neal discussed the incident in Bath. Chief Bosso discussed IMAT's involvement. There will be an after-action meeting to discuss the incident. Leigh-Ann Slaughter stated the SECC received 14 rollover 911 calls from Bath. Discussed that a number will be assigned to it since it was an activation for tracking purposes.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- Report submitted
- Training last month was in-house on trucks
- This month's training will be hosted in Hudson on booming, diking, and shooting the line guns. The team will review how the EPA wants spills handled.
- Team typing on December 19th at Stow

- **WATER**
 - Annual night diving class in Munroe Falls with over 50 divers in the water on Thursday.
 - The boats that Cuyahoga Falls borrowed will be back this week.
- **TROT**
 - Report submitted.
 - Added the 2026 training dates to the calendar.
 - Going to try to get more certification classes and a grant for the Tech level class
 - 4136 is at Akron Station 7
 - Also put in a grant for the deployment trailer
 - Will be getting the \$9334 for equipment and have been putting together ideas on what to use this for
- **IMAT**
 - Training on the trailer
 - Talked about succession planning

- **REGION V**

The next meeting is in February 2026.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

Tim Gemind reviewed the purchase sheet. Tommy Smoot made a motion to approve the purchase sheet, seconded by Dennis Ragins. The motion was approved by voice vote.

The expense sheet was emailed out before the meeting.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

David O'Neal asked why the Mobile Hospital trailer is not being considered for the deployment trailer. Chief Leslie stated that the branch directors had gone out to look at it and that it would not be as easily deployed. Richard Smith said it is an air-supported structure that would be hard to set up in most situations where they would be deployed. The group agreed to review and evaluate the trailer after today's meeting.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Tommy Smoot stated he wants to add three standing items to the agenda:

1. SORT Capital Planning - looking at our long-term goals for the next 10, 15, 20 years.
2. Hazmat Truck Committee – to decide how to move forward and fund
3. SORT Asset Review – look at what we currently have. Chief Leslie stated he would like each branch to submit a list of what they need over the next 1-2 years and 5 years, along with how to accomplish it.

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Rob Keener stated that Water and Hazmat teams have been able to firm up their 2026 training schedules. Water will be week one, TROT week two, and Hazmat week three, with the same Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday schedule.

- **NEXT MEETING**

November 12, 2025, 10 am at the SECC 630 North Ave., Tallmadge

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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