

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2025

Board Members:

Brett Reinbolt
Tommy Smoot
Steve Leslie
Dennis Ragins
Scott Pascu

Staff/Guests:

Tim Gemind Dennis Shumaker
Judy Kelly David O'Neal (Z)
Rob Keener Steve Bosso (Z)
Leigh-Ann Slaughter
Paul Amonett
Andy Miller

Board Members Absent:

Z= Zoom

Chief Reinbolt called the Summit County Special Operations Response Team (SCSORT) Executive Board meeting to order on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 10:10 am in the Summit Emergency Communications Center, 630 North Ave., Tallmadge, OH.

- **Approval of minutes – November 12, 2025**

Chief Leslie made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2025, meeting, with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **Chairperson's Comments/Correspondence**

Chief Reinbolt reviewed and spoke on the correspondence.

- No electronic votes
- Two training reimbursements. Tommy Smoot made a motion to approve two training reimbursements for Paul Amonett (\$110 and \$165), with Chief Leslie seconding. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- Chief Pascu made a motion to approve Joseph Wagner (Hazmat) with Tommy Smoot as the second. The motion was approved by voice vote.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

David O'Neal discussed the Region V callout to Mahoning County. There was a discussion that Region V is a different type of request from the State of Ohio's Fire Chief's Response Plan. Fire Chiefs need to opt in to receive requests within CIMS. It is then incumbent on the Fire Chief to decide what equipment they can send. Chief Berczik received the Region V request. If you have Region V equipment, it must go. More discussion on how Region 5 will be rolled out will be required. Chief Leslie suggested a flow chart from Region V on how they are rolled out be developed. The county representative for the State Response Plan should attend this meeting.

David O'Neal would also like a meeting about an email from Chief Pascu regarding how Akron assets will be dispatched for SORT and Region 5 callouts. He would like to discuss the workflows.

Leigh-Ann stated they have some training for the supervisors scheduled to come out after the Bath incident regarding the MAC channel. Steve Bosso noted that they need to be able to listen to the MAC channels.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- Report submitted
 - 3 training courses in November with a great turnout for all three
 - Team typing on December 19 (workdays Dec 17 and 18) at Stow Station 1 from 10-12
 - 3816 is in the City of Akron
 - Rescheduled PLCC training
 - 2026 Training schedule is out

- **WATER**

- Dive at Turn 6 Quarry for newer divers

- **TROT**

- Report submitted.
 - Hudson to host Rope 1 class
 - Added the 2026 training dates to the calendar
 - Training will be every month, going to try to get more certification classes and a grant for the Tech level class
 - Paratech trailer almost complete
 - Discussed the hospital trailer – tents need to be set up to see if they are usable
 - Dave O'Neal stated there is a barn at the back of the SECC if anyone is interested in looking for storage for a trailer

- **IMAT**

- Report submitted
 - Training on a case study
 - Brief discussion on the MCI in Bath

- **REGION V**

The next meeting is in February 2026.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER**

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

The expense sheet was emailed out before the meeting.

Tim Gemind stated he is working on the bi-annual report for 24-25.

Tim Gemind is also working to collect all teams' 2026 training calendars.

- **HAZMAT TRUCK COMMITTEE**

Tim and other committee members were heading down to Columbus to look at the Sutphin plant and 2 of their trucks. We will need to put together a spec on what we want.

- **ASSET REVIEW AND FUTURE SUSTAINMENT**

Tommy stated this was something he wanted to add and have Zone Coordinators look at the equipment and see where we are with future capabilities and sustainment.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

None

- **NEW BUSINESS**

None

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

- **NEXT MEETING**

January 13, 2026, 10 am at the SECC 630 North Ave., Tallmadge

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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