

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2026

Board Members:

Brett Reinbolt
Tommy Smoot
Steve Leslie
Dennis Ragins
Scott Pascu

Staff/Guests:

Tim Gemind Brad Hemphill
David O'Neal
Rob Keener
Paul Amonett
Andy Miller
Richard Smith

Board Members Absent:

Z= Zoom

Chief Reinbolt called the Summit County Special Operations Response Team (SCSORT) Executive Board meeting to order on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 10:00 am in the Summit Emergency Communications Center, 630 North Ave., Tallmadge, OH.

- **Approval of minutes – December 9, 2026**

Chief Leslie made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2025, meeting, with Deputy Chief Pascu seconding. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **Chairperson's Comments/Correspondence**

Chief Reinbolt reviewed and spoke on the correspondence.

- No electronic votes
- Chief Leslie made a motion to approve two training reimbursements for Paul Amonett (\$192.50) and Tim Morgan (\$247.50), with Deputy Chief Pascu seconding. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- Chief Leslie made a motion to approve Karmyn Knox (TROT) and Jayce Dippel (TROT), with Deputy Chief Pascu seconding. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- Chief Leslie made a motion to remove Aaron Hoxworth (HazMat), with Deputy Chief Pascu seconding. The motion was approved by voice vote.
 - He will be moving from Green to Stow Fire
- Discussed equipment needs, including new tires for 3816; trailer tires were addressed last year.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

David O'Neal stated that we'll meet on January 26 to discuss the Region V callout process.

Battalion Chief Andy Miller stated he plans to set up the mobile hospital tents and display them for the other branches on February 4th or 5th at Tallmadge Fire Station #2 or the Summit County Fairgrounds.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**
 - Report submitted
- **WATER**
 - Submitted their 2026 training schedule
- **TROT**
 - Report submitted
 - Confined space training at station #2 this week
 - The February class is full
 - Ashland Fire SCO class April 28 – May 1st; they will use Summit County equipment, so they are familiar
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- **IMAT**
 - Report submitted
 - Submitted their 2026 training dates

- **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 Deputy Chief Pascu. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Tim Gemind discussed the 2026 SORT budget and carryover.

- **HAZMAT TRUCK COMMITTEE**

Tim and other committee members completed their trip to Columbus to inspect the Sutphin plant and 2 other local hazmat team vehicles. We will need to put together a spec on what we want.

- **ASSET REVIEW AND FUTURE SUSTAINMENT**

No updates

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Leslie made a motion to approve a \$37,853.07 reimbursement from the pipeline fund for the radio chargeback covering the years 2023 and 2024, with Deputy Chief Pascu seconding. The motion was approved by voice vote.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Deputy Chief Pascu discussed a presentation that he recently attended on a new system that displays river water flow in real time using color-coding to inform the public about water speed.

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

It was reported that it may be Lt. Rob Keener's last SORT Board meeting as he would be retiring soon.

- **NEXT MEETING**

February 10, 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.