

SCSORT Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2026

Board Members:

Brett Reinbolt
Tommy Smoot
Steve Leslie (Z)
Dennis Ragins
Scott Pascu

Staff/Guests:

Tim Gemind Brad Hemphill
David O'Neal
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, February 10, 2026, at 10:00 am in the Summit Emergency Communications Center, 630 North Ave., Tallmadge, OH.

- **Approval of minutes – January 10, 2026**

Chief Leslie moved to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2026, meeting, with Dennis Ragins seconding. The motion was carried by voice vote.

- **Chairperson's Comments/Correspondence**

Chief Reinbolt reviewed and spoke on the correspondence.

- One electronic vote - \$3.49 overage on the FY26 SAR grant.
- Chief Leslie made a motion to approve one training reimbursement for Tim Morgan (\$123.75), with Deputy Chief Pascu seconding. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- Deputy Chief Pascu made a motion to approve Beau Boswell (HazMat) and John Cain (IMAT), with Chief Leslie seconding. The motion was approved by voice vote.

- **SORT DISPATCH**

David O'Neal stated there was 1 team call-out request, but it was cancelled.

- **BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **HAZMAT**

- LEPC-sponsored MSA meter maintenance training completed (6 personnel trained)
- Team Typing in December; have not officially heard any updates.
- The OSHA report has been released about the June 2025 incident; fines are listed and open; potential civil actions may still arise.
- January radiation training completed
- WMD refresher with the 52nd CST upcoming.
- Exploring a transition from the current medical director due to frequent international travel. A draft job description is underway for board review

and hospital engagement. The right fit may be broader than that of a typical medical director, given HazMat's unique needs. Team physicals will be due in 2027.

- Huntsman functional LEPC exercise planned for late October; Lieutenant Bash to co-lead; outreach to Brenda Robinson in July to begin planning.
- Proposal forthcoming to move HazMat IT connectivity to Starlink to reduce cell footprint and achieve long-term cost savings.

○ **WATER**

- Discussed their 2026 training schedule
 - Surface ice diving training
 - Pool Swim test

○ **TROT**

- Report submitted
- Zone Coordinators meeting in Hudson.
- Rope training in Tallmadge Station 2 this week, Feb 11-13, 2026.
- Hudson Rope 1 class Jan 26, 27, and Feb 2,3 completed successfully
- Akron Fire is planning a Rope 1 and 2 in May
- Trench Cert in fall for 2026
- Ashland Fire SCO class April 28 – May 1st; they will use Summit County Region 5 equipment, so they are familiar
- FY26 SAR Grant – purchases complete
- Barn on property identified for cold storage; power originates from a city facility and is currently off. Coordination required between City and County to restore limited “shore” power for trickle charging; no heat available.

○ **IMAT**

- AAR/IP review completed in Jan 2026
- Brandywine IMAT incident response discussed; subject located later by NPS foot teams.
- MCI plan will be reviewed in February in Green.

● **REGION V**

A few members from the SORT Board, SORT branches, SECC, and Region 5 Advisory Board chairs met in Springfield on February 9, 2026, to discuss the call-out process.

The next meeting will be held virtually on February 25, 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.

Deputy Chief Pascu motioned to approve the 2026 SORT Budget, 2026 SORT budget Expenses, and 2026 Pipeline fund budget expenses as presented, seconded by Chief Leslie. The motion was approved by voice vote.

- **HAZMAT TRUCK COMMITTEE**

No updates.

- **ASSET REVIEW AND FUTURE SUSTAINMENT**

No updates

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Tim Gemind discussed the TNT incident and the submitted hazmat reimbursement request.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Boso provided the board with his pending retirement from Twinsburg Fire. The group agreed to advertise the IMAT branch director's position.

- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The board discussed the impact of the passing of an original Hazmat member and will send a letter to the surviving family.

- **NEXT MEETING**

March 24, 2026, 10 am at the SECC 630 North Ave., Tallmadge

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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