

**SUMMIT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
January 9, 2009**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Al Bollas, Vice Chairperson (P)  
Chief Steve Finical (P)  
Annette Petranic  
Steve Libby (P)  
Chief David Calderone (A)  
Jill Skapin (P)  
Deputy Chief Rob Ross (A)  
Dale Panovich (P)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

George Romanoski (P)  
Gary Ellison (P)  
Andrea Wlaszyn (A)  
Chief Mike Kallai (P)  
Chief Paul Callahan (A)

**ALTERNATES, GUEST AND STAFF**

Tommy Smoot (S)  
Valerie De Rose (S)  
Chris Lappin (G)  
Bob Hambel (G)  
Lt. Bruce Kovack (G)  
Captain Steve Groves (G)  
Chief Paul Moledor (G)  
Sgt. Jay Nagy (G)  
Sgt. Dann Nivens (G)  
Jonathan Bastock (G)  
Rose Mary Snell (G)  
Lt. Joe Davis (G)

The meeting of the Summit County Emergency Management Executive Committee was called to order, by Vice Chairperson Al Bollas, on Thursday, January 8, 2008, in the Summit County Emergency Operations Center, Akron Municipal Building, 166 South High Street, Akron, OH 44308.

**GRANT APPLICATION PRESENTATIONS**

**CUYAHOGA FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Ms. Petranic stated that the County of Summit Department of Public Safety – Emergency Management Agency received a letter requesting the withdraw of the application from the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department for the Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Grant.

**SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – BOMB SQUAD**

Chief Finical presented the grant application for the Summit County Sheriff's Office. The

application is requesting \$54,000.00 to assist in the upgrade of the current Bomb Robot. The robot was originally purchased in 1999. Currently, the robot spends a significant amount of time out-of-service for repairs. The problems with the robot are electronic and the parts are no longer manufactured.

Chief Finical stated that the first phase of repair for the robot will cost approximately \$55,000.00 to repair the main arm and the video components. The second phase of the repair will cost approximately \$35,000.00 for the main chassis upgrade.

Vice Chairperson Bollas inquired about the current process of handling a bomb response.

Lt. Kovack stated that the robot is currently operational, however there is the fear that the robot will fail during a response.

Deputy Chief Ross inquired about compensation from the other counties that are served by the Summit County Bomb Squad.

Chief Finical stated that some funding is received through the ATF. The Summit County Sheriff's Office is looking to develop a policy regarding fees for calls.

Ms. Skapin inquired about the costs associated with buying a new robot.

Deputy Lappin stated that the cost to buy a new bomb robot is approximately \$130,000.00.

Chief Calderone would like to see the number of in-county and out-of-county response over the past five years for the Summit County Bomb Squad.

Chief Finical stated that he would get that information to Ms. Petranic.

## SUMMIT COUNTY SPECIAL OPERATIONS RESPONSE TEAMS

Captain Groves presented the grant application for the Summit County Special Operations Response Teams. The application is requesting \$99,113.00 for the purchase of four pieces of technology to support the Summit County Special Operations Response Teams.

The first piece of technology requested is an Ohura First Defender Hand Held Raman Spectrum instrument for unknown chemical and chemical mixture identification for the HazMat Team, at \$49,000.00.

The second piece of technology requested is a Photovac Micro Flame Ionization Detector (FID) for the HazMat Team, to replace a seventeen year old Foxboro FID that is in need of constant maintenance, at \$10,090.00.

The third piece of technology requested is a Marine Sonic Centurion Side Scan Sonar for the Water Rescue Branch, to compliment existing equipment, at \$36,000.00.

The fourth request is for a 14 foot Jon Boat with trailer and 15 hp motor for the Water Rescue Branch, to assist with swift water and dive rescue, at \$4,023.00.

Vice Chairperson Bollas stated that the grant amount is only \$54,000.00. He asked Captain

Groves to prioritize the requests.

Captain Groves prioritized the grant requests in the following order:

1. Flame Ionization Detector - \$10,090.00
2. Side Scan Sonar - \$36,000.00
3. Jon Boat - \$4023.00
4. Ohura First Defender - \$49,000.00

Ms. Petranic asked if any other counties within the Region have the Side Scan Sonar equipment. She asked if it was a common piece of equipment for a Dive Team.

Chief Moledor stated that the Side Scan Sonar is not a common piece of equipment due to the technology available with this equipment.

Ms. Skapin inquired about the ability for this equipment to respond out-of-the county and if there would be a cost associated with out-of-county response.

Chief Moledor stated that the Side Scan Sonar and the Summit County Dive Team will be available for out-of-county response. He suggested the possibility of developing a policy regarding billing for out-of-county response.

Captain Groves stated that there is currently no legal mechanism for billing for response for any branch other than HazMat. Ohio Revised Code only outlines billing statues for HazMat responses.

Ms. Petranic stated that the need for any Summit County equipment outside of Summit County would be considered mutual aide, according to state legislation.

#### SUMMIT COUNTY SWAT TEAMS

Lt. Westfall presented the grant application for the Summit County SWAT Teams. The application is requesting \$30,000.00 for the purchase of six Corner Shot weapon platforms, one for each of the SWAT Teams within Summit County.

Vice Chairperson Al Bollas asked for the breakdown of the six SWAT Teams within Summit County.

Lt. Westfall stated that the six SWAT Teams are: Summit County Sheriff's Office SWAT; Akron Police Department SWAT; METRO SWAT; Barberton Police Department SWAT; Cuyahoga Falls SWAT; University of Akron Police Department SWAT.

Ms. Panovich inquired about the number of members on each of the SWAT Teams.

Chief Calderone inquired about the number of responses for each team over the past five years.

Lt. Westfall stated that he would get that information to Ms. Petranic.

#### SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP

Rose Mary Snell presented the grant application for Sagamore Hills Township. The application is requesting \$44,000.00 for a generator for an emergency shelter that would serve Sagamore Hills Township, the City of Macedonia, Northfield Center Township and Northfield Village. She stated that Sagamore Hills will be providing a 20% match for the project.

Ms. Skapin asked if the generator would be a portable generator.

Ms. Snell stated that the generator would be permanent.

Ms. Petranic inquired if the request was for one or two generators.

Ms. Snell stated that the request is for two generators to support two buildings that are very close together.

Chief Calderone inquired about the amount of the generators individually and their capabilities.

Ms. Snell stated that she would get the requested figures to Ms. Petranic.

#### SUMMIT METRO CRASH RESPONSE TEAM

Officer Bastock presented the grant application for the Summit Metro Crash Team (SMcRT). The application is requesting \$13,250.00 for the purchase of a Skoia Total Station – On-Scene Crash Investigation Scale Measuring.

Sgt. Nivens stated that the Total Station is a surveyors instrument that records accurate, detailed information regarding a crash. Insurance companies are now asking for information that can be provided by the Total Station.

Sgt. Nivens stated that there is currently one Total Station unit within Summit County and it is owned by the Summit County Sheriff's Office.

Officer Bastock stated that the SMcRT has been in existence for four years. The team was developed because the Ohio State Highway Patrol became taxed in completing all crash investigations. All of the participating agencies provide personnel for Team responses.

Chief Calderone asked how many crash teams were in Summit County.

Sgt. Nivens stated there is currently two teams within Summit County, the Summit County Sheriff's Office and Summit Metro Crash Response Team. The Summit County Sheriff's Office used to participate in the Summit Metro Crash Response Team. The need for the personnel and time invested in response encouraged the Summit County Sheriff's Office to develop their own crash investigation team.

Chief Calderone asked if the Ohio State Highway Patrol has every requested response from the Summit Metro Crash Response Team.

Sgt. Nivens stated that the team has never been requested by the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Ms. Petranic inquired about where the equipment would be housed.

Sgt. Nivens stated that the equipment would probably be housed at the Stow Police Department, due to its central location.

Chief Calderone requested the numbers of deployment of the Summit Metro Crash Team over the past four years.

Sgt. Nivens stated that he would forward that information to Ms. Petranic.

#### VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD – DIVISIONS OF POLICE AND FIRE

Lt. Davis presented the grant application for the Village of Richfield – Divisions of Police and Fire. The application is requesting \$9,000.00 for a JPS Raytheon ACU-M Portable for interoperability of communications.

Lt. Davis stated that several communities in the northern part of Summit County are not members of the Summit County 800 MHz Regional Radio System; however the Village of Richfield is a member of the System. The Village of Richfield does not have the ability to communicate with first responders of surrounding communities and counties because they are not members of the Summit County 800 MHz Regional Radio System.

#### CITY OF NORTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sgt. Nagy presented the grant application for the City of Norton Police Department. The application is requesting \$4,280.00 for the purchase of Advanced Emergency Lighting System.

Sgt. Nagy stated that the grant request is to purchase two units, a two-head unit and a four-head unit. The units would be used in any event or emergency where lighting is limited with little to no noise distraction.

Sgt. Nagy stated that the units would be available to all communities within Summit County.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Vice Chairperson Bollas stated the next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., at the Emergency Operations Center, Akron Municipal Building-Basement Level, 166 South High Street, Akron, OH 44308.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chairperson Bollas thanked the presenters for coming to the meeting and answering questions pertaining to their grant application. He then adjourned the meeting for the presenters so the Executive Committee could discuss the applications and make recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Petranic  
Secretary