

**SUMMIT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
March 17, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Robert Ross, Chairperson (P)
Inspector Bill Holland (P)
Valerie De Rose
Deborah Matz (P)
Chief David Calderone (P)
Jill Skapin (P)
Michael Prebonick (A)
Dale Panovich (P)
Al Bollas (P)
Fred Zuch (P)
Heidi Swindell (A)

MEMBERS ABSENT

ALTERNATES, GUEST AND STAFF

Tommy Smoot (S)
Carly Lange (S)
Chief Paul Moledor (G)
Capt. Steve Groves (G)
Malinda Sampsell (G)
Lori Kossick (G)
Phil McLean (G)

GRANT APPLICATION PRESENTATIONS

**AKRON POLICE DEPARTMENT –
PORTABLE PREPAREDNESS KITS for LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Malinda Sampsell of the Akron Police Department presented an application for portable preparedness kits for front line officers for the Akron Police Department, Summit County Sheriff's Office and the University of Akron Police Department.

Ms. Sampsell explained that the portable preparedness kits include bolt cutters, active shooter bags and basic first aid kits.

Ms. Sampsell explained the need for these preparedness kits for law enforcement based on the Virginia Tech incident in 2007 when officers were unable to access victims within the building due to chains on the doors. Law enforcement are the first to respond to incident and these kits will allow front line officers to responde quicker and more effectively to an incident.

The request is for \$10,006.00 to purchase fourteen (14) sets for the Akron Police

Department, thirteen (13) sets for the Summit County Sheriff's Office and eleven (11) bags and three (3) bolt cutters for the University of Akron Police Department.

Ms. Skapin asked if other departments carried similar equipment.

Ms. De Rose stated that the Domestic Preparedness Steering Committee has recently approved mini-tool kits, including bolt cutters to be distributed to all law enforcement agencies throughout Summit County.

Mr. Zuch noted that the University of Akron Police Department is requesting a high number of kits.

Captain Prebonick stated that incidents often take place at universities. Chief Callahan of the University of Akron Police Department sees the need for each vehicle to be equipped.

Chairperson Ross asked how the Akron Police Department will proceed if funding is not awarded for this project.

Ms. Sampsell stated that although this is a need across law enforcement, it is currently not in the budget. A significant amount of grant funding at this point is being used to support salaries of officers.

Captain Prebonick stated that officers are often forced to buy their own equipment.

Ms. De Rose asked if partial funding will be able to be able with this request.

Ms. Sampsell stated that anything would help. The requested numbers are ideal, but any funding would be used effectively for all departments.

Chairperson Ross inquired if there are any other requests for other funding at this time.

Ms. Sampsell stated that there are not other requests for funding at this time.

Captain Prebonick noted that he recently attended a training with Chief Callahan where they determined that this was a gap in the response of their respective departments.

C.A.R.E. – Rescue Equipment

Lori Kossick of C.A.R.E, County Animal Rescue and Evacuation provided an overview of the organization in Summit County. She stated that a need for animal rescue and evacuation was determined during Hurricane Katrina.

Ms. Kossick stated that C.A.R.E. currently works with Red Cross and Emergency Management in Summit, Medina and Lorain counties.

C.A.R.E. is requesting equipment necessary for on-site shelters: generator; trailer; tent; kennels; t-card system; identification bands for animals; incident command set; capture equipment and PPE.

Mayor Bollas inquired about a breakdown of the items and costs.

Ms. Kossick stated that a breakdown of equipment was not provided. Needs would be based on the amount of funding received.

Ms. Kossick prioritized needs at this point as a trailer, tent and generator.

Mayor Bollas asked if partial funding would assist in meeting the needs of C.A.R.E.

Ms. Kossick stated that any funding would help.

Inspector Holland suggested that it would be helpful to see a list of equipment prioritized.

Ms. De Rose suggested that Ms. Kossick submit a list of equipment prioritized with cost estimates.

Ms. Kossick stated that she will have that information within one week. She stated that a trailer and a tent are the two most important items at this time.

Mr. Zuch inquired if a trailer would only respond within Summit County.

Ms. Kossick reported that the trailer would only respond within Summit County.

Ms. Panovich asked if a trailer would be used as storage or to respond on-scene.

Ms. Kossick stated that a trailer would be used for both functions.

Chairperson Ross inquired on how the trailer would be transported.

Ms. Kossick stated that the co-founders all have four-wheel drive with towing capacity.

Ms. Skapin inquired about any mutual aide with veterinarians.

Ms. Kossick stated that annually C.A.R.E. sends out a letter to all vets looking for any type of assistance. C.A.R.E. then works with those doctors that reply to the letter.

Chairperson Ross asked what would happen if no funding is provided.

Ms. Kossick stated that C.A.R.E. will continue to seek donations and fundraising and continue to work with what they have.

Chairperson Ross asked if there are any other funding requests out at this time.

Ms. Kossick stated no.

SUMMIT COUNTY SPECIAL OPERATIONS RESPONSE TEAMS – HAZMAT RESPONSE VEHICLE

Chief Paul Moledor, Director of Operations provided a brief overview of the Summit County Special Operations Response Team and the services provided.

Captain Groves stated that the Summit County Special Operations Response Team is requesting a replacement of a hazmat response vehicle.

Currently the hazmat response vehicle at Akron Fire Station 4 is a 1993 heavy rescue truck with significant mechanical problems. There is currently no capital improvement money through the County or the City to replace the vehicle.

The Summit County Special Operations Response Team Executive Board has been working with the elected officials regarding a purchasing plan for the vehicle.

The request is for funding from the grant to assist in the purchase of a used heavy rescue vehicle from Copley Township. This vehicle will cost \$150,000.00 and is in good condition with low mileage. This vehicle is not quite large enough but it can work.

SORT intends to use grant funding, along with carryover budget and some money from the City of Akron, as well as some additional grant money to purchase this vehicle.

If additional funding becomes available, the money may be used to purchase a new, larger vehicle rather than the used heavy rescue vehicle from Copley Township.

It was stated that this vehicle will only be used for hazmat responses. It will be a County vehicle, stored at Akron Fire Station 4. Any funding will assist in the purchase of this vehicle.

Mr. Zuch inquired about why the Copley truck is available.

Chief Moledor stated that Copley Fire Department is not in need of a heavy rescue vehicle. They are in need of an additional engine. They were originally looking to trade the vehicle in for a new engine but Copley Fire has agreed to sell it if the vehicle meets the need for the new hazmat response vehicle.

Mr. Zuch asked how the price was determined.

Chief Moledor stated that the vehicle was appraised based on the fair market trade value.

Chief Calderone stated that the funding request is to replace the 1992 vehicle at Station 4. He asked about the mention of any additional vehicle.

Chief Moledor stated that a vehicle replacement plan has been developed through 2020.

Mr. Zuch asked if there would be an additional expense to modify the vehicle.

Chairperson Ross stated that there may be some expense is reconfiguring the compartments and changing the lettering of the vehicle however the City of Akron has made the commitment to handle those expenses.

Chief Moledor reinforced the County and the City working together for a regional approach.

Ms. De Rose stated that Summit County was recently typed as a Type I response for hazmat throughout the State and redundancy is a major component of the typing.

UNIVERSITY OF AKRON – SUMMIT COUNTY SAFETY VILLAGE

Phil McLean of the University of Akron presented a request for funding to support a unified approach to training for all emergency services.

Ms. McLean reviewed the scope of the project for such a training center and the following supporting agencies: Edwin Shaw; Summit County Police Chiefs Association; Summit County Fire Chief's Association; City of Akron Police and Fire; Summit County Sheriff's Office; SWAT Teams; Summit County Special Operations Response Team; Medina and Cuyahoga Career Centers.

The Safety Village will offer basic certification, advanced training – multijurisdictional, National Incident Management System training, a shooting range, live fire training and driver training.

A local training facility will eliminate travel and personnel costs associated with attending outside trainings and will assist in meeting continuing education requirements.

Mr. McLean stated that a business plan has been developed to bring everything together and make the program work.

Mr. McLean provided a comparison of the facility to other current facilities across the country.

The current request is for \$11,500.00 to design the facility and determine the necessary planning for all partners to know where to start with the facility.

Ms. McLean stated that the Safety Village is closer in the planning process than ever before; however they have never reached out for any other grant funding for planning.

Chairperson Ross asked if partial funding would be beneficial for the program.

Mr. McLean stated that any funding would assist in the planning process for the facility.

Mr. Zuch inquired if this was a direct function of the University of Akron.

Ms. McLean stated that the University of Akron has already invested a significant amount of money on this project.

Mr. Zuch inquired if the money would truly help bring move this project further.

Mr. McLean stated that phase development is key to know where to start and what it will take

to complete the process.

NEXT MEETING

Chairperson Ross stated the next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., at the Emergency Operations Center, Akron Municipal Building-Basement Level, 166 South High Street, Akron, OH 44308.**

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie De Rose
Secretary