

SCSORT EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

October 30, 2001

Board Member

Chief Steven Groves
Dist. Chief Marcus Moore
Dr. David Hoover

Members Absent

Annette Petranic
Chief James Paulett

Staff/Guest

Sharon Ulman (S)
Capt. Steve Wood
Lt. Fred Jackson
Capt. Keith Moore

The meeting of the Summit County Special Operations Response Teams (SCSORT) Executive Board was called to order, by Chairperson, Chief Steven Groves, on Tuesday, October 30, 2001, at 1:53 p.m., in the Emergency Operations Center, 166 South High Street, Akron, OH 44308.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Groves reviewed all correspondence received since the last SCSORT meeting, which was held on September 25, 2001.

Chief Groves stated a resolution was received reappointing Chief Paulett to the SCSORT Executive Board.

Chief Groves further commented that the purpose listed on this resolution is not correct as this resolution only identifies the Technical Rescue Operation Team. The Summit County Hazardous Materials Response Team is not listed. Therefore, the Executive Board deemed this resolution incorrect.

Dr. Hoover made a motion to write a "To Whom It May Concern" letter in order to have the purpose that is listed on the resolution corrected; District Chief Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Chief Groves stated an application to join the TROT Team, water component, was received from Stan Bindas.

District Chief Moore made a motion to accept Mr. Bindas' application; Dr. Hoover seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

A thank you letter was received from John Sullivan, Tallmadge Fire Department, regarding the recent Rail Car/HazMat Emergency Course, which was held at the University of Findlay.

Chief Groves stated a letter was received from Captain Keith Moore, Copley Fire Department, in regard to the possibility of the HazMat Team being called for an out of county response by such entities as the Statewide Emergency Response Plan and/or within the interdivisional MABAS Program.

Chief Groves stated that he and Chief Ezzie have had a discussion, in the past, regarding this situation.

Dr. Hoover requested that a discussion on this matter be held during this meeting among the Executive Board.

District Chief Moore made a motion to approve the minutes as mailed; Dr. Hoover seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

HAZ-MAT DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

Captain Wood presented the Haz-Mat Director of Operations Report.

Captain Wood stated November's training would be Weapons of Mass Destruction-Medical. December's training will consist of a chemistry review.

Captain Wood informed the Board of the CAMEO Conference, which will be held in Baltimore, MD in December 2001.

Captain Wood gave a reminder that all HazMat Team members must have their physicals completed by December 31, 2001.

Captain Wood reviewed all TAT calls within the last month.

Captain Wood reviewed the items that are listed on the Blue Sheet. He gave the Blue Sheet to Chief Groves for his signature.

Dr. Hoover made a motion to approve the Blue Sheet; District Chief Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Dr. Hoover inquired if any of the fire departments have a procedure for dealing with anthrax.

Captain Wood responded a majority of the departments do not have a procedure in place.

Captain Wood stated some of the departments were not aware that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had stated that anthrax **is not** a HazMat incident. He added some of the TAT calls this past month were handled as an educational process.

Chief Groves informed the Board that legislation passed on October 15, 2001, authorizing \$25,000 toward the purchase of a truck for the Summit County Special Operations Response Teams.

Chief Groves stated consideration is being made in purchasing two trucks from Wise International. All of the paperwork and corresponding information for this purchase has been forwarded to the Emergency Management Agency.

Chief Grove stated Mr. Oberuch has indicated all purchasing information for the trucks has been given to Board for Control for final consideration.

Chief Groves stated that, to date, there have been no applications received for the Haz-Mat Director of Operations position. He added a discussion might be in order to determine what is to be done should this situation persist.

TROT DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

Lt. Jackson presented the TROT Director of Operations Report.

Lt. Jackson informed Captain Moore that he would fax him a current list of TAT members.

Lt. Jackson stated the Awareness/Operations classes have been established. He informed the Board the courses would be held at the following locations: Green, Tallmadge, Macedonia and Bath. Each location will host 2 sessions of the course; half of the training will be held in the daytime and the other half will be held in the evening.

Lt. Jackson stated these courses would run from January 2002 through March 2002.

Lt. Jackson asked the Board if they wanted to make a firm date in January 2002 for the Standard Operating Guide meeting to be held.

District Chief Moore stated it was his understanding the meeting date could not be set due to the changes in the SOG being incomplete.

Chief Groves inquired about the changes in the HazMat Standard Operation Guide.

Captain Wood replied Roy Wilkerson, Akron Fire Department, is working on finalizing the changes in the HazMat SOG.

Lt. Jackson informed the Board of the results from the Structural Collapse course, which was held on October 18 and 19, 2001.

Chief Groves stated a proposal for SCSORT funding issues would be presented at the Summit County Fire Chiefs' Association meeting on October 31, 2001. This proposal is the end result of a retreat held recently among the Summit County Fire Chiefs.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Due to Mr. Oberuch's absence, no Financial Report was presented.

MEDICAL REPORT

Due to Dr. McMullen's absence, no medical report was presented.

Chief Groves informed the Board the Emergency Management Agency's Special Projects Grant Application is due on Thursday, November 1, 2001. He reviewed the requests, totaling \$54,000, listed on the application. This request is broken down into three items:

- 1) Approximately \$30,000 to continue purchasing 800 MHz portable radios;
- 2) \$10,000 to conduct a weeklong training, for thirty (30) individuals, on masonry structural collapse and rescue; and
- 3) \$14,000 for supplemental logistical and operational expenses for TROT.

Chief Groves passed the application around the room for those present to review.

Dr. Hoover made a motion to approve and submit the grant application, as written; District Chief Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Chief Groves informed the Board he had received a letter from Mayor Plusquellic inviting him to attend the Biological Tabletop Drill on November 1, 2001. He asked if anyone else in the group had received this letter.

All present responded negatively.

Chief Groves stated he had called Emergency Management to inform them he could not attend. Therefore, he inquired who would be a suitable replacement. He was told only a member of the Executive Board could go as a replacement.

Since no Board member, who was present, could accommodate this request, Chief Groves stated Chief Paulett would be contacted as a replacement.

NEXT MEETING

Chief Groves stated the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, November 20, 2001, at 1:30 p.m., at the Emergency Operations Center, Akron Municipal Building, Basement Level, 166 South High Street, Akron, Ohio 44308.**

District Chief Moore made a motion to adjourn; Dr. Hoover seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business to come before the SCSORT Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CHIEF JAMES PAULETT
Secretary

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Attachments

cc: File