

# SCSORT EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

## June 19, 2001

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<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff/Guest</u>
Chief Steven Groves District Chief Marcus Moore Chief James Paulett	Annette Petranic Dr. David Hoover	Captain Steve Wood Sharon Ulman (S) Dr. Mary Jo McMullen Lt. Fred Jackson

Chairperson, Chief Steven Groves, called the meeting of the Summit County Special Operations Response Teams (SCSORT) Executive Board to order, on Tuesday, June 19, 2001, at 1:42 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 May 15, 2001, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Chief Paulett made a motion to accept the May 15, 2001, minutes as mailed; District Chief Moore seconded the motion.

Chief Groves commented that he had requested at the last meeting that all information pertaining to the Land of Lakes incident be included with the May 15, 2001 minutes. Although the information was mailed with the minutes, it is not reflected in the May 15, 2001 minutes that this was at the request of Chief Groves.

Ms. Ulman stated she would change the minutes to reflect Chief Groves' request.

Chief Paulett made an amended motion to accept the May 15, 2001 minutes; District Chief Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chief Groves asked Ms. Ulman if any correspondence had been sent to Land of Lakes to resolve the ongoing issue of payment for responding to an incident at the Land of Lakes facility.

Ms. Ulman stated the situation had not been discussed with her by either Ms. Petranic or Mr. Oberuch.

Chief Groves initiated a discussion on how to proceed to resolve the Land of Lakes issue.

Chief Groves stated he was under the impression that contact and/or correspondence had been sent to Portage County, the City of Kent and the County's Executive's office on the status of this situation. He added if correspondence has been sent to these parties, he has not seen it.

Chief Paulett commented that he understood that a letter was written to the Trustees or the County Commissioner.

Dr. McMullen interjected that a request was made to have a letter sent and that the Summit County's legal department become involved.

District Chief Moore stated he believes it is up to Summit County to see that this bill is taken care of.

Captain Wood asked if Mr. Oberuch has stated that Land of Lakes requested a meeting to discuss this matter.

Dr. McMullen stated Land of Lakes has made contact and requested a meeting with the Summit County Emergency Management Agency. She asked Ms. Ulman if a date had been set for this meeting.

Ms. Ulman responded she was not privy to that information so she could not answer Dr. McMullen's question.

Chairperson Groves asked the Board if they want to "take this matter upstairs" and send a letter to the Executive's Legal Counsel or wait until the meeting takes place before any measures are taken.

Dr. McMullen stated it is her opinion that the Board should wait until the meeting takes place. She added that it is very important that at least one member of the Emergency Management Agency and one member of the Summit County Special Operations Response Teams Executive Board attend this meeting. If correspondence is not being sent, there could be an issue that is not clear to the SCSORT Executive Board.

Chief Groves asked the Board if they wanted to be notified of the meeting date. Everyone responded affirmatively.

Chief Paulett requested Ms. Ulman to notify Ms. Petranic of the questions Chief Groves has pertaining to the Land of Lakes situation.

District Chief Moore made a motion to send a letter to the Executive's Legal Counsel to obtain cost recovery for the Land of Lakes incident; Chief Paulett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **HAZ-MAT DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT**

Captain Wood began the Haz-Mat Director of Operations Report by informing the Board of upcoming training sessions. June's training session would be held on June 30, 2001 at the FirstMerit Operations Center. The August training session involves Mass Decontamination Rehabilitation. It is scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup> at Tallmadge Fire Department and August 21<sup>st</sup> at Fairlawn Fire Department.

Captain Wood stated the Oilfield Emergency Response Training, which will be a two-day session, on August 24-26, 2001, at the Wayne County Fire & Rescue Association Regional Training Facility in Apple Creek, Ohio.

The September training is tentatively scheduled for September 29, 2001 at Van Waters and Rogers in Twinsburg, Ohio. This will be an LEPC Drill.

Captain Wood informed the Board of a Recall Notice from Midland Brake Company that was received regarding the brake system on Unit 3816.

Captain Wood stated the generator has been installed in Unit 3846.

Captain Wood reviewed the items listed on the Blue Sheet, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Captain Wood stated the next Zone Coordinator's meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2001 at Bath Fire Department.

Captain Wood stated he received a "Train the Trainer" course announcement dealing with meth-amphetamine labs, which is scheduled for August 8-9, 2001.

District Chief Moore stated this course has had a large amount of interest shown by the Summit County Sheriff's Department and the Akron Police Department. He added this class could be brought here to Akron and the Summit County HazMat Team could be the hosts.

Dr. McMullen stated she was under the impression that the individuals who signed up for this class had to be HazMat Technicians. Therefore, the Sheriff and Police Departments would not be eligible.

District Chief Moore stated a select few (i.e. Sgt. Phister, etc.) are HazMat Technicians. He added the Ohio Fire Academy told him that if they had a significant amount of trained firefighters signed up, they wouldn't put them in the same classroom with police officers.

Dr. McMullen inquired if it was worthwhile to bring this course to Akron. This response should be subject to the number of HazMat Technicians that have shown interest. She

added the class that the technicians are being trained to teach is a four-hour Awareness class.

Chief Paulett inquired as to what problems the Sheriff's Department is having with the 800 MHz radios.

Dr. McMullen stated a problem came up at the Council meeting on June 18, 2001, before the radios could be addressed.

District Chief Moore replied the Sheriff's Department had issues pertaining to the HazMat Team using their frequency.

Chief Groves stated the Blue Sheet would be put on hold.

Chief Groves stated he has received a memo requesting the additional of Rod Yoder and Paul Amonett to the Henry Bierce HazMat account, a copy of which is attached hereto.

## **TROT DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT**

Lt. Jackson presented the TROT Director of Operations Report. He began by informing the Board that the equipment has been transferred from the light duty trailer to the heavy-duty trailer.

Lt. Jackson stated Mr. Oberuch had problems purchasing some items at Home Depot and Lowe's as their accounting system does not match up with county purchase orders. He added the problems have been resolved since that incident.

A discussion ensued as to what to do with the Suburban that used to house the TROT equipment.

District Chief Moore made a motion to designate the Suburban as surplus and through EMA, send it to the auction; Chief Paulett seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Lt. Jackson stated he contacted Chief Groves and Mr. Oberuch to notify them of the canceled TROT SOG meeting. He added District Chief Moledor did not wish to make any changes to the TROT SOG regarding the trench and structural sections; the other director also did not have any corrections or changes to make. Therefore, the meeting was canceled.

Lt. Jackson stated it might be a good idea to just have the SOG meeting quarterly.

Lt. Jackson informed the Board that trench training is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Chief Paulett asked Lt. Jackson if there was going to be any TROT trainings scheduled this summer.

Lt. Jackson answered that he had asked Lt. Carney and Lt. Peddle to create training for July/August that would jointly relate to rope and water rescue.

In September/October, the training should deal with confined space. Chief Black would create this training.

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

District Chief Moore made a motion to open an account at Lowe's for the HazMat team to purchase miscellaneous supplies and to add Paul Amonett and Rod Yoder to the authorized buyer's list for the Henry Bierce and Lowe's account; Chief Paulett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Due to Mr. Oberuch's absence, the Financial Report was handed out with the agenda before the start of the meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Chief Groves stated he could not answer inquiries regarding the financial report.

District Chief Moore made a motion to accept the Financial Report, as stated; Chief Paulett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **MEDICAL REPORT**

Dr. McMullen began her medical report by inquiring of Ms. Ulman if her trip is going to be reimbursed.

Ms. Ulman answered the voucher went upstairs this morning and the check would be mailed to her home.

Dr. McMullen received a request from the Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department regarding required department physicals through Work Wise. This affects some of the individuals who are scheduled to have a physical for the HazMat team. She contacted Work Wise to obtain releases authorizing copies of their physical results to be sent to her.

Dr. McMullen reiterated that if anyone has any problems with their physicals, please contact her immediately.

Dr. McMullen mentioned there is a CD, "Managing Hazardous Materials" from ASTDR, available on the market.

Dr. McMullen asked Chief Groves if he could obtain a copy for the Board to review. She added the CD would either be free or have a minimal cost attached.

Chief Paulett asked Dr. McMullen the cost of the physical for the HazMat team.

Dr. McMullen responded the physicals cost \$215.00 for a basic physical. If a chest x-ray, EKG or other testing is required, there is an additional cost. A chest x-ray is needed every 5 years and the EKG is needed every 5 years if the individual is over the age of 40.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Chief Groves stated the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, July 17, 2001, at 1:30 p.m., at the Emergency Operations Center, Akron Municipal Building, 166 South High Street, Akron, Ohio 44308.**

After a brief discussion, it was decided that the next meeting should be held on **Tuesday, July 31, 2001 at 1:30 p.m.**

District Chief Moore made a motion to adjourn; Chief Paulett 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 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CHIEF JAMES PAULETT  
Secretary

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Attachments

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