

**SCSORT EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES**  
**February 8, 2010**

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Board Member

Captain Steven Groves  
Valerie De Rose  
Chief Jim Paulett  
Phil McLean  
Captain Clarence Tucker

Members Absent

Staff/Guest

Tommy Smoot  
Chief Paul Moledor  
Carly Lange

The meeting of the Summit County Special Operations Response Teams (SCSORT) Executive Board was called to order, by Chairperson Steven Groves, on Wednesday, February 8, 2010, at 1:40 p.m., in the Emergency Operations Center, 166 South High St. Akron, OH 44308.

**CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairperson Groves reviewed the letters sent to the applicants of the Special Teams Planner position, advising that the position was filled. The letters were signed by the Summit County Special Operations Response Team Executive Board and the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Chairperson Groves reviewed the correspondence from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, advising that the 2008-2009 Search and Rescue Capability Grant will not be reimbursed due to accounting issues with the originally voided to check, not cashed within the allotted time.

Mr. McLean made a motion to approve the January 20, 2010 minutes; Ms. De Rose seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**TAT Calls/Incident Reports**

Chairperson Groves stated that we have not received any TAT calls.

**SORT Standard Response – Out of County**

Chairperson Groves reviewed the out-of-county structural collapse call that took place today.

He stated that two people were trapped in a home in Sharon Center in Medina County.

The Summit County Sheriff's Office was notified that there may be a need for the Region 5 Search and Rescue Team to respond and a page went out advising of the incident.

Medina was able to handle the incident and Chief Moledor worked with the Summit County Sheriff's Office to send out a page that there was no need for the Region 5 team to respond.

Chairperson Groves stated that in the event that the Region 5 Team was activated, the call should have gone through the State, as the Team is a state asset.

Chief Moledor provided a review of the call-out policy for the Region 5 Search and Rescue Team.

### **SharePoint Site**

Mr. Smoot stated that he will be looking into a user manual or help screen to assist with the development of the SharePoint Site.

Chairperson Groves is currently facing challenges with adding links to the site.

### **Special Teams Planner**

Ms. De Rose stated that the Special Teams Planner contract will be introduced at Council tonight and taken to Committee on February 22, 2010. The contract should be passed on March 1, 2010. At that point, the contract can be signed and Mr. Miller can begin working.

Ms. De Rose stated that she is still working on revising the contract with Mr. Miller. She is also working on timesheets for the Special Teams Planner.

Ms. De Rose reported that Mr. Miller plans to attend the next Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting, February 18, 2010.

Chairperson Groves stated that it is his understanding that Mr. Gauer is very upset about the outcome of the position.

Chairperson Groves asked Captain Tucker if he received any feedback from the applicants from the City of Akron.

Captain Tucker stated that the applicants from the City of Akron understood the decision; however they suggested that the interview process was overwhelming with the number of people included.

There was further discussion regarding the interview process. It was determined that it worked well with both Committees involved.

## **Instructor Techs**

Ms. De Rose stated that she is currently working on the contract with the University of Akron.

## **SORT DISPATCH**

Chairperson Groves reported that WENS is currently available to the Branch Directors.

## **STATE TACs**

### *Hazmat TAC*

Chairperson Groves stated that the Hazmat TAC now has a new chairperson, Mark Veters.

Chairperson Groves reviewed the current Region 5 grants. He stated that there is approximately \$4,000 - \$5,000 remaining in FY07 funding.

The Advisory Committee is looking to meet and ensure that the funding is spent.

### *USAR TAC*

Chief Moledor reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 12, 2010. They are currently working on the paperwork for the classes.

### *Water TAC*

Chief Moledor stated the Water TAC is currently going through the site verification process.

Chief Moledor stated that operations and technicians swift water classes have recently been approved by the Department of Justice.

Mr. McLean reviewed the recent Animal Rescue class that was held at the University of Akron: January 9 had 19 people, January 16 had 31 people and January 23 had 28 people for a total of 78 people trained.

Mr. McLean stated that the February 6 class was cancelled due to the weather and is looking to be rescheduled March 6 in Medina. At this point, no one from the south water zone has attended the training.

Chief Moledor discussed concerns regarding TAT Calls and the request that TAT calls only be made by technicians.

Chief Moledor stated that the Summit County Fire Chief's Association is concerned with the level of training provided to make a TAT call.

Chief Moledor stated that he advised the Summit County Fire Chief's Association that each department is responsible for their own training for hazmat. The Special Operations Response Team does not provide that training.

Chief Moledor suggested providing an SOG and a copy of the 18-hour training requirements to each department to address the concern of hazmat training, as well as the recommendation to work with their in-house technician.

Chairperson Groves stated that not every department has an in-house technician.

Chairperson Groves reviewed the Emergency Management Special Projects grant. He stated that the Special Operations Response Team has been requested to prioritize the list of the requests, as well as differentiate between a side-scan sonar and a scan sonar.

The application is due March 1, 2010.

Chief Moledor stated that the Codified Ordinance has been adopted by Summit County Council. It is now necessary to apply for an FDID number from the state.

Chief Moledor stated that he will get the contact information for the Executive Board to send a letter of request for a number.

Chairperson Groves mentioned the requirement of electronic reporting.

Ms. De Rose stated that a system can be housed in the Emergency Management Agency office, available to the Special Teams Planner for input.

Ms. De Rose asked if the request for an FDID number should come from the County Executive.

Chairperson Groves advised that the letter should come from the Executive.

Chief Paulett inquired about any movement with leadership of the dive teams.

Chief Moledor stated that he has been working with Chief Evans from the City of Akron. A meeting has been scheduled for February 17 at 1:30 pm. Chief Goodrich, Chief Moledor, Chief Evans, Chief Calderone, Chief Jackson and Jon Carney will be involved in this meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairperson Groves stated that the current training records are a mess.

Chairperson Groves stated that Twinsburg Fire Department is unsure of the direction they will move in, with regard to special operations training.

Chairperson Groves anticipates other departments having the same concerns.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Smoot provided an updated financial report for the Summit County Special Operations Response Team.

Ms. Lange reviewed the 2010 carryover amount for the Summit County Special Operations Response Team as \$123,928.00.

Captain Tucker made a motion to appropriate \$5,000.00 into training and travel and \$118,928.00 into materials, totaling \$123,928.00 in carryover funds; Chief Paulett made a motion to approve the appropriations. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. McLean made a motion to approve the \$16,500.00 budgeted under contract services to support the joint effort with the Emergency Management Agency and the Local Emergency Planning Committee to fund the Special Teams Planner and the Instructor Techs; Chief Paulett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. De Rose reviewed the upcoming hazmat trainings with the 52<sup>nd</sup> Civil Support Team and Whistle Stop. The Local Emergency Planning Committee will be supporting the food for the trainings, pending a vote of the Executive Board.

Chairperson Groves reported that the 52<sup>nd</sup> Civil Support Team requested that the Summit County Hazmat Team participate in the February 25<sup>th</sup> simulated bio-lab training.

## **DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT**

Chief Moledor reported that the Command Staff is scheduled to meet Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 10:30 am.

Chief Moledor stated that the original approval for Interspiro was \$2,500.00; however the actual price is \$3,104.21.

Chief Paulett made a motion to approve the additional \$604.21 for Interspiro; Captain Tucker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chief Moledor stated that Summit County Emergency Management Agency is administering the 2009-2010 Search and Rescue Capability grant for Region 5. The award amount is \$9,000.00. It is necessary to determine how this funding will be spent.

Chief Moledor stated that the Command Staff will discuss the purchase requests for this grant at their next meeting.

Chief Moledor stated that Region 5 is looking to get an additional \$42,650.00 in grant funding to support search and rescue. Summit County Emergency Management Agency has agreed to administer this grant.

Chief Moledor stated that he is working with Mel House, pending the notice of award.

Chief Moledor stated that the 8 – 1 hour SCBA bottles need hydro-tested.

Mr. Smoot will get a price for this and provide an e-mail vote for approval.

Chief Moledor stated that the Water SOG is ready to go, however it is been held to include a section on animal rescue.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Nothing new to add to the good of the order.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Chairperson Groves stated the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for **March 8, 2010 at 1:30 p.m., at the Emergency Operations Center, Akron Municipal Building, Basement Level, 166 South High Street, Akron, Ohio 44308.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Captain Tucker made a motion to adjourn; Ms. De Rose seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

CHIEF JAMES PAULETT  
Secretary

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