

SCSORT EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
July 12, 2010

Board Member

Captain Clarence Tucker
Valerie De Rose
Phil McLean
Chief Jim Paulett

Members Absent

Captain Steven Groves

Staff/Guest

Chris Miller
Chief Paul Moledor
Chief Fred Jackson
Chief Robert Ross
Sharon McMurray
Carly Lange

The meeting of the Summit County Special Operations Response Teams (SCSORT) Executive Board was called to order by Vice Chairperson Clarence Tucker, on Monday, July 12, 2010, at 1:37 p.m., in the Emergency Operations Center, 166 South High Street, Akron, OH 44308.

CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Vice Chairperson Tucker reviewed the letter from Steven Groves addressed to Law Department thanking them for their time and effort in revising the Codified Ordinance.

Vice Chairperson Tucker reviewed the minutes from June 14, 2010, meeting. Minutes were approved by Mr. McLean, seconded by Ms. De Rose, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

TAT Calls/Incident Reports

No new report.

SCSORT Standard Response – Out of County

Chief Moledor gave an overview of the recent structural collapse incident that took place at a sauerkraut factory in Fremont. This factory hired a company to do structural repairs to their roof, which resulted in the roof collapsing. All production people escaped; however, one person was trapped and there was one fatality. Board members discussed how the call was dispatched from SCSO. Initially, Region 6 was dispatched. Later, it was determined that Region 5 should respond. Chief Moledor stated overall things went well as they worked with Region 2 on this incident. Task was completed about 11:00 p.m. Mr. Richard Smith was in charge of Region 5 Task Force. There were no problems encountered on the Turnpike; Communication systems worked well.

Chief Moledor reviewed with board members various responses: 1) Scramble Response – Must be out of door in 30 minutes or less, with up to 24 hour deployment; After that

occurs, then 2) Conference bridge is done, coordinated by Ms. De Rose in which communications go out to all Fire Chiefs to review what resources are used, and 3) Standard Response – Given up to four (4) hours to leave and deploy up to 72 hours.

Ms. McMurray commented that when she heard of a possible incident, she notified the Chiefs. Ms. McMurray also distributed to board members a log of the pages that went out to Chiefs. There was some discussion about pages not getting out effectively. Ms. McMurray stated when using WENS Communication, she received 30 responses out of 90 pages. Ms. De Roses also stated that some team members are inappropriately calling Ms. McMurray and calling during the incident asking about updates. It was recommended that MERC fire 1 be used so that communication can go smoothly and consistently.

Mr. Miller asked about rebanding radios; Chief Moledor stated that they are still working on this matter countywide.

Chief Ross also commented that any changes made with radios will be at the expense of the owner.

Share Point Site

Mr. Miller stated he contacted MIS Department and they gave him access to Share Point Site. He is able to review those accessing site and how often. Mr. Miller provided board members a Usage Report for the month of June, 2010. Mr. Miller stated he will provide board members a monthly report of users of the Share Point Site. He commented that to his knowledge, no Zone Coordinators have encountered problems accessing the site. Chief Moledor requested to meet with Mr. Miller regarding concerns he has received with site access to further discuss and resolve.

Mr. Miller asked board members' permission that he continues to put general notices for free training classes on site without having to receive Board approval first. Board members agreed that would be fine and felt the site should be promoted. All SOGs with disciplines are current and updated on site.

Instructor Technicians

Mr. McLean stated their year closed on June 30 and, therefore, he will send bill for payment.

SORT DISPATCH

Ms. McMurry commented that last month Copley Hazmat Drill went very well, especially with communications.

Ms. De Rose commented that she received the concurrence letter today on drill.

SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER

Mr. Miller is working with Todd Shafer in coordinating efforts to go to the 2010 Continuing Challenge in Sacramento, CA. Mr. Miller will present to the LEPC for permission and payment.

Mr. Miller contacted Georgia-Pacific twice with reference to their Bucket Brigade Grant, have not heard back from them to date. He will continue to make contact. He is also awaiting response from First Energy as well.

Mr. Miller brought to the board members attention that he noted text messages being made from both cell phones on Hazmat Trucks. One phone had seven messages, the other 37 messages. Mr. Miller stated he is not sure why text messaging would be necessary; however, he felt this matter should be addressed. Ms. De Rose stated that the first 200 messages are at no charge; however, if these are personal text messages, they will have to be reimbursed to the County at ten cent per text. Board members agreed to allow Mr. Miller to research the matter on cell phone text messaging.

STATE TACs

Hazmat TAC

Captain Tucker stated he was unable to attend due to his vacation.

USAR TAC

Captain Tucker advised board members that they are wrapping up typing visits.

On Friday, November 19, 2010, at Cuyahoga Falls Station 5, typing for hazard materials will be conducted. The intent is to all celebrate the 25th Anniversary.

There was some discussion about tee-shirts for Hazmat Team and Chief Moledor needs verification for final count.

Ms. De Rose agreed that she will delegate to her staff the coordination of meeting between Executive Board, Fire Chiefs and Summit County Zone Coordinators to finalize discussions on 25-year Anniversary.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McLean commented that three Ethanol Trainings were conducted, one on the 6/15, 6/22 & 6/29, at the Operating Engineers training facility. A total of 107 attendees were there. Overall, training went well. Training will not only be for Akron Fire Chiefs but will be opened up to others.

LEPC approved a Purchase Order for six (6) classes, not to exceed \$3000; however, quote submitted had only four (4) classes listed for the same price. Two more classes will be held in the fall.

Ms. De Rose advised board members that the drafted letter to be sent to the State Fire Marshall's Office has not yet been done. Once drafted, the letter will be reviewed by the Board prior to presenting for Executive Pry's signature.

Chief Moledor reviewed with board members a concept on how to disperse grant funds for Region 5 Collapse, Search & Rescue. The State of Ohio has given no guidance on how to disperse these funds. Initially, this concept was presented at the SCSORT Executive Special Meeting on June 28, 2010.

Chief Moledor proposed that the Business Agent be the Summit County Emergency Management Agency (SCEMA).

Chief Moledor stated that the Summit County Fire Chiefs have not been approached on this matter to date; however, he believes their input is necessary. Ms. De Rose suggested a meeting be scheduled in which all 13 counties will provide a representative to attend to review this concept. Ms. De Rose also stated that she did briefly speak with the Law Director on this matter.

Chief Moledor projected timeframe for this project to be at least a year.

Chief Ross did expressed concerns regarding this "democracy" approach in involving all 13 counties that this may result in other problems and concerns surfacing.

Board members suggested that Chief Moledor continue working on his concept and fine tune it so that it can be presented at the next Summit County Fire Chief's meeting in August.

A discussion followed regarding the lettering on SAR tee-shirts. The tee-shirt will read: "Region 5, Collapse Search & Rescue, Summit County" (Medina County shirts will read the same, except it will state "Medina County"). Summit County will pay for the cost of their shirts from the county budget.

The shirts will be reflective gray in color, outlined in gray and white. Chief Paulett made a motion to approve the shirts; Ms. De Rose seconded motion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. De Rose stated that \$15,000 will only be for our Search & Rescue, will not be used for Hazmat.

Mr. Miller reviewed blue sheets with board members. Blue sheet for printer/fax for Hazmat Vehicle had been signed and approved; Three-year gas ID Partnership Program was put on hold until Grant funding is determined. Official quote for this program is \$10,500. Board members requested that Mr. Miller continue to work on identifying which grant this expense should be taken from, and to email board members his findings. SCBA bottles increased to 29 bottles instead of 14 at \$22 per bottle. Mr. Miller will submit another email to let all board members know the number has increased.

Mr. Miller is still working on purchasing equipment from the Technical Rescue Grant. Captain Groves sent him an email asking for purchase orders for Wal-Mart and Lowes, since there was no quorum to vote, board members suggested that Mr. Miller do an email vote.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

Chief Moledor shared thank you letter from Tim Gemind, President SCFCA, for how the Board handled revising the "Water SOG Revision".

Chief Moledor gave Mr. Miller gas receipts for fuel usage.

Chief Moledor advised board members that Chief Robert Calderone, Green, will make a permanent donation of 30 units for T-Pass System to SORT Team. Chief Moledor stated he would like a thank you to go to Chief Calderone from the SORT Board for his generous donation.

Chief Moledor also commented on recent training in May in Cuyahoga Falls. His only recommendation is that they improve in getting information in.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief Tucker reviewed the Budget Summary and expressed concern regarding negative \$28.58 showing for FY10 Statewide Search and Rescue. Chief Tucker stated that money may have to be moved from another account to remedy this deficit.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chief Paulett made motion to adjourn meeting. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

NEXT MEETING

Vice Chairperson Tucker stated the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for **August 09, 2010, at 1:30 p.m., at the Emergency Operations Center, Akron Municipal Building, Basement Level, 166 South High Street, Akron, Ohio 44308.**

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CHIEF JAMES PAULETT
Secretary

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