

**SCSORT EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES**  
**April 11, 2011**

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Board Member

Captain Clarence Tucker  
Captain Steven Groves  
Chief Tim Gemind  
Phil McLean  
Valerie De Rose

Staff/Guest

Chief Paul Moledor  
Chris Miller  
John Rutecki

Absent

Sharon McMurray

The meeting of the Summit County Special Operations Response Teams (SCSORT) Executive Board was called to order by Chairperson Steven Groves on Monday, May 9, 2011, at 1:35 p.m., in the Emergency Operations Center, 166 South High Street, Akron, OH 44308.

**CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Correspondence sent and received**

Letters from the SCSORT Executive Board are going to be mailed to new TROT members, Mr. Robert J. Gipson and Mr. David Dague.

V. De Rose submitted the Classification Study to CSX

S. Groves and V. De Rose spoke about how the memo sent to Budget and Finance Director Brian Nelsen to straighten out grant expenses. The funds had been posted to the wrong account. This was just an accounting item and the problem has been fixed.

**Approval of minutes – March 14, 2011**

P. McLean asked for the minutes to be changed on page 2 under the instructor/technician section requesting that it state that "there is a balance of \$23,235.51 in payment requests, for hours worked as instructor/technicians"

T. Gemind asked for a change on page 3 to correct the spelling of Mr. Dave Dague (Dagey to Dague).

Motion by L. McLean, seconded by T. Gemind to approve the minutes. Motion was unanimous with no abstentions.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**TAT Calls**

No calls

**SORT Standard Response**

S. Groves spoke about the 15-20 abandoned plastic containers located at Dr. McCluskey's office located at 754 S Cleveland Ave, Mogadore, Ohio 44260. 14 HAZMAT Technicians

responded to the incident. The substance was identified as paint. The State of Ohio EPA is to respond and pick it up. S. Groves recommended that cost recovery papers be prepared.

C. Tucker stated that in the past the bill has been sent to the property owner.

P. Moledor said we need to figure out if the incident occurred on the property. He asked if John Rutecki could look on GIS site.

J. Rutecki said that he would look into it.

### **SORT Standard Response – Out of County**

Nothing new.

### **SORT Team Website**

C. Miller is working on finishing up the Google Calendar for the website.

### **Instructor / Technicians**

P. McLean gave financial report stating that there is a remaining balance of \$22,334.35.

T. Gemind asked if it would help to give a deadline.

P. McLean stated it is an ongoing process and that we need to make people aware, as not enough people know about it.

C. Miller suggested raising wages as an incentive.

C. Tucker asked what it would take to raise the wage.

V. De Rose said that it would have to go to the LEPC Board

### **Dispatch**

V. De Rose wanted to know if anyone wanted to be part of the E.C.C. group. This would be a working group to setup policies

S. Groves stated that WENS maintenance is difficult.

P. Moledor says the list needs updated because it needs to contain the correct people to contact.

### **Planner Report**

C. Miller has been attending the meetings and did the newsletter. He also stated that the Side-Scan Sonar will be housed at Akron (currently in Cuyahoga Falls). He sent the training requirements to all departments as was requested. He is working on the blue sheets for grant requests to help streamline the process, but wanted some suggestions on changes.

S. Groves asked about blanket approval because before you needed a P.O. to cover.

P. Moledor suggested getting rid of the colored paper and having a check box section to designate grant (SORT funds, etc.). S. Groves agreed as they all work off of copies.

A discussion followed on the purchasing policy and how to streamline process. S. Groves would like some follow-up info, possibly a spreadsheet.

Sensor calibration was discussed with funds available, not to exceed \$5,000.00. P. McLean made motion and C. Tucker seconded. There were no abstentions.

The billing dispute with Praxair is ongoing. It has been referred to the county law department.

### **EMA Grants**

No update

### **State TAC's**

Haz-Mat: No Report

Tech Rescue: No Report

Water: No Report

### **Financial Report**

V. DeRose reported that the FY 08 HAZMAT funds are going to be used for Level 1 suits (\$2,600.00 remaining). FY 09 Region 5 used for research materials. SAR grant funds were reappropriated. Left over money is being awarded to SORT for vehicles.

A discussion about SORT per capita funding followed with V. De Rose stating that Akron's is going down and SORT's is going up.

A motion was made to make changes in per capita funding by C. Tucker and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> P. McLean. Motion carried with no abstentions.

### **Director of Operations Report**

Funds were used for 5 bio tests

### **Purchases (Blue/Green Sheets)**

Nothing beyond the previous discussion about streamlining the process.

### **Truck Committee**

S. Groves talked about meeting to design two trucks and wondered if there were any funds available.

V. De Rose has not been able to have further discussions with the County Executive for alternate funding sources.

S. Groves said there is approximately \$130,000 in carry over and wondered if he could go to Domestic Preparedness Committee for other money. A bare bones HAZMAT truck costs around \$350,000. He wants input from Akron on the design. He has not been quoted a price, but is giving a ballpark figure.

P. Moledor asked if there was an issue with asking for the other money from Domestic Preparedness and having that committee give what they are willing to.

T. Gemind thinks that the information should be given to the Domestic Preparedness Finance sub-committee with specific design and pricing.

### **General Information**

S. Groves made request for HAZMAT Training and who could pay for the training. He would like to send a doctor and two medics. C. Tucker thought LEPC funding would be the appropriate funding source

S. Groves wanted to make the Committee know that one of their trucks was having transmission problems and that there may be a need for a major repair.

A discussion of the purchasing Level 1 and Level 2 suits ensued and S. Groves would like to try and find a local vendor. He also wondered if the suits could be purchased in phases/tiers.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Chairperson Groves stated the next meeting is scheduled for **June 13, 2011 at 1:30 p.m., at the Emergency Operations Center, Akron Municipal Building, Basement Level, 166 South High Street, Akron, Ohio 44308.**

P. McLean made a motion to adjourn and C. Tucker seconded.

### **ADJOURNMENT @ 15:08**

John Rutecki  
Secretary

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cc: File