

# SCSORT NEWSLETTER

June 2003

## **TRAINING**

TROT will be holding a Structural Collapse Scenario, in Macedonia, on July 24 or 25, 2003, from 08:30 to 17:00. You only need to attend one day. Staging will be at Cuyahoga Falls Fire Station # 4, 3089 Northampton Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

There will be "Equipment Training" for TROT on June 19, 2003, at Cuyahoga Falls Fire Station #4, 3089 Northampton Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The HazMat Team will be conducting a drill on July 19, 2003, at PVS Chemical, in Copley, Ohio, from 08:00 to 12:00. A flier will be sent out with staging information.

**Any HazMat team member who is interested in attending the Homeland Security Great Lakes Region Conference (formally known as the Inland Spills Conference), in Sandusky, Ohio, Sunday, August 24-Wednesday, August, 26, 2003, contact Walt Hower, (330) 971-8400, no later than Friday, June 27, 2003.**

There will be a Water Rescue Branch training on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003, from 09:00 to 16:00, each day. It will be a lifting operations scenario at Firestone Country Club. Staging will be at Coventry Fire Department, 68 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, Ohio. **YOU ONLY NEED TO ATTEND ONE DAY.**

The HazMat Drill will be held on August 16, 2003, from 08:00 to 12:00, at PPG, in Barberton, Ohio. A flyer will be sent out with staging information.

The Hazardous Materials Team will be holding a training scenario on September 6, 2003. The Summit County Sheriffs Bomb Squad, 52<sup>nd</sup> Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team will be participating. This will be an all day scenario so mark your calendars accordingly.

Chagrin Southeast has invited the HazMat team to participate in an exercise in October. The potential dates are October 13<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>, during the day. As soon as a firm date is set, a flyer will be sent out.

In October, HazMat will once again begin classroom trainings. October 16<sup>th</sup> will be held at Stow Fire Department, from 19:00-21:00. October 21<sup>st</sup> will be held at Bath Fire Department, from 09:00 to 12:00. **NOTE: THIS IS A TIME CHANGE.** The topic will be Weapons of Mass Destruction.

A Committee has been formed to work on the application for the PUCO Grant. The committee is made up of Walt Hower, Lou Ann Metz, Dennis Evans, John Roth and Ron Breznak. If you have any ideas for transportation training, get the information to a committee member.

**CORRECTION:** On the web, the correct address address for HazMat training records is <http://www.co.summit.oh.us/executive/ema.htm>, click on Special Operations Response Teams, then click on Hazardous Materials Response Team Training Records. The user name is hazmat; the password hm3816.

The TROT training records are in the process of being added to the Summit County Emergency Management Agency web site.

If you have attended any training, that was not part of the TROT team training, please submit a copy of the training certificate to Mike Oberuch, at Summit County Emergency Management Agency. Hazardous Materials Team members fall under the same policy, but must submit their records to Dennis Evans. See below for policies adopted by the SCSORT Executive Board.

*Each team member will be responsible to submit a copy of their approved outside training to this office within 30 day of completion of said training. All in-house training records will be the responsibility of the lead instructor or coordinator to submit within 5 business days to the Summit County Emergency Management Agency. (The sign-in sheet for the course offered will be the record on file.)* Adopted February 23, 2003

### EMS

**REMINDER:** Physicals start in July for all HazMat team members. You can schedule an appointment at either the Stow or Fairlawn Med Centers. Your physical must be conducted by a physician. **A physical done by a Physician Assistant will not be accepted.** If you have any problems with your physical, notify Dr. McMullen in a timely manner (no more than 5 days after).

### SOG

The SOG updates will be distributed to team members in July 2003. Walt Hower will be bringing copies to each station to be handed out to all HazMat Team Members.

If you have not received a new copy of the SOG, contact Mike at Summit County Emergency Management Agency at (330) 643-2558.

### INCIDENTS

Akron had a mercury spill at a business. EPA was notified of the spill and the business owner was instructed on how to dispose of the mercury.

### GENERAL

If you have any ideas for the TROT web site, contact Chris Miller, at Stow Fire Department. He is in the process of gathering information for the county web site.

We have had a great response for the request for new team members. Once again, if you know of anybody that would like to join the Special Operations Response Teams (HazMat, Technical Rescue & Dive), have them contact Mike Oberuch, at Summit County Emergency Management, (330) 643-2558, for an application.

**If you have not had your picture taken for the new SCSORT ID, please send a digital photo to Mike Oberuch, at Summit County Emergency Management Agency, as soon as possible. E-mail is [moberuch@exec.summitoh.net](mailto:moberuch@exec.summitoh.net). The ID's are for all branches of Summit County Special Operations Response Team (HazMat, Water & Technical Rescue) We will begin producing ID's in July!**

### ZONE COORDINATORS MEETINGS

The next Hazardous Materials Zone Coordinators meeting will be July 14<sup>th</sup>, at 19:00, at Summit County Emergency Operations Center, 166 South High, Akron.

The next TROT Zone Coordinators meeting will be July 1<sup>st</sup>, at 1:30 p.m., at The Quirk Cultural Center 1201 Grant Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls.

The next Water Branch meeting will be July 1<sup>st</sup>, at 12:30 p.m., at The Quirk Cultural Center, 1201 Grant Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls.