

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO

James B. M^cCarthy, Executive

SCSORT NEWSLETTER

April 2005

Dennis Evans chaired the April HazMat meeting.

TRAINING

A "***Trench Rescue Refresher***" will be held April 14 -16, 2005, from 08:30 hrs. until 17:00 hrs., at the Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department Station #4, 3089 Northampton Road.

The "***Ohio Homeland Security Symposium & Trade Show***" will be held April 20-21, 2005 at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial in Columbus, OH

A "***LEPC Drill***" will be held on April 23, 2005, from 0800 hrs. until 1200 hrs., at Noveon, 240 W. Emerling Avenue, Akron, OH

A "***Rope Certification Course***" will be held May 9-13, 2005, from 08:00 hrs. until 17:00 hrs., at the Quirk Cultural Center, 1201 Grant Avenue. Please RSVP by April 22nd to Lt Jackson at 330-971-8400.

"***Advanced Radiological Response/Train-the-Trainer Class***" for HazMat Technicians", is scheduled for May 18-19, 2005 from 0800 hrs. until 1700 hrs., at the Akron Fire Department Union Hall, 161 Massillon Road.

The "***AAR/BOE Hazardous Materials Seminar***" will take place May 24 - 26, 2005 in the Weston Crown Center, Kansas City, MO.

The "***International Hazardous Materials Response Conference***" will take place June 2 – 5, 2005 in Hunt Valley, MD.

A "***Capping & Skills Exercise***" for HazMat Technicians", is scheduled for June 2005. Location and date will be announced at a later date.

GENERAL

Dennis Evans announced his resignation as the HazMat Director of Training and Information Coordinator. Thank you for all your work. Dennis will remain as a HazMat Branch Zone Coordinator.

A document on the HazMat ID deployment will be included in next year's SOG.

The Special Operations Response Team Region 5 USAR team has applied for a grant from the State of Ohio for equipment and training. The total requested was \$223,880.00

EQUIPMENT

The University of Nevada, Reno Fire Science Academy has received a U.S. Department of Energy grant to train more than 700 municipal and rural firefighters annually in industrial fire fighting techniques used to fight incidents often associated with terrorist threats. Training is by application only and open to all U.S. firefighters with NFPA 1001, Firefighter Level I or equivalent and two years of practical experience. For more information:

<http://fireacademy.unr.edu/grant.html>.

During the HazMat meeting, there was a review of approved equipment purchases and a discussion on current equipment utilization.

The SCSORT Board, with the 2004 Regional USAR grant, approved purchases of 800 Mhz radios and a mobile repeater system.

REMINDER:

REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL

SCSORT shall pay the necessary and reasonable expenses incurred by team members while on SCSORT Executive Board authorized travel for The Special Operation Response Teams. The purpose of the travel reimbursement form is to provide verification of expenses paid by a team member that were approved by the SCSORT Executive Board. The travel reimbursement form shall be completed within fifteen (15) working days after returning from the trip (team member(s) who have traveled must contact The Summit County Emergency Management Agency Office to generate a reimbursement form). Any request for reimbursement for items over one dollar (\$1.00), shall be accompanied by original receipts.

MEDICAL

Dr. M. Jo McMullen would like to remind all HazMat team members that physicals begin in July.

Dr. M. Jo McMullen also announced her resignation from the NFPA Hazardous Materials Response Committee.

INCIDENTS

A tractor-trailer carrying animal-based acid flipped on Interstate-76 westbound at State Route 224, on Wednesday, March 30th. The Environmental Protection Agency was called to the scene. However, officials said the chemical spill is a minimal hazard to the environment. The truck was carrying eight barrels of oleoylscrocinic acid, which is used in pharmaceutical and cosmetic products.

Three employees of DayGlo Color Corp., a manufacturer of fluorescent pigments, 1570 Highland Road, Twinsburg Twp., were hospitalized with minor injuries on April 1st

when a hose clamp ruptured during a mixing process and sprayed out 15 pounds of caustic irritants.

Silver Lake Police Department requested the Water Branch of SCSORT to assist in locating a missing 17 year old that was believed to have drowned in Crystal Lake. Using sonar equipment the person was found in 25' of water, approximately 300' from the shore. Over 4 acres of the lake was searched using the sonar units.

ZONE COORDINATORS MEETING

The next Hazardous Materials Zone Coordinators meeting will be **Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at 19:00, at Akron Fire Department, Station #11, 1688 Akron-Peninsula Rd., Akron, Ohio.**

The next TROT Zone Coordinators meeting will be **Thursday, May 5, 2005, at 13:00, at The Quirk Cultural Center, 1201 Grant Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.**

The Special Operations Response Team is looking for new members to assist the team managers in the day-to-day function of the team. If you are interested in being a zone coordinator for your specific discipline, talk to your chief, then please contact me and I will forward your name to the correct branch director. I will then recommend your appointment to the SCSORT Board for approval. If you have a specific interest in an area, contact me.

Comments and suggestions are always welcome.

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Director of Operations SCSORT