

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO

James B. M^cCarthy, Executive

SCSORT NEWSLETTER

June 2005

Bill Snow chaired the June HazMat meeting.
Lieutenant Fred Jackson chaired the June TROT meeting.

TRAINING

A "***Capping & Skills Exercise***" for HazMat Technicians", is scheduled for **June 16, 2005 at 1800 hrs., Stow Fire Department, 3800 Darrow Road and June 21, at 0900 hrs., at the Bath Fire Department, 3864 West Bath Road.**

The Portage County HazMat Team is hosting a "***HazMat Chemistry Class***" **July 9, 2005 from 0830 hrs. to 1630, at Kent Fire Department, 320 S. Depeyster St, Kent, OH.** RSVP to the Portage County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management at 330-297-3607.

The 16th Annual Continuing Challenge Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Workshop will be held **September 6-9, 2005, at the Radisson Hotel, in Sacramento, California.**

GENERAL

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>.

EQUIPMENT

During the HazMat meeting, there was discussion on oil wells and the National Incident Management System (NIMS) integration.

The TROT team discussed adding inventory control systems to track equipment and adding staff positions for training, equipment and logistics.

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. MEDGroup's current 2005 fee schedule for The Summit County HazMat Team is listed below:

PHYSICIAN EXAM	\$55.00
TITMUS VISION	\$12.00
URINALYSIS W/MICRO	\$10.00
CMP/CBC/LIPID	\$25.00
SPIROMETRY	\$30.00
CHEST X-RAY	\$46.00
AUDIOMETRIC TEST	\$12.00
EKG	\$40.00
HEAVY METAL	\$18.00
BLOOD DRAW	

INCIDENTS

On May 11, 2005 The Summit County HazMat Team responded to a hydrocarbon fuel spill in a retention pond. They also conducted a vehicle search of the allotment for a possible source and a door-to-door canvas to ensure no homes were affected.

ZONE COORDINATORS MEETING

The next Hazardous Materials Zone Coordinators meeting will be **Tuesday, July 5, 2005, at 19:00, at the Stow Fire Department, Station #2, 4199 Hudson Drive, Stow, Ohio.**

The next TROT Zone Coordinators meeting will be **Wednesday, July 6, 2005, at 13:30, at The Quirk Cultural Center, 1201 Grant Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.**

When you have that conversation with the spiller—keep this in mind.

As part of the nationwide effort to improve hazmat security, local and state regulatory agencies are becoming stricter about enforcement of spill notification requirements. Texas requires spill generators to report incidents within one hour of a spill. A county in Ohio has a 30-minute reporting requirement. The only notice many transporters ever receive is the one that arrives, by mail, stating the company is in violation for failure to report. We are not along in reporting to the LEPC and others, so remember when responding.

Bill Snow, HazMat Branch Director

From the Director of Operations

There is a lot of progress being made at the State level regarding Water, USAR and HazMat Rescue Teams. Sometimes, it is difficult to keep up on new information. Each of these areas has a state technical assistance team that is guiding how the State of Ohio is looking and will function in each of these areas. If you want to be involved, please see your branch director or call me. We are also working in our planning region to mirror the State of Ohio's efforts in these areas of rescue. Our planning region is Region 5. Region 5 is in the beginning stages of organizing. We will need people in each of these rescue areas to assist our regional development. If you want to be involved in a more local aspect, please call.

Paul Moledor, Director of Operations