

SCSORT NEWSLETTER

February 2007

Asst. Chief Jim Hartung chaired the February HazMat meeting.

Lt. Fred Jackson chaired the February TROT meeting.

Peddle/Carney chaired the February Water meeting.

TRAINING

A “*HazMat & WMD Sampling Class*” is scheduled for February 20, at 0900 hrs., at the Bath Fire Department, 3864 West Bath Road and February 22, at 1800 hrs. at the Stow Fire Department #2, 4199 Hudson Drive. This class will be instructed by the US Postal Service.

A TROT “*Rope Technician Course*” is scheduled for February 26 – 28, 2007, at 0830 hrs. to 1600 hrs., at Cuyahoga Falls Station #5, 3497 Wyoga Lake Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

TROT’s March training will be held March 8, 9, or 10, 2007, at 0830 hrs. to 1600 hrs., at Cuyahoga Falls Station #5, 3497 Wyoga Lake Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. The topic will be “*Structural Collapse*”

The “*2007 Water TAC Update Seminar and Swift Water Rescue-Awareness Course*” will take place March 13, 2007 at 0900 hrs. at the Ohio Fire Academy – Auditorium, 8895 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. Register at: www.ohiofireacademy.com

A “*CAMEO / ALOAH / Marplot Refresher*” is scheduled for March 20, at 0900 hrs., at the Bath Fire Department, 3864 West Bath Road and March 22, at 1800 hrs. at the Stow Fire Department #2, 4199 Hudson Drive.

A “*Swiftwater Rescue Course*” is scheduled for April 18 – 20, 2007, at 0830 hrs. to 1600 hrs., at Cuyahoga Falls Station #5, 3497 Wyoga Lake Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Contact Lt. Fred Jackson for additional details at 330-971-8400.

If you are interested in attending HazMat training in New Mexico, contact Capt. Groves or A/C Hartung

GENERAL

The assistant director position for the HazMat team is still open. If you are interested please contact the Director of Operations.

All branch SOG’s are currently being updated for NIMS compliance. Please make sure you attend the zone coordinator meetings to view changes before the final copies are approved.

A recruiting packet including a description of the team’s training, medical requirements and an application was discussed during the HazMat meeting. If you are interested in joining the team, email the completed application, along with your chief’s endorsement, to Tommy Smoot:

tsmoot@summitoh.net

The draft SOG’s for VIP visits and the MiniRad dosimeter were reviewed during the HazMat meeting.

MEDICAL

Dr M. Jo McMullen would like to remind all team members that physicals are due this year.

Please keep the following note in mind:

If you suit during a training, you must complete a personal incident log. Put in your name, date and "training" and you can skip the top two sections except total in suit time. The presuit hx, physical and hydration should be completed. As well, complete the post suit evaluation and post suit hydration. Those forms are to be returned to me and kept in your personal medical files. Thank you - Dr Jo

INCIDENTS

Bath Fire had a mercury thermometer spill at a residence. Cap. Groves handled the TAT and the resident was advised to leave the residence until area was cleaned up by a contractor. (We will discuss our Mercury SOG at the March meeting).

Akron Fire had two events; a garbage truck accident that created a diesel spill. Also there was a gas spill that leaked into a sewer.

ZONE COORDINATORS MEETING

The next Hazardous Materials Zone Coordinators meeting will be **Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 18:00, at the Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department, Station #5, 3497 Wyoga Lake Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.**

This is date and location change

The next Water Zone Coordinators meeting will be **Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at 12:00, at The Quirk Cultural Center, 1201 Grant Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.** ***Please note this is a time change.**

The next TROT Zone Coordinators meeting will be **Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at 13:30, at The Quirk Cultural Center, 1201 Grant Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.**

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

There is a lot happening with our Special Operations Team. The best way to keep up is to be involved in your team. Trainings are a great way to stay up on the latest equipment and techniques. Another way to be involved is to help plan or host a training. The team is always looking for new locations to train to keep the team sharp. Teaching others is a great way to improve your skills. If there are any ideas for training, please contact your Zone Coordinator. If you have any ideas for this newsletter, please contact me.

Another way to be involved is to become a Zone Coordinator for your discipline. The team is always looking for quality people to assist in the running and organization of the team. Being a Zone Coordinator is a great way to help the team.

There are numerous issues being looked at on a State level regarding Special Operations. The state has developed Technical Assistance Committees, TAC involving water, technical rescue and hazardous materials to mention a few. They are looking at how the State will respond in each of these areas. Get with your Zone Coordinator to discuss your specific discipline.

On a final note, Rich James from Northfield Center has agreed to fill the Assistant Branch Director for Haz-Mat. This will help out tremendously. Thanks Rich!

If there are any questions or comments, please contact me.

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