

1 ORDINANCE NO. 2010-041

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3 SPONSOR Mr. Pry and Mr. Kostandaras

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5 DATE February 8, 2010 COMMITTEE Rules

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7 **An Ordinance amending Chapter 163 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit,**  
8 **entitled “Summit County Special Operations Response Teams Executive Board,” to**  
9 **correctly state the organization of the Special Operations Response Teams (“SORT”)**  
10 **Executive Board and to set forth the duties and responsibilities of the SORT Executive**  
11 **Board, in order to enhance the ability of the Board to apply for various grants, for the**  
12 **Executive’s Department of Law, Division of Public Safety/Emergency Management, and**  
13 **declaring an emergency.**

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15 WHEREAS, Chapter 163 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled  
16 “Summit County Special Operations Response Teams Executive Board,” incorrectly states the  
17 organization of the SORT Executive Board, which oversees the Hazardous Materials Response,  
18 Technical Rescue and Water Rescue operations; and

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20 WHEREAS, Chapter 163 also does not set forth the duties and responsibilities of the  
21 SORT Executive Board; and

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23 WHEREAS, the SORT Executive Board intends to apply to the Ohio State Fire Marshall  
24 for a Fire Department Identification Number in order to make it eligible to apply for grants under  
25 the Federal Fire Protection and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2234) (“Fire Act”); and

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27 WHEREAS, amending Chapter 163 to correctly state the organization of the SORT  
28 Executive Board and to set forth the duties and responsibilities of the Board will enhance the  
29 ability of the Board to apply for various grants, including under the Fire Act; and

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31 WHEREAS, this Council has determined by reviewing all pertinent information that it is  
32 necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to amend Chapter 163 for the  
33 aforementioned reasons;

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35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the County of Summit, State  
36 of Ohio, that:

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38 SECTION 1

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40 Chapter 163 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled “Summit  
41 County Special Operations Response Teams Executive Board,” is hereby amended as follows:

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43 **“CHAPTER 163**

44 **Summit County of Summit Special Operations Response Teams Executive Board**

45 **163.01 Creation; members; terms; duties; property.**

46 **163.02 Compliance to Agreement.**

47 **~~163.03 Name change.~~**

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4 SECTION 1 (cont'd.)

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6 **163.01 CREATION; MEMBERS; TERMS; DUTIES; PROPERTY.**

7 (a) Members. There is hereby established the ~~Technical Rescue Operations Team, in~~  
8 ~~conjunction with the Hazard Materials Response Team for the Emergency Management Agency~~  
9 ~~and the County of Summit Special Operations Response Team ("SORT") Executive Board.~~ The  
10 County Executive shall appoint five members as follows:

- 11 (1) One member representing the City of Akron Fire Department;
- 12 (2) One member representing municipal government fire departments;
- 13 (3) One member representing township and village fire departments;
- 14 (4) One member representing the Summit County Emergency
- 15 Management Agency; and
- 16 (5) One member representing the University of Akron.

17 (b) Terms. Three members shall serve for three-year terms and two members shall  
18 serve for two-year terms and three-year terms thereafter. All members shall serve without  
19 compensation. The members shall meet at least quarterly; ~~and shall develop and implement a~~  
20 ~~technical operations rescue plan for Summit County. An annual report shall be submitted to the~~  
21 ~~County Executive. The Technical Rescue Operations Team may accept, acquire, disburse and~~  
22 ~~maintain funds, equipment, vehicles and supplies for the purpose of rescue response. All~~  
23 ~~property shall be in the name of the County of Summit and shall be the property of the County.~~

24 (c) Duties. The SORT Executive Board shall have the following duties:

- 25 (1) Develop and implement a special operations guide for Summit
- 26 County;
- 27 (2) Supervise the following SORT:
  - 28 (a) Hazardous Materials Response Branch;
  - 29 (b) Technical Rescue Branch;
  - 30 (c) Water Rescue Branch;
- 31 (3) Recruit, train, approve and secure the certification of members of the
- 32 SORT;
- 33 (4) Financial and budgetary planning for the SORT;
- 34 (5) Prepare of an annual report to the County Executive;
- 35 (6) Conduct a county-wide hazard analysis;
- 36 (7) Accept, acquire, disburse and maintain funds, equipment, vehicles and
- 37 supplies for the SORT;
- 38 (8) Incident reporting;
- 39 (9) Maintain a state of readiness of the SORT on behalf of the citizens of
- 40 Summit County;
- 41 (10) Assist and coordinate fire suppression services;
- 42 (11) Maintain records; and
- 43 (12) Any other duties prescribed by the County Executive.

44 (d) Property. All property shall be in the name of the County of Summit and shall be  
45 the property of the County.

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4 SECTION 1 (cont'd.)

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6 **163.02 COMPLIANCE TO AGREEMENT.**

7 The ~~Technical Rescue Operations Team~~ SORT Executive Board shall be governed by,  
8 and bound to, the terms of the Summit County Emergency Management Agency Agreement  
9 adopted by County Council on October 18, 1990, as amended.

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11 ~~**163.03 NAME CHANGE.**~~

12 The ~~Hazardous Materials Response Team~~ shall hereafter be known as the Summit County  
13 ~~Special Operations Response Teams Executive Board.~~"

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15 SECTION 2

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17 This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety  
18 and welfare of the citizens of the county of Summit, Ohio, and for the further reason is that it is  
19 immediately necessary in order to amend Chapter 163 to correctly state the organization of the  
20 SORT Executive Board and to set forth the duties and responsibilities of the Board in order to  
21 enhance the ability of the Board to apply for various grants, including under the Fire Act.

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23 SECTION 3

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25 Provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take  
26 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take  
27 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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29 SECTION 4

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31 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
32 to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
33 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
34 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
35 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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37 INTRODUCED January 25, 2010

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39 ADOPTED February 8, 2010

APPROVED February 8, 2010

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43 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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47 EXECUTIVE

February 8, 2010  
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ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Voice Vote: 10-0 YES: Comunale, Crawford, Crossland, Feeman, Kostandaras  
Poda, Rodgers, Schmidt, Shapiro, Smith Absent: Prentice