

# Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

## Overview of the LEPC Program

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# Local Emergency Planning Committees

## Establishment

- Hazardous materials releases:
  - ▶ Bhopal, India in 1984 ([VIDEO](#))
  - ▶ Institute, WV in 1985.
- Congress enacted the *Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA)* in 1986.
- Creation of SERCs and LEPCs in 1988.



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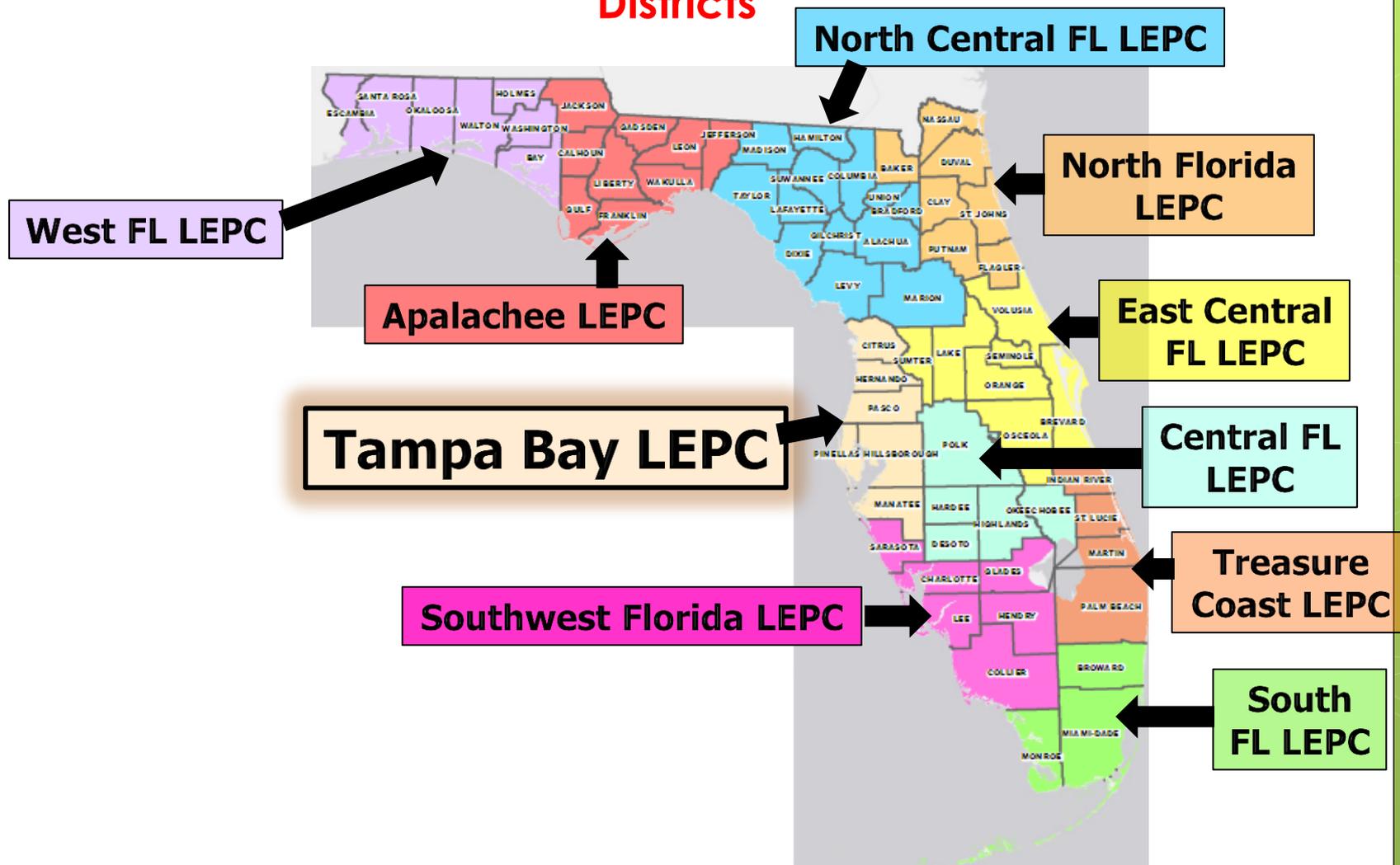
## Purpose

- The LEPC's mission statement is *“to partner with citizens and local emergency management officials to protect communities from the adverse effects of hazardous materials.”* This is primarily achieved through a focus on planning, coordination, education and awareness.



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## Districts





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## Membership

The following constitute LEPC membership categories:

Community Groups  
Elected State & Local Officials  
Emergency Management  
Facility Owners/Operators  
Firefighting  
First Aid/EMS  
Health  
Hospitals

Interested Citizens   
Law Enforcement  
Local Environmental  
“Local Option”  
Non-Elected Local Officials  
Print & Broadcast Media  
Transportation  
Water Management Districts



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## Mandated Responsibilities

- Host quarterly LEPC meetings
- Attend quarterly SERC meetings.
- Update LEPC Hazmat Plan annually.
- Conduct annual EPCRA How-to-Comply workshops.
- Conduct multi-jurisdictional exercise biennially.
- Facilitate training of public-sector first responders under the HMEP Training program annually.



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## Affiliations

In the Tampa Bay area...

- o LEPC staff attends the Ammonia Handlers/Operators Working Group meetings.



- o LEPC staff attends the meetings of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee.



- o LEPC staff attends the U.S. Coast Guard's Area Contingency Planning Committee.





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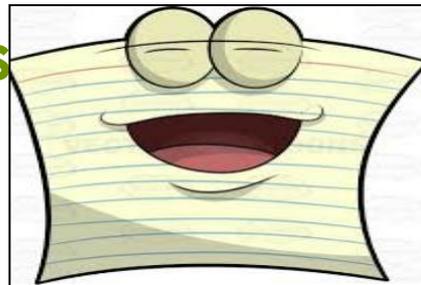
## Notable Tampa Bay LEPC Work Products/Accomplishments

- *Ammonia Vulnerability Study (1995)*
- *Establishment of Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (~1996)*
- *All Hazards Guide for Businesses: Planning for Risks (2014)*
- *Commodity Flow Study (2015)*
- *Tampa Bay LEPC Information Sheet (2016)*
- *Numerous Regional Hazmat Exercises*

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(Some of) 2016 Tampa Bay LEPC 2016 Activities

- Conduct of a biennial exercise known as “*Operation Hot Wheels.*”
- Received training on the CAMEO software program.
- Prepared “*Tampa Bay LEPC Information Sheet*”
- Arranged for delivery of 7,500 Emergency Response Guidebooks



**Question(s)/  
Comment(s)?**

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