



LEPC Meeting Notice

MEMO TO: Tampa Bay LEPC, District VIII Members/Alternates

FROM: Asst Chief Scott Ehlers, LEPC Chairman and
John Meyer, LEPC Coordinator

SUBJECT: **LEPC MEETING - August 28, 2013**

DATE: August 19, 2013

The next Tampa Bay LEPC, District VIII meeting will be held on **Wednesday morning, August 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m.**, at the offices of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, 4000 Gateway Centre Blvd, Suite 100, Pinellas Park, FL 33782.

The enclosed package of informative materials will recap various agenda items, precluding the need for detailed discussion at the meeting unless specific questions arise. The LEPC meeting is expected to adjourn by noon.

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LEPC Agenda

TAMPA BAY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) DISTRICT VIII MEETING

**Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
4000 Gateway Centre Blvd, Suite 100, Pinellas Park, FL 33782
Wednesday, August 28, 2013 - 10:30 am**

*****THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC*****

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Agenda Item #1 **CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** **Chair Scott Ehlers**

Agenda Item #2 **APPROVAL OF MAY 29, 2013 LEPC MEETING MINUTES (Transmitted Separately from Agenda)** **Chair Ehlers**

Agenda Item #3 **LEPC DISTRICT 8 MEMBERSHIP CHANGES** **John Meyer**

No LEPC membership changes were proposed or approved in association with the July 12th SERC meeting.

Additional Material: None.
Action Recommended: None. Information Only.

Agenda Item #4 **RECAP OF QUARTERLY SERC MEETINGS** **Chair Ehlers**

The State Emergency Response Commission and associated Subcommittee meetings were held in St. Pete Beach at the Guy Harvey Outpost on July 11-12, 2013. LEPC Chair Scott Ehlers and Staff Coordinator John Meyer attended the meetings. The following seven pages constitute a *Recap* of the SERC meeting, inclusive of discussion items associated with the SERC's Training Task Force (TTF) and the LEPC Staff & Chairs meetings.

Additional Material: SERC Meeting *Recap* (**Pages 2-8** of these Agenda materials)
Action Recommended: None. For Information Only.



RECAP OF THE JULY 12, 2013 STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION MEETING

The July 12, 2013 SERC meeting was held at the Guy Harvey Outpost (a Tradewinds Hotel) in St. Pete Beach. The meeting was chaired by Chief Mike Murphy. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. and proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance and an introduction of all in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Approval of April 5, 2013 SERC meeting Minutes.** One revision was requested to reflect the presence of Mr. Ray Butts at the last SERC meeting. The *Minutes* from the April 5, 2013 SERC meeting were approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Local Emergency Planning Committees Appointments.** Ms. Isabell Parker requested approval of membership modifications recognized for each LEPC. No changes in membership were requested or approved for LEPC District 8 during the quarter. SERC unanimously approved all changes requested by the other LEPC Districts.

REPORTS

- **Report from SERC's Training Task Force (TTF).** The following highlights of the July 11, 2013 TTF meeting were identified by Subcommittee Chair Don Sessions:
 - Conference Calls of May 22 and June 19, 2013. It was recognized that the majority of Conference Call discussion included: revisions to the operating protocols of the FOG, discussion of Project Tracking Chart items & an update on the 2014 Hazmat Symposium. It was identified that two sections of the FOG still need to be updated: the use of Foam agents and marine firefighting tactics and strategies, including potential joint interaction between hazmat teams and the U.S. Coast Guard.
 - January 2014 Hazmat Symposium. Mr. Jonathan Lamm identified that planning associated with the 2014 Hazmat Symposium is progressing. Each LEPC was challenged to inquire about suggested hazmat course topics within their District and to consider sponsorship of the instructor(s) for that particular course. Sponsorship simply means paying for lodging of the instructor(s) and NOT travel or Per diem. As is typical, the course must contain a transportation element of nexus in order to utilize HMEP funds for sponsorship. Each of these requests must be made to Ms. Jennifer Hobbs and/or Mr. Lee Newsome by August 12, 2013. LEPCs were additionally tasked with determining whether "qualified" instructors exist within their District that could teach the requested course(s) at no expense other than a complimentary hotel room.
 - Update on DSOC Funding for Hazmat Teams. Chief Mike Murphy identified that the Domestic Security Oversight Council recently provided a recommendation to only fund 18 regional hazmat teams statewide, with a maximum of three per Regional Domestic Security Task Force region, under the Homeland Security Grant program. Currently there are 35± State-recognized hazmat teams.

Chief Murphy iterated the following concerns which should be contemplated and addressed, to the appropriate extent, prior to potentially consolidating or deactivating hazmat teams:

- need to conduct a Comprehensive Threat and Vulnerability Assessment prior to any reduction in hazmat teams. This Assessment could/would include the location of such targets as radiological facilities, population concentrations, bulk chemical storage facilities, military bases, pipelines...;
- the requested reduction appears to be arbitrary in number with no justification provided;
- alternatively to the reduction in the number of hazmat teams, funds should be provided to each Region and allow the further funding disbursement at the local level upon consensus. That way all hazmat teams could be ensured some funding;
- need to ensure that residents and industry will remain safe and that incidents can and will be responded to in a reasonable time period if hazmat teams are to be eliminated; and
- identification of what happens to existing hazmat team equipment/personnel of deactivated teams.

Chief Murphy reminded SERC members that the SERC developed the standards and criteria for regional hazmat teams in the early 1990s and designated most of their numbers and locations in order to ensure ample protection. That way, hazmat equipment and capabilities would be in close proximity to any/all hazmat incidents. Most of the hazmat team funding was initially and remains at the local level.

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to send a letter to the Chair of the Domestic Security Oversight Council (Bryan Koon), with a copy provided to the Governor, requesting that progress towards reducing the number of regional hazmat teams be immediately halted until a Comprehensive Threat and Vulnerability Assessment has been conducted and evaluated to justify such reduction.

- Next Training Task Force teleconferences. The next series of TTF teleconferences were announced to be August 21st & September 18th, both at 1:30 p.m.
- **Report on Use of E-Plan as a Tier II Reporting Tool.** Mr. Paul Wotherspoon (FDEM staff) provided the following highlights regarding promotion of the E-Plan system as a means for electronic reporting:
 - The State's prior electronic Tier II reporting program (FloridaHMIS.org) was difficult for industry to enter their data and for FDEM staff to manipulate and/or print desired reports, hence only 46 percent of all facilities filed electronically last year, after three years of promotion and effort.
 - The State's current electronic filing option (E-Plan) was opened on January 18th and has yielded an outstanding participatory rate of 78% in the first year!
 - The State optimistically anticipates electronic filing rates of 90%+ for all Tier II facilities in the coming years.
 - Some of the benefits derived from filing electronically through E-Plan include: the fact the data is available instantaneously by the first responders; the facility would not be required to submit their

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Tier II reports to the SERC and additionally may no longer be required to submit their Tier II data to the LEPC and local fire departments; database will soon be able to be sorted by the SERC, the LEPCs, and by first responders; much easier for facilities to update their reporting annually; there is a corresponding link to electronic payment of filing fees; and enhancements are ongoing within the E-Plan program for such capabilities as plume modeling.

- Mr. Wotherspoon indicated that the University of Texas at Dallas correspondence indicating the potential demise of E-Plan due to lack of funding was not necessarily warranted. Florida and other States see the benefit of E-Plan and will continue to fund its existence, at least for its implementation within Florida. UTD had mentioned the possibility of charging facilities a E-Plan utilization fee. If so, Florida will pay those costs since facilities already pay registration fees. Cost to operate the system is less than \$1M annually.

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to send a letter of support for the E-Plan program as well as the recommendation for continued funding from the SERC to the Governor.

- **Financial Status Report.** Mr. Wotherspoon reported that the SERC Agenda materials contained numerous tables and graphs depicting a comparison of the various revenues and expenditures associated with FDEM's Hazardous Materials Planning and Risk Management Planning Programs over the past two years. The numbers are nearly the same. Graphics were provided in the Agenda materials to quantify and illustrate:
 - Revenues received by Month for RMP & EPCRA programs since mid-FY 2010-11;
 - Breakdown of General Appropriations and Expenditures by Category for the Hazardous Materials Planning Program for FYs 2011-12 & 2012-13; and
 - Breakdown of General Appropriations and Expenditures by Category for the Risk Management Planning Program for FYs 2011-12 & 2012-13
- **Hazardous Materials Incidents Reports.** Mr. Sam Brackett advised that detailed listings of Section 304 investigation, as well as fixed facility and transportation-related hazardous materials incidents were prepared and included with the Agenda materials to describe incidents occurring between the period of March 1 - May 31, 2013. Such Reports included documentation of these incidents and portrayed the number of persons evacuated, injured or deceased down to LEPC District and ultimately County level.

The following constitute the hazardous material incidents recorded for District 8 during this period, including an enumeration of those evacuated, injured or deceased:

County	Date of Release	Type*	Chemical	Amount Released (Lbs.)	Business Type	# Evacuated	# Injured	# Fatalities
Hillsborough	3/09/13	304 (Closed)	Sulfuric Acid	998	Phosphate Mining	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3/15/13	TR	Natural Gas	Unknown	Traffic Accident	1	0	0
	3/29/13	TR	Natural Gas	Unknown	Traffic Accident	1	0	0
	4/05/13	FF/304 (Closed)	Freon or Phosgene	Unknown	A/C Repair	20	2	0

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Hillsborough	4/09/13	304 (Closed)	Phosphoric Acid	4,598	Mining	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4/11/13	FF/304 (Closed)	Hydrogen Sulfide	Unknown	Construction	0	7	0
	5/03/13	FF	Pepper Spray	Unknown	School	90	37	0
	5/06/13	304 (Closed)	Sodium Hypochlorite	883	Wastewater Plant	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5/30/13	304 (Closed)	Sodium Hypochlorite	506	College	N/A	N/A	N/A
Manatee	4/04/13	TR	Gasoline or Oil or Diesel	Unknown	Traffic Accident	0	1	0
	4/26/13	TR	Diesel Fuel	740	Traffic Accident	0	1	0
	5/06/13	304 (Closed)	Lead/Mercury	Unknown	Grow House	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pasco	NONE							
Pinellas	4/30/13	TR	Natural Gas	Unknown	Traffic Accident	11	0	0
TOTAL →						123	48	0

KEY: FF = Fixed Facility incident / TR - Transportation-related incident / 304 - Section 304 Investigation Launched (Status)

- **Update on Staff Activities and Reports by Section.** Mr. Tim Date identified that various graphics were provided within the SERC Agenda materials to depict various staff functions and initiatives. These included:
 - monthly enumeration of Hazardous Materials Incident Reports since 2003;
 - *Total Facility Count* by LEPC (as of 5/31/13);
 - quantification of Notice of Violations issued statewide for over the past year;
 - monthly quantification of Technical Assistance calls received from June 2012 - May 2013; and
 - enumeration of Tier 2 Data by Year since 2010 in terms of the # of facilities and the # of chemicals.

- **Update on LEPC Activities.** Subcommittee Chair Jennifer Hobbs provided a briefing of the items discussed at yesterday's LEPC Staff & Chairs meeting. The items included:
 - Jennifer Hobbs indicated that there were several revisions to this year's annual allotment of Hazards Analyses contracts (HAs), most of which were clarifications (e.g. update of release duration period, recognition that some chemicals are liquid in their normal state but turn to gas upon releases...). Attendance at one of the statewide Hazards Analyses training workshops, as conducted by FDEM staff, is a pre-requisite for anyone accepting State funding for the conduct of the HAs.
 - Mr. Mark Tumlin (SERC member) indicated that the Agriculture industry is interested in getting more involved with the LEPC Districts statewide (and SERC) following the West Fertilizer Company incident. Mr. Tumlin agreed to transmit the contact information of interested parties to the appropriate LEPC for immediate notification of future meetings. The LEPCs welcomed the expanded relationship with the industry but encouraged interested party(ies) to attend a few meetings to ensure a good fit before seeking to expand the LEPC membership rosters. If, in the future, corresponding membership is granted, it could appropriately occur the "Local Option" or "Facility Owners/Operators" categories.

- Mike Murphy (SERC member) requested that the creation of the Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) website be expedited and linked to the SERC web page. The funding of a SEP(s) is an option extended to facilities found to be in violations with the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) in lieu of full fine payments. Mr. Murphy mentioned that “*with each passing day without a SEP program, the State may have lost an opportunity to potentially fund valuable and needed resources.*” While potential SEPs continue to be solicited statewide and should have varying implementation costs, a SEP could fund the interface of the State’s program. It is envisioned that the Florida’s SEP website, once created, will be patterned after the one implemented for Illinois for its ease of use, ingenuity and intuitiveness. That website is: www.epa.state.il.us/enforcement/sep.

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to send a letter requesting the expedition of Florida’s database creation to Director Bryan Koon.

As an industry representative, Mr. Mark Tumlin recognized that industries would prefer positive use of fines rather than winding up as general funds for the federal government.

- Ms. Hobbs concluded her remarks by recognizing that the amount of training & activities going on across the State is incredible and identified that a summary of these activities is documented each quarter in the *Hazmatters* section of the SERC Agenda materials.

The following serve as the documented tasks identified by LEPC District 8 staff for the period of March - May 2013:

- District 8 LEPC staff was involved in a number of activities during the quarter. Staff attended the SERC quarterly meetings held at the Betty Easley Conference Center in Tallahassee on April 4-5, 2013, as well as a meeting to discuss the status of the Hazards Analyses program (April 3rd). The District 8 LEPC quarterly meeting was held on May 29th. Staff and members of the LEPC attended the FDEM Region 4 quarterly meeting on March 1st at the offices of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council under the leadership of FDEM Region 4 Coordinator Paul Siddall. In addition, LEPC staff and/or member(s) also participated in the March 20th teleconference administered by FDEM staff Lou Ritter regarding the TTF's update to the Hazmat FOG.
- The LEPC's Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (FDPS) met on April 17th. The primary discussion items included: an update on the SERC/EPA Supplemental Environmental Projects program; and the upcoming "Keeping Your Head above Water: Storm Surge Preparedness for Businesses with Hazardous Materials Workshop" scheduled for June 27th. Workshop topics will consist of: "Storm Surge 101" and identification of Meteorological Trends; Identification of Vulnerabilities & Chemical Storage; Have a Plan; Insurance & Financial Issues; and Lessons Learned. Being held in conjunction with the Tampa Port Authority, the workshop is designed to provide information to assist hazardous materials facility operators in determining the most appropriate course of action regarding their inventories when a significant storm event is approaching or imminent. This would/could include potentially "topping off" the storage tanks for stability and structural integrity or transporting the hazardous materials out of the more vulnerable areas. As learned from numerous past Hurricanes, facilities do not have to be located immediately adjacent to the coastline to be subject to storm surge and considerable damage. It is anticipated that, once conducted, the workshop will count towards the HMEP Planning project of Community Outreach/Workshops.

- The LEPC's HMEP Training Subcommittee met on May 29th. As would be/is appropriate, discussion revolved around desired training opportunities and needs across the Region as well as addressing the caveat that 25% of next year's HMEP Training funds will need to be spent in the first quarter alone (i.e. July 1 – Sept. 30). During the present quarter, three 8-Hr. Chlorine Refresher courses were conducted for the Pinellas County Hazmat Team (April 23-25) and ten members of Pasco County Fire Rescue and St. Petersburg Fire Rescue were sent to a 40-Hr. HazMedic course conducted by LEPC District 5 in Ocala (May 13-17). Following the conduct of three 8-Hr. Hazmat IQ courses (scheduled for June 23-25), the remaining 2012-13 HMEP Training funds will have been expended. The pre-requisites HMEP Training funds remain that the course: must be intended for public-sector First Responders; must be pre-approved and deemed "cost effective" by FDEM staff; and, at minimum, must include a transportation component or nexus.
- In terms of miscellany, LEPC staff additionally: hosted meetings of the Preventative Radiological Nuclear Detection Committee (March 7th & April 18th); facilitated the monthly meetings of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (March 13th, April 10th & May 8th); attended the bi-monthly of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee meeting (March 12th & May 14th); attended the U.S. Coast Guard's Area Contingency Planning meeting (March 12th); provided a presentation entitled "the Role of the LEPCs" to the Tampa Cooperative Safety Initiative Committee (March 19th); attended the monthly meeting of the Ammonia Handlers/Operators (March 26th, April 23rd & May 21st); participated in planning scenario meetings associated with the future conduct of a "Hazardous Materials Forum" primarily for the business tenants within the Port of Tampa (March 26th & April 23rd); prepared and submitted LEPC & HMEP Quarterly Reports (April 29th); transmitted an "E-Plan Letter of Support" to FDEM staff as well as the entire Tampa Bay area legislative delegation and Florida contingency of federal representatives (May 29th); and submitted applicable LEPC Membership Nominations forms (June 3rd) & Hazmatters report (June 5th) in preparation for the July 12th SERC meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Fertilizer Industry in Florida Presentation. Ms. Mary Hartney, President of Florida Fertilizer and Agrichemical Association. Ms. Hartney provided a presentation signifying that Florida is home to one of the largest Fertilizer and agrichemical businesses in the nation and world and its nearly immeasurable benefits to Florida's economy in the primary and secondary markets.

The presentation and the heightened interest in coordination with the SERC and the LEPCs are in response to West Fertilizer Company Texas tragedy. West Fertilizer was in operation since 1962 and was purchased by a farmer (Donald Adair), not a retailer. The facility stored about 100,000 pounds of anhydrous ammonia, 270 tons of ammonium nitrate, bulk pesticides, seed & grain. It is unknown whether full regulatory compliance would have prevented the West Fertilizer Co. incident. Federal authorities are still trying to determine the cause of the initial fire, whether it be a fault in the 120V electrical system, a golf cart, or arson.

Fertilizer is responsible for about 50% of world's food production. Each type of fertilizer has different uses and risks. Local facilities have encouraged tours of their facilities by local emergency responders, fielded numerous media inquiries and answered questions from neighbors. An on-line self assessment and regulation tool is available at the following link: www.asmark.org/complianceassessmenttool. Retail facilities do have an AG exemption although they would still require sprinklers and ventilation of buildings. Subsequent to Texas explosion, there has been an initiative for the development of standards for handling of anhydrous ammonia (e.g. assist with regulatory compliance, better documentation of company policies, employee training, lower safety & environmental incidents...). The industry continue to make strides towards working with government and others to manage the risks inherent to the industry. Federal legislator

Barbara Boxer, Chair of Environmental subcommittee, held a public hearing and encouraged all Governors to promote safety measures within their States. Ammonium Nitrate facilities with inventories greater than 10,000 pounds must report annually.

- Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response (TRANSCAER) Update. Mr. Paul Wotherspoon identified that training will be provided by the Chlorine Institute on August 14-15, 2013 in Fernadina Beach. Training regarding Chlorine, Ethanol & Anhydrous Ammonia will be provided at the Florida State Fire College on September 10-13, 2013. Lodging at the Fire College will be made available on a space-permitting basis and food will be provided by the Chlorine Institute. Mr. Wotherspoon has inquired as to desired vendors for the latter event. Ms. Kate Boer suggested contacting the same vendors that attended last year's Fire Rescue East conference.

COMMENTS & ADJOURNMENT.

- **Next Meeting.** It was announced that the next SERC meeting will be held in Tallahassee (or an alternate venue) on October 4, 2013.
- **Adjournment.** The SERC meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

The HMEP Planning Team remains ready to conduct Ammonia Siren Workshops and companion Shelter-in-Place presentations on short notice at the request of various schools, community groups and/or civic associations located within or in close proximity to the Port of Tampa. The Team has continued efforts to coordinate a future workshop in which applicable Port businesses would be encouraged to self-identify their hazardous materials and transport processes in order to familiarize their neighboring facilities with their business practices and to disclose the potential consequences and anticipated response actions if a release were to occur. While the Team had initially scheduled the Workshop for April 18, 2013, it was postponed due to a lack of commitment by many of the targeted industries and the events that had occurred around the same time period both locally (suspicious package at a Tampa cruise ship terminal) and nationally (West Fertilizer Plant explosion in Texas). Team members are currently re-assessing strategy(ies) on how to better solicit participation from targeted industries. It was determined that contacting each of the desired industry representatives by phone or in person will likely be the new and preferred course of action to promote the event and encourage their participation, an initiative which can and likely will commence soon. Once coordinated, a corresponding Workshop Flyer will be prepared for e-mail distribution and notification. At this point, it is anticipated that the workshop will occur in the latter quarter of 2013.

Additional Material: None
Action Recommended: None. For Information Only.

The LEPC's Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (FDPS) met on July 17, 2013, a *Recap* of which is attached. The meeting included a variety of discussions topics. The primary topics included: an overview and discussion of the July 27th "*Keeping Your Head Above Water: Storm Surge Preparedness for Business with Hazardous Materials*" Workshop, including an evaluation of responses; update of Florida's Supplement Environmental Projects program; and discussion of the Domestic Security Oversight Council's recommendation to essentially reduce the number of regional hazmat teams by one-half (to 18). Similar to the action taken by SERC, FDPS members suggested drafting a letter from the LEPC to the DSOC Chair suggesting that consideration of substantially reducing the number of regional Hazmat Teams be postponed until, at least, a comprehensive, statewide Threats and Vulnerabilities has been conducted and evaluated. FDPS members also suggested having a presentation on E-Plan capabilities and functionality is association with the next LEPC meeting. Both of these have been made part of the August 28th LEPC meeting Agenda.

Additional Materials: FDPS Meeting Recap (**Pages 10-15** of these Agenda materials)
Action Recommended: None. For Information Only.



FACILITY DISASTER
PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

RECAP

July 17, 2013 Meeting

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Attendees Present - Ed Kinley (UES), Tricia Williams (HRP Associates), Denise Lynch (CSX), Chet Klinger and John Meyer (LEPC).

Please note that text appearing as **red** symbolizes an item which requires future action. **Blue** text serves as an update or recognition of action which has transpired since the meeting.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR RECAP OF APRIL 17th MEETING

Mr. John Meyer acknowledged that a Recap of the last FDPS meeting (i.e. April 17, 2013) was previously transmitted to Subcommittee members via e-mail, posted to the LEPC and acknowledged that handouts were available for all in attendance. Mr. Meyer proceeded to summarize the following items discussed at the last FDPS meeting:



Mr. Meyer reminded attendees of Ms. Thea Dunmire's commitment to serve as the "interim" Chair of the Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee Chair through 2013. The Subcommittee will continue to solicit a replacement from within its membership, even on an interim basis, if Ms. Dunmire chooses to no longer serve in this capacity in 2014.

Mr. Meyer recognized that updates to Supplemental Environmental Projects will be addressed later in today's presentation and that there are no substantive updates to provide regarding the "Florida Business Disaster Survival Kit" or "Universal Credentialing."

However, Mr. Meyer did mention that it is his understanding that Hillsborough County is contemplating the development of Universal Credentialing strategies and provisions. However, any release of this information, at this point, may be premature and inappropriate. Once finalized and shared with the LEPC, these materials will be shared with FDPS members as informational and posted to the LEPC website as a potential resource.

3. RECAP/OVERVIEW OF JULY 11-12 SERC MEETINGS

E-Plan Status Update:

- 78% of all facilities required to provide Tier II Reports for 2012 (due March 1, 2013) did so electronically through E-Plan. Reasonable expectations exist to eclipse 90% starting next year. A timely and thorough promotional and educational campaign promoting the use of E-Plan contributed greatly to this success rate. The current electronic submittal rate clearly overshadows the 46% rate achieved for the 2011 reporting following three years worth of promotion of the prior electronic

submittal program (www.FloridaHMIS.org). Much of the success of E-Plan utilization rate experienced in Florida was attributed to the timely and thorough E-Plan training/educational campaign conducted by FDEM/SERC staff across the State shortly before the reporting deadline, promotion of E-Plan by the LEPCs, the ease of use and intuitiveness of the E-Plan program itself, and the fact that the vast majority of facility data was pre-populated into E-Plan by FDEM staff (based on previous year's Report), a tremendous benefit to the first-time electronic filers by significantly reducing the amount of time it takes to file;

- Approximately three months ago the University of Texas at Dallas transmitted a correspondence indicating that E-Plan system may be eliminated due to a lack of funding. Although E-Plan was initially established and funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency between 2000-2008, funding was subsequently provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security from 2008-2012 and there is no commitment for continued funding beyond the current year. In response, shortly following the May 29, 2013 LEPC meeting, the Tampa Bay LEPC issued a "Letter of Support" regarding E-Plan addressed to the Chair of the State Emergency Response Commission (Bryan Koon). All local legislators and the Tampa Bay area federal delegates were copied on this correspondence. Considering the utilization of this program by many States, the correspondence may have lead to unintended consequences. Several States are currently exploring alternative programs in the event E-Plan would no longer be an option; and
- FDEM staff insists that Florida will continue to use and promote E-Plan for many years to come. If user fees are assessed to facilities, as suggested as an optional funding source by UTD, it is anticipated State of Florida will pay the facility user fees since Florida already collects registration fees annually, whether Reports are submitted electronically or not. In addition, even if no other federal sources for funding E-Plan are identified, E-Plan administration costs for Florida are less than \$1 million annually.

FDPS (and LEPC) member Chet Klinger suggested that a presentation of E-Plan capabilities be provided at a future LEPC meeting. Mr. Meyer concurred with the idea. **Mr. Meyer agreed to talk with Mr. Jeff Patterson about providing such a presentation at the August 28th LEPC meeting, noting his (and Hillsborough County Fire Rescue's) familiarity within E-Plan, their frequent use, and Mr. Patterson's designation as the Subcommittee Chair of the E-Plan Enhancements Committee. Mr. Patterson has subsequently agreed to the request and will make the presentation at the August 28th LEPC meeting.**

Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) Update:

- As a reminder, SEPs are an option that can/will be extended to facilities found to be violation with EPCRA by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency within the State of Florida and several other States. If the facility elects to fund a SEP(s), this could offset up to a maximum of 75% of the overall assessed fine value. However, the facility would always remain liable to pay the remainder of the fine monetarily.
- The SERC/FDEM staff is nearing completion of a *Supplemental Environmental Projects* website. The site will be accessible from the SERC/FDEM homepage.
- The website will be patterned after the State of Illinois' SEP website for its ease of use, intuitiveness and its interactivity. Illinois' SEP website is viewable at: www.epa.state.il.us/enforcement/sep.

- In many instances, generic SEPs will be identified that could be implemented in a variety of locations across the State. However, FDEM is continually looking to supplement the listing with local proposals which could include needs or resources identified by local Hazmat Teams.
- It is critical that SEP proposals have differing implementation costs in order to accommodate fines of varying magnitudes. It would be reasonable to conclude that most facilities would prefer for their dollars to stay local when presented an alternative.

Domestic Security Oversight Council (DSOC).

- DSOC is an entity responsible for issuing guidance and recommendations regarding the disbursement of federal Domestic Security Grant funding within the State of Florida. The DSOC has recently issued a recommendation *“to reduce the number of federally-funded statewide Hazmat Teams from 35, with a maximum of three per RDSTF Region.”*
- DSOC’s requested reduction in the specific number of hazmat teams appears to be somewhat arbitrary and established without consideration of Threats & Vulnerabilities in terms of target areas, including: locations of Radiological facilities, Population concentrations, Bulk Chemical Storage, Military Bases, Pipelines and/or other significant factors.
- While most of the operational costs associated with the Hazmat Teams have been borne by local governments, federal funding has been used to supplement equipment/resource purchases as well as provide advanced training to Hazmat Team members.
- Currently there are six State-recognized Hazmat teams serving Tampa Bay in terms of the RDSTF Region delineations (Hillsborough, Tampa, Pinellas, Pasco, Citrus and Polk).
- SERC unanimously approved the transmittal of a correspondence requesting postponement of Hazmat Team reduction until, at least, the following measures have been implemented: conduct of a Statewide Threats and Vulnerabilities assessment; consider allowing the “locals” to disperse the funding within each Region; and determine fate of existing hazmat resources and personnel if action results in the deactivation of a Hazmat Team(s). The letter will be addressed to Mr. Bryan Koon in his capacity as Chair of the Domestic Security Oversight Council.

FDPS (and LEPC) member Ed Kinley suggested that it would be appropriate to discuss this issue at the next LEPC meeting and to consider issuing a similar letter suggesting to maintain the existing Hazmat Team structure and locations until a proper Threats and Vulnerabilities Assessment is conducted statewide. **Mr. Meyer concurred with the idea and indicated that he would check with his colleagues regarding the courses of action being taken by the other LEPC Districts. Mr. Meyer consulted with LEPC colleagues and concluded that this item will be placed on the August 28th LEPC meeting Agenda for consideration.**

“Fertilizer Industry in Florida” Presentation. Ms. Mary Hartney, President of the Florida Fertilizer and Agrichemical Association provided a presentation on measures the Fertilizer Industry has recently employed within the State of Florida to try to prevent “another West Fertilizer incident.” The strategies include:

- Expand working relationships with First Responders, LEPCs, SERC, the media, and their neighbors;
- Encourage tours of facility by appropriate parties;

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- Develop suggested guiding principles for ammonium nitrate & anhydrous ammonia storage and handling; and
- Develop initiatives that include assistance with regulatory compliance; promote better documentation of company policies; and encourage systematic approach to employee training

Ms. Hartney subsequently agreed to provide facility contact information for notification of, and perhaps an increased presence at, future LEPC meetings.

4. OVERVIEW OF JUNE 27th “KEEPING YOUR HEAD ABOVE WATER: STORM SURGE PREPAREDNESS FOR BUSINESSES WITH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS” WORKSHOP

In conjunction with the Tampa Port Authority, the FDPS coordinated the conduct of a “Keeping Your Head above Water: Storm Surge Preparedness for Businesses with Hazardous Materials” workshop on June 27, 2013 at Tampa Cruise Terminal #3. The following are highlights and a synopsis of the workshop:

- In no particular order, the workshop partners were: Tampa Port Authority, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, Hillsborough County Fire Rescue/Office of Emergency Management, Pinellas County, Florida Department of Environmental Protection/Office of Emergency Response, the National Weather Service, the U.S. Coast Guard/Sector St. Petersburg, Tampa Bay Harbor Safety & Security Committee, Tampa Bay Pilots Association, ENLAR Compliance Services, Elliot Consulting & C.F. Industries



- The following constitute the listing of registrants for the Workshop. Those signified with **yellow highlights** served as the workshop presenters, moderators and/or organizers:

Last Name	First Name	Job Title	Company
1	Brown	Shawn	Traffic Technician
2	Brown	Shawn	Traffic Technician
3	Buttington	CAPT Michael	Tampa Bay Pilots Association
4	Callahan	Bob	Marine & Terminal Ops Director
5	Cameron	Bruce	Port Operations Supervisor
6	Cooke	MST3 Stephen	MST3
7	Cooper	Stacie	Account Manager
8	Daughnas	Marie	Planning & Redevelopment Director
9	Dubina	Mark	Director
10	Dunnire	Thea	ENLAR Compliance Services
11	Elliot	Steve	Elliot Consulting
12	Fleck	Cris	Senior EHS Specialist
13	Gates	Gabriel	Operations Manager
14	Grief	William	Dade City Manager
15	Grimm	LCDR Gavin	U.S. Coast Guard/Sector St. Petersburg
16	Harris	Kocher	Sales
17	Iovino	Tom	Pinellas County - Communications
18	Johnson	Bethi	RDSTF Planner
19	Joyner	John	Operations Superintendent
20	Kirk	Jeff	EHS Manager
21	Kone	Ryan	TPA
22	Kluger	Chester	LEPC/FDPS Member
23	Logan-Porter	Jennifer	CF Industries
24	Lopez	Jessica	Environmental Protection Commission of HC
25	Lukhko	Derek	Terminal Superintendent
26	Lynch	Denise	Manager Field Investigations
27	McChristian	Lynne	Insurance Information Institute
28	Merlin	RADM William F. Retired	Tampa Bay Harbor Safety and Security Comm
29	Meyer	John	LEPC Staff Coordinator
30	Morgan	Beverly	Senior Environmental Technician
31	Morse	Wes	Superintendent
32	Noah	Dan	National Weather Service
33	O'Nale	Dean	Fire/EMS Chief
34	Parisano	Michele	Planning Administrator
35	PETROVICH	RANDILA	TSE INDUSTRIES, INC
36	Phan	Dui	Environmental Coordinator
37	Russo	Melody	Mosaic
38	Sanchez	Noberto	Director of Facilities Management
39	Skiba	Erinn	HCFR/Office of Emergency Management
40	Smith	Jeff	Manager
41	Suarez	Alex	Hess Corporation
42	Sullivan	MST3 Michael	MST3
43	Tobergte	Jeff	FDEP/Office of Emergency Response
44	Trefler	David	Sales Manager
45	Vadelund	Lynne	Manager of Ops/Tpa Terminal
46	Ward	Julie	Water Process Engineer
47	Weason	Warren	Contingency Planning Specialist
48	Whitaker	Mary	Terminal Manager
49	Williams	Tricia	Senior Project Scientist
50			
51			Presenters/Moderators/Organizers

- The Agenda was broken into various sessions to address a variety of topics:

- ❖ “Storm Surge 101” & Meteorological Trends (Dan Noah/National Weather Service)
- ❖ Identification of Vulnerabilities and Chemical Storage (Jeff Tobergte/FDEP OER)
- ❖ “Staying Afloat”: Business Continuity Planning (Thea Dunnire - Moderator)
 - ☞ Steve Elliot - Elliot Consulting
 - ☞ Erinn Skiba - HCFR/Office of Emergency Management
 - ☞ Lynne McChristian - Insurance Information Institute

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- ❖ **Hazardous Materials and Storm Surge: Contingency Plans** (RADM Bill Merlin - Moderator)
 - ☞ LCDR Navin Griffin, U.S. Coast Guard
 - ☞ Bob Callahan, Tampa Port Authority
 - ☞ Mike Buffington, Tampa Bay Harbor Safety and Security Committee
 - ☞ Lynne Vadelund, C.F. Industries
- ❖ **SuperStorm Sandy's Lessons Learned** (Tom Iovino/Pinellas County)

● The following were pictures taken at the event:



● Following the conduct of the Workshop, each of the presenters provided their consent to allow their *PowerPoint*® presentations to be posted to the LEPC website (www.tbrpc.org/lepc), which has subsequently been accomplished. Depicted below are the first page of each of their presentations:



- The following constitutes a compilation and summary of survey results/evaluations received from the Workshop:

<p>1. What extent do you feel the Workshop met your objectives for attendance?</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Highly Successful</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Moderately Successful</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Somewhat Unsuccessful</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Highly Unsuccessful</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">76.5%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">17.6%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5.9%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0.0%</td> </tr> </table> <p>2. How helpful was the Workshop to you personally?</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Very Helpful</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Moderately Helpful</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Not Very Helpful</td> <td style="text-align: center;">A Total Waste of Time</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">58.8%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">41.2%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0.0%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0.0%</td> </tr> </table> <p>3. How do you feel about the length of the Workshop?</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Too Long</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Too Short</td> <td style="text-align: center;">About Right</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Comment: Workshop too fast, cut off Q&As</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">0.0%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0.0%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">100.0%</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>4. Was the Workshop location acceptable?</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Yes</td> <td style="text-align: center;">No</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">100.0%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0.0%</td> </tr> </table>	Highly Successful	Moderately Successful	Somewhat Unsuccessful	Highly Unsuccessful	76.5%	17.6%	5.9%	0.0%	Very Helpful	Moderately Helpful	Not Very Helpful	A Total Waste of Time	58.8%	41.2%	0.0%	0.0%	Too Long	Too Short	About Right	Comment: Workshop too fast, cut off Q&As	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%		Yes	No	100.0%	0.0%	<p>5. Is there an additional topic(s) you would have liked to be addressed under THIS Workshop?</p> <p><i>If yes, please specify (The following are all direct quotes): forces of storms vs. different codes of structures; SWs speak about local ER incidents; specific ways to deal with NHs, caustics etc. in storm surge event; transportation issues; hazmat data and transportation; law enforcement actions during severe weather; and checklist creation.</i></p> <p>6. The LEPC's Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (FDPS) is always looking for ways and opportunities to educate the hazardous materials community and the public. Is there a topic(s) you would like for the FDPS to consider for a future Workshop?</p> <p><i>(The following are all direct quotes): communication within and between agencies; more intensive work with Tom Layton, especially social media techniques for communications; facility actions for hazmat releases; Shelter-in-Place provisions; and Hillsborough County code in regard to hazardous waste storage.</i></p>
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5. FEMA'S PRIVATE SECTOR PREPAREDNESS CERTIFICATION

Subcommittee Chair Thea Dunmire was not present to address the possibility of a future Workshop to address this issue. **Mr. John Meyer agreed to "table" this topic as part of the Agenda for the next FDPS meeting.**

6. OTHER ISSUES/COMMENTS.

No other issues or comments were identified by Subcommittee members.

Following a reminder of the next scheduled meeting (Wednesday, October 16, 2013), the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

LEPC District 8 was allotted a \$47,072 FDOT Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) subgrant through the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) for Hazardous Materials training for public-sector First Responder during the period of July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013. The following constitutes a final breakdown of expenditures associated with the 2012-13 Contract:

Quarter	Date	Name	Expenses	Cumulative	Remaining
BASE FUNDING UNDER 2012-13 HMEP CONTRACT					\$47,072.00
1	8/23-25/2012	8-Hr. Foam/Ethanol Training, Zephyrhills Fire Dept.	\$ 5,199.00	\$ 5,199.00	\$41,873.00
	9/12-28/2012	160-Hr. Hazmat Tech Course (5 Students), Pinellas	\$ 5,815.00	\$11,014.00	\$36,058.00
		1 st Qtr Admin. Expenses/July - Sept. 2012 <Actual ¹ >	\$ 1,040.00	\$12,054.00	\$35,018.00
2	10/23-25/2012	E-Plan Users Conference (J. Patterson), Atlanta, GA	\$ 955.46	\$13,009.46	\$34,062.54
	11/27-29/2012	24-Hr. Hazmat Life Safety & Command, Manatee	\$ 3,600.00	\$16,609.46	\$30,462.54
	12/18-20/2012	8-Hr. Foam/Ethanol Training, Pinellas Co. Hazmat	\$ 6,100.00	\$22,709.46	\$24,362.54
		2 nd Qtr Admin. Expenses/Oct.-Dec., 2012 <Actual ¹ >	\$ 1,627.00	\$24,336.46	\$22,735.54
3		NONE	\$ 0	\$24,336.46	\$22,735.54
		3 rd Qtr Admin. Expenses/Jan. - Mar. 2013 <Actual ¹ >	\$ 1,125.00	\$25,461.46	\$21,610.54
4	4/23-25/2013	8-Hr. Chlorine Refresher Course, Pinellas Co. Hazmat	\$ 2,500.00	\$27,961.46	\$19,110.54
	5/13-17/2013	40-Hr. HazMedic Course ³ , Ocala (Sent 10 Students/6 Counted)	\$ 4,228.00	\$32,189.46	\$14,882.54
	6/25-27/2013	8-Hr. "Hazmat IQ" Course ² , Pinellas Co. Hazmat	\$13,350.00	\$45,539.46	\$ 1,532.54
		4 th Qtr Admin. Expenses/April-June, 2013 <Actual ¹ >	\$ 2,409.00	\$47,948.46	[\$ 876.46]

FOOTNOTES:

- Administrative expenses include indirects, internal service charges, auditing, building occupancy, travel time and small miscellaneous expenses. Please note that the "estimate," signified in **red**, was established at the time of Agenda materials preparation and is presented for informational purposes only. The cost *estimate* is then revised at the end of each quarter to reflect actual administrative costs once tabulated, as would be appropriate.
- Italicization* of course name(s) in **blue**, if applicable, signifies that the course has been committed and approved but not yet conducted.
- The 40-Hr. Hazmedic course was predominantly funded by LEPC District 5. LEPC District 8 was responsible for costs associated with increasing the size of the course roster size, Per Diem & accommodations at Florida Fire College for the attendees from LEPC District 8.

LEPC District 8 received the same FDOT HMEP subgrant for FY 2013-14 on July 30, 2013 for execution. The Contract period is retroactively July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014. The Contract will be funded in the same amount as last year (\$47,072) but, again, includes a stipulation which mandates 25% of funds (i.e. \$11,768) be expended during the first quarter. Expenses in excess of this amount will not be reimbursed and unspent monies must be returned. The funding is intended to increase public-sector first responder hazardous materials response training opportunities. Each training event must meet FDEM's cost effectiveness criteria and be transportation-related or include a transportation component or nexus.

HMEP Training Subcommittee Chair J.J. Johnston has scheduled a HMEP Training Subcommittee meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the LEPC/TBRPC offices, one hour prior to the scheduled start of the LEPC quarterly meeting. The primary purpose of the meeting is to solicit training options which can/will to address the requirement to fund the conduct of public-sector, First Responder training in an amount equal to 25% of their entire training budgets (~\$11,768 for LEPC 8) during the 1st Quarter (i.e. July 1 - Sept. 30, 2013).

Additional Material: None.
 Action Recommended: None. For Information Only.

The Region 4 RDSTF includes three of the four counties of the LEPC District VIII - Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas as well as Hardee, Polk, Hernando, Citrus and Sumter Counties. The RDSTF Co-Chairs are Hillsborough County Sheriff David Gee and FDLE Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Rick Ramirez. The RDSTF is organized to provide to support the National Preparedness Goal of Regional Collaboration. It is supported by eight multi-disciplinary/multi-jurisdictional committees which include both traditional and non-traditional response organizations, each represented by a chair and co-chairs who report directly to the RDSTF IV chair and co-chair. The committees which make up the RDSTF are as follows: Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, Fire Rescue, Health and Medical, Interoperable Communications, Training and Exercise, Critical Infrastructure Protection, and Education.

Currently, the discipline committees are meeting to discuss programs and projects for 2014 DHS funding. Each committee will build regional/statewide funding templates for submittal to the State Working Group the week of September 9th. The RDSTF and UASI UAWG will meet in Tampa in October.

Regional Interoperable Communications

Region IV is currently updating the Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TIC Plan) and is planning a series of workshops and tabletop exercises culminating in a Regional Interoperable Communications Exercise the first quarter of next year. Planning is in the preliminary stages and updates will be provided as they are available.

The RDSTF State Working Group Committees and the Executive Board met the week of April 29th in Tampa. Discussion included, but was not limited to, the approval of the updated Standard Operating Guides (SOGs) for Specialty Teams, development of equipment and resource inventory; process of prioritization of projects for funding, and the critical infrastructure assessments of schools.

Multi-Year Training and Exercise Planning Workshop

In late fall, each RDSTF region began compiling information on the training and exercise needs of the agencies within their region. The collection point for this information will be the emergency management office in each county. The Region 4 Multi-Year Training and Exercise Workshop (MY-TEPW) was held April 24, 2013. Multi-discipline training and exercises were prioritized regionally and scheduled. The multi-year calendar was presented at the State MY-TEPW on June 4, 2013. The State MY-TEP will be available on www.tbrpc.org/rdstf upon final approval.

Local Training

The list of T&E for FY 2013 was developed last year and we have finalized and posted available training through September on SERT TRAC website (<http://trac.floridadisaster.org/trac/loginform.aspx>) and the TBRPC website.

Additional Material: None

Action Recommended: None. For Information Only

This past year, the SERC encouraged and promoted the filing of facility Tier II Reports electronically through E-Plan. The ~78% submittal rate in E-Plan recorded in Florida’s inaugural year far exceeded expectations. Aside from the ease of use and convenience for facilities, the system is dually beneficial to first responders and the State, whereby facility inventories, addresses and contacts are instantaneously made available for use in response to future hazmat incidents. Having timely access to accurate facility information can certainly result in better response times, improved safety of employees & citizens and a reduction in property damage. The E-Plan database can also be accessed for planning purposes.

E-Plan is not a new system. It was launched, funded and maintained by the U.S. EPA from 2000 - 2008 at which point it was transferred to the Department of Homeland Security. As of the current year, 39 States use E-Plan. While the source of continued funding is still being determined, FDEM staff has insisted that, at minimum, Florida will continue to use E-Plan even if Florida operations need to be self-funded.

A presentation will be provided by Mr. Jeff Patterson (Hillsborough County Fire Rescue) on the capabilities and functionality of E-Plan.

Additional Material: None.
Action Recommended: None. For Information Only

It was reported that 14 railcars (of a 88± unit train) containing Ethanol became derailed at the Maritime Boulevard entrance to the Port of Tampa during the very early hours of Thursday, July 25, 2013. Eleven of the derailed railcars had overturned and were laying on their side, three of which were leaking. Swift and appropriate actions taken by the responding agencies, including CSX’s response contractor (SWS Environmental Services) were credited with the fact that there was not a fire, injuries were held to a minimum and there were no fatalities or mandated evacuations.

One of the local news station produced a 2½ minute video characterizing the incident. The video, which will be presented at the LEPC meeting, is viewable at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=4U8auLZ3Q5M.

It is anticipated that each of the presenters will additionally share various photos that were taken before, during, and after response actions.

Additional Material: None.
Action Recommended: None. For Information Only

Information is available for the following Training/Conference events:

- A. FDEM’s Training and Events Schedule/**Region 4**, Various FL Locations/Times (Aug. - Nov. 2013)
- B. FDEM’s Training and Events Schedule/**Region 6**, Various FL Locations/Times (Aug. - Nov. 2013)

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August 2013 Training and Events

Date	Region	City/ County	Name
Aug. 05 - Aug. 09	Region 4	Tampa Hillsborough	L-967 - Logistics Section Chief (LSC) ...
Aug. 06 - Aug. 08	Region 4	St. Petersburg Pinellas	G-300 - Intermediate Incident Command System for Expan ...
Aug. 08 - Aug. 09	Region 4	Clearwater Pinellas	G-290 - Basic Public Information Officer (PIO) ...
Aug. 17 - Aug. 31	Region 4	Tampa Hillsborough	G-317 - Basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT ...
Aug. 20 - Aug. 22	Region 4	Tampa Hillsborough	L363 - Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Higher Educ ...
Aug. 28 - Aug. 30	Region 4	Wauchula Hardee	G-300 - Intermediate Incident Command System for Expan ...

September 2013 Training and Events

Date	Region	City/ County	Name
Sep. 30 - Oct. 01	Region 4	Largo Pinellas	G393 - Mitigation for Emergency Managers ...

October 2013 Training and Events

Date	Region	City/ County	Name	Sta
Oct. 22 - Oct. 22	Region 4	Pinellas Park Pinellas	390 - Get Your Mitigation On!	Not

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August 2013 Training and Events

Date	Region	City/ County	Name	Status
Aug. 05 - Aug. 05	Region 6	Bradenton Manatee	AWR 156 - Principles of Planning and Implementing Reco...	Not started
Aug. 19 - Aug. 21	Region 6	Sarasota Sarasota	L-960 - NIMS ICS All-Hazard Division & Group Superviso...	Not started

September 2013 Training and Events

Date	Region	City/ County	Name	Status
Sep. 04 - Sep. 06	Region 6	Sarasota Sarasota	L-973 - Finance/Administrative Section Chief (FSC) ...	Not started
Sep. 17 - Sep. 17	Region 6	Punta Gorda Charlotte	AWR-308 - Natural Disaster Awareness for Senior caregi ...	Not started
Sep. 17 - Sep. 17	Region 6	Punta Gorda Charlotte	AWR-308 - Natural Disaster Awareness for Senior caregi ...	Not started

October 2013 Training and Events

Date	Region	City/ County	Name	Status
Oct. 23 - Oct. 23	Region 6	Sebring Highlands	390 - Get Your Mitigation On!	Not started

November 2013 Training and Events

Date	Region	City/ County	Name	Status
Nov. 04 - Nov. 08	Region 6	Sarasota Sarasota	L-964 - Situation Unit Leader (SITL) in an all-hazards...	Not started
Nov. 06 - Nov. 08	Region 6	Fort Myers Lee	G-300 - Intermediate Incident Command System for Expan ...	Not started
Nov. 12 - Nov. 12	Region 6	Fort Myers Lee	390 - Get Your Mitigation On!	Not started

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A. TAMPA BAY LEPC (DISTRICT 8) HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN UPDATE **John Meyer**

The annual update of the *Tampa Bay LEPC District 8 Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan* was completed as submitted to the FDEM/SERC for approval in accordance with LEPC Contract provisions. Once approved, the finalized version will be provided to all required entities on CD Rom (in various formats) and dually posted to the LEPC website. Such approval is anticipated in conjunction with the October 4th SERC meeting.

Additional Material: None.
 Action Recommended: Information Only.

B. THOMAS YATABE AWARDS FOR 2013 **John Meyer**

It is that time of year again for each Local Emergency Planning Committee District to nominate deserving individuals, agencies or organizations for the *Thomas Yatabe Award* of distinction. The Award signifies “*Outstanding contribution made in the implementation and support of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act through achievement(s), accomplishment(s) or superior participation in hazardous material planning or response.*” While only one nomination will be selected to receive this prestigious award for each District, all “Runner(s)-Up” will be presented a *Certificate of Appreciation*.

An e-mail was transmitted to all LEPC members on August 5th to encourage their submittal of nominees. The e-mail contained the nomination procedures as well as the Nomination Forms (in PDF & Word formats). A duplicate copy of the nomination procedures and the Nomination Form are provided on the following two pages of these Agenda materials. **The deadline for Nomination submittals remains Friday, August 30, 2013.**

Additional Material: Award Nomination Procedures & Form **(Pages 22-23, respectively)**
 Action Recommended: **Solicitation of Award Nominations**

C. “IMPROVING CHEMICAL FACILITY SAFETY & SECURITY” EXECUTIVE ORDER **John Meyer**

On August 1, 2013, President Barack Obama enacted the above-referenced Executive Order (EO). The EO was forwarded to LEPC members by LEPC staff shortly following enactment and receipt on August 1st. In summary, the EO mandates the establishment of a working group comprised of representatives from the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Transportation in consultation with the Council on Environmental Quality, National Security Staff, the Domestic Policy Council, the Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Office of Management and Budget, the White House Office of Cabinet Affairs, and other agencies/offices designated by the President on Chemical Safety and Security matters. The mission of the working group is to provide a “status report” to the President by May 1, 2014 (i.e. within 270 days of EO enactment). Interim timeline goals have also been established.

Additional Material: Executive Order **(Pages 24-29)**
 Action Recommended: Information Only.

Item #11.B. - Thomas Yatabe Award Nomination Procedures

THOMAS YATABE - STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION AWARDS PROGRAM PROCEDURES

The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) has established the following procedures to guide the recommendation and review of nominations for the State of Florida Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act Awards Program.

1. **Four categories of eligibility** are established for the awards program.
 - a. Recognition of an outstanding achievement, accomplishment or superior participation in the hazardous materials planning program by a **member of the SERC**.
 - b. Recognition of an outstanding achievement, accomplishment or superior participation in the hazardous materials planning program by a **member or alternate of a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)**.
 - c. Recognition of an outstanding achievement, accomplishment or superior participation in the hazardous materials planning program by a **an individual, agency or organization**.
 - d. Recognition of an outstanding achievement, accomplishment or superior participation in the hazardous materials planning program by a **industry or business**.

These categories may be expanded to address unique circumstances at the discretion of the SERC.

2. Each LEPC chairperson shall submit the name of a **single nominee**, chosen from one of the four categories of eligibility, who has made an outstanding contribution to the hazardous materials planning program **as the LEPC's nomination for a Thomas Yatabe - SERC Award**. Multiple nominees may be recommended for Certificates of Appreciation for their contributions to the program.
3. The single Thomas Yatabe - SERC Award and/or Certificate of Appreciation nominations(s) from each district shall be reviewed by the SERC's Membership Committee. The Committee shall forward its recommendations to the SERC.
4. Recommendations for awards will be acted upon by the SERC on an annual basis at its fall meeting (October).
5. Nominations for awards in each category may be offered by members of any category. All nominations must be received by the SERC by August 15 to be considered for that year's award. Nominations for recognition for outstanding contributions and certificates of appreciation, must be made in writing by the respective LEPC chairperson, must be directed to the Chairman of the SERC and must be accompanied by an Awards Nomination Form.
6. The SERC may elect to suspend or amend the time limitation of these procedures for good cause.

Item #11.B. - Thomas Yatabe Award Nomination Form

**THOMAS YATABE – STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
AWARDS PROGRAM
NOMINATION FORM**

CATEGORY: SERC MEMBER ____ LEPC MEMBER ____ OTHER ____

NAME:

OCCUPATION:

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE/ZIP:

TELEPHONE:

NAME/TITLE/PHONE of Person Nominating Above Individual or Unit:

REASON FOR NOMINATION: (Select #1 or #2)

____ 1. In recognition of outstanding achievement, accomplishment or superior participation in hazardous materials planning or response by an individual, agency or organization. (OR)

____ 2. For Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of outstanding achievement, accomplishment or superior participation in hazardous materials planning or response by an individual, agency or organization.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

OTHER COMMENTS:

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FOR STAFF USE ONLY:

DATE NOMINATION RECEIVED: _____

DATE ACTED UPON BY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: _____

Completed Forms should be e-mailed to johnnm@tbrpc.org and/or faxed to 727/570-5118

Item #11.C. - "Improving Chemical Facility Safety & Security" Executive Order

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

August 1, 2013

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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IMPROVING CHEMICAL FACILITY SAFETY AND SECURITY

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Purpose. Chemicals, and the facilities where they are manufactured, stored, distributed, and used, are essential to today's economy. Past and recent tragedies have reminded us, however, that the handling and storage of chemicals are not without risk. The Federal Government has developed and implemented numerous programs aimed at reducing the safety risks and security risks associated with hazardous chemicals. However, additional measures can be taken by executive departments and agencies (agencies) with regulatory authority to further improve chemical facility safety and security in coordination with owners and operators.

Sec. 2. Establishment of the Chemical Facility Safety and Security Working Group. (a) There is established a Chemical Facility Safety and Security Working Group (Working Group) co-chaired by the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Secretary of Labor or their designated representatives at the Assistant Secretary level or higher. In addition, the Working Group shall consist of the head of each of the following agencies or their designated representatives at the Assistant Secretary level or higher:

- (i) the Department of Justice;
- (ii) the Department of Agriculture; and
- (iii) the Department of Transportation.

(b) In carrying out its responsibilities under this order, the Working Group shall consult with representatives from:

- (i) the Council on Environmental Quality;
- (ii) the National Security Staff;
- (iii) the Domestic Policy Council;
- (iv) the Office of Science and Technology Policy;
- (v) the Office of Management and Budget (OMB);
- (vi) the White House Office of Cabinet Affairs; and

(vii) such other agencies and offices as the President may designate.

(c) The Working Group shall meet no less than quarterly to discuss the status of efforts to implement this order. The Working Group is encouraged to invite other affected agencies, such as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, to attend these meetings as appropriate. Additionally, the Working Group shall provide, within 270 days of the date of this order, a status report to the President through the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality and the Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism.

Sec. 3. Improving Operational Coordination with State, Local, and Tribal Partners. (a) Within 135 days of the date of this order, the Working Group shall develop a plan to support and further enable efforts by State regulators, State, local, and tribal emergency responders, chemical facility owners and operators, and local and tribal communities to work together to improve chemical facility safety and security. In developing this plan, the Working Group shall:

(i) identify ways to improve coordination among the Federal Government, first responders, and State, local, and tribal entities;

(ii) take into account the capabilities, limitations, and needs of the first responder community;

(iii) identify ways to ensure that State homeland security advisors, State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs), Tribal Emergency Response Commissions (TERCs), Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs), Tribal Emergency Planning Committees (TEPCs), State regulators, and first responders have ready access to key information in a useable format, including by thoroughly reviewing categories of chemicals for which information is provided to first responders and the manner in which it is made available, so as to prevent, prepare for, and respond to chemical incidents;

(iv) identify areas, in collaboration with State, local, and tribal governments and private sector partners, where joint collaborative programs can be developed or enhanced, including by better integrating existing authorities, jurisdictional responsibilities, and regulatory programs in order to achieve a more comprehensive engagement on chemical risk management;

(v) identify opportunities and mechanisms to improve response procedures and to enhance information sharing and collaborative planning between chemical facility owners and operators, TEPCs, LEPCs, and first responders;

(vi) working with the National Response Team (NRT) and Regional Response Teams (RRTs), identify means for Federal technical assistance to support developing, implementing, exercising, and revising State, local, and tribal emergency contingency plans, including improved training; and

(vii) examine opportunities to improve public access to information about chemical facility risks consistent with national security needs and appropriate protection of confidential business information.

(b) Within 90 days of the date of this order, the Attorney General, through the head of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), shall assess the feasibility of sharing data related to the storage of explosive materials with SERCs, TEPCs, and LEPCs.

(c) Within 90 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall assess the feasibility of sharing Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) data with SERCs, TEPCs, and LEPCs on a categorical basis.

Sec. 4. Enhanced Federal Coordination. In order to enhance Federal coordination regarding chemical facility safety and security:

(a) Within 45 days of the date of this order, the Working Group shall deploy a pilot program, involving the EPA, Department of Labor, Department of Homeland Security, and any other appropriate agency, to validate best practices and to test innovative methods for Federal interagency collaboration regarding chemical facility safety and security. The pilot program shall operate in at least one region and shall integrate regional Federal, State, local, and tribal assets, where appropriate. The pilot program shall include innovative and effective methods of collecting, storing, and using facility information, stakeholder outreach, inspection planning, and, as appropriate, joint inspection efforts. The Working Group shall take into account the results of the pilot program in developing integrated standard operating procedures pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Within 270 days of the date of this order, the Working Group shall create comprehensive and integrated standard operating procedures for a unified Federal approach for identifying and responding to risks in chemical facilities (including during pre-inspection, inspection execution, post-inspection, and post-accident investigation activities), incident reporting and response procedures, enforcement, and collection, storage, and use of facility information. This effort shall reflect best practices and shall include agency-to-agency referrals and joint inspection procedures where possible and appropriate, as well as consultation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency on post-accident response activities.

(c) Within 90 days of the date of this order, the Working Group shall consult with the Chemical Safety Board (CSB) and determine what, if any, changes are required to existing memorandums of understanding (MOUs) and processes between EPA and CSB, ATF and CSB, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and CSB for timely and full disclosure of information. To the extent appropriate, the Working Group may develop a single model MOU with CSB in lieu of existing agreements.

Sec. 5. Enhanced Information Collection and Sharing. In order to enhance information collection by and sharing across agencies to support more informed decisionmaking, streamline reporting requirements, and reduce duplicative efforts:

(a) Within 90 days of the date of this order, the Working Group shall develop an analysis, including recommendations, on the potential to improve information collection by and sharing between agencies to help identify chemical facilities which may not have provided all required information or may be non-compliant with Federal requirements to ensure chemical facility safety. This analysis should consider ongoing data-sharing efforts, other federally collected information, and chemical facility reporting among agencies (including information shared with State, local, and tribal governments).

(b) Within 180 days of the date of this order, the Working Group shall produce a proposal for a coordinated, flexible data-sharing process which can be utilized to track data submitted to agencies for federally regulated chemical facilities, including locations, chemicals, regulated entities, previous infractions, and other relevant information. The proposal shall allow for the sharing of information with and by State, local, and tribal entities where possible, consistent with section 3 of this order, and shall address computer-based and non-computer-based means for improving the process in the short-term, if they exist.

(c) Within 180 days of the date of this order, the Working Group shall identify and recommend possible changes to streamline and otherwise improve data collection to meet the needs of the public and Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies (including those charged with protecting workers and the public), consistent with the Paperwork Reduction Act and other relevant authorities, including opportunities to lessen the reporting burden on regulated industries. To the extent feasible, efforts shall minimize the duplicative collection of information while ensuring that pertinent information is shared with all key entities.

Sec. 6. Policy, Regulation, and Standards Modernization.
(a) In order to enhance safety and security in chemical facilities by modernizing key policies, regulations, and standards, the Working Group shall:

(i) within 90 days of the date of this order, develop options for improved chemical facility safety and security that identifies improvements to existing risk management practices through agency programs, private sector initiatives, Government guidance, outreach, standards, and regulations;

(ii) within 90 days of developing the options described in subsection (a)(i) of this section, engage key stakeholders to discuss the options and other means to improve chemical risk management that may be available; and

(iii) within 90 days of completing the outreach and consultation effort described in subsection (a)(ii) of this section, develop a plan for implementing practical and effective improvements to chemical risk management identified pursuant to subsections (a)(i) and (ii) of this section.

(b) Within 90 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of Labor, and the Secretary of Agriculture shall develop a list of potential regulatory and legislative proposals to improve the safe and secure storage, handling, and sale of ammonium nitrate and identify ways in which ammonium nitrate safety and security can be enhanced under existing authorities.

(c) Within 90 days of the date of this order, the Administrator of EPA and the Secretary of Labor shall review the chemical hazards covered by the Risk Management Program (RMP) and the Process Safety Management Standard (PSM) and determine if the RMP or PSM can and should be expanded to address additional regulated substances and types of hazards. In addition, the EPA and the Department of Labor shall develop a plan, including a timeline and resource requirements, to expand, implement, and enforce the RMP and PSM in a manner that addresses the additional regulated substances and types of hazards.

(d) Within 90 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall identify a list of chemicals, including poisons and reactive substances, that should be considered for addition to the CFATS Chemicals of Interest list.

(e) Within 90 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of Labor shall:

(i) identify any changes that need to be made in the retail and commercial grade exemptions in the PSM Standard; and

(ii) issue a Request for Information designed to identify issues related to modernization of the PSM Standard and related standards necessary to meet the goal of preventing major chemical accidents.

Sec. 7. Identification of Best Practices. The Working Group shall convene stakeholders, including chemical producers, chemical storage companies, agricultural supply companies, State and local regulators, chemical critical infrastructure owners and operators, first responders, labor organizations representing affected workers, environmental and community groups, and consensus standards organizations, in order to identify and share successes to date and best practices to reduce safety risks and security risks in the production and

storage of potentially harmful chemicals, including through the use of safer alternatives, adoption of best practices, and potential public-private partnerships.

Sec. 8. General Provisions. (a) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law, including international trade obligations, and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(b) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to a department, agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of OMB relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

BARACK OBAMA

THE WHITE HOUSE,
August 1, 2013.

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D. SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

John Meyer

As identified in the Recap of the July 12th SERC meeting (see Pages 11-14), as well as others, the Florida Division of Emergency Management/State Emergency Response Commission is in the process of establishing a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) website linked to their homepage. The website will be patterned after that implemented by the State of Illinois (www.epa.state.il.us/enforcement/sep) due to its ease of use, functionality and intuitiveness.

By design, the program would allow violating industry to optionally fund a SEP(s) in lieu of full fine payment. The following apply to SEPs:

- Potential SEPs continue to be solicited from the LEPC(s), hazmat team(s) and other agencies. While some SEPs are/can be generic and applicable in most areas, other SEPs could/should be “tailored” to the needs of the local community and have varying implementation costs. Allowable SEPs could consist of equipment and/or resources;
- All SEPs should be pre-approved by FDEM & USEPA for quick potential implementation;
- Funded SEPs can not exceed 75% of the assessed fine value. The violating industry would remain liable for payment of the balance; and
- Industry could even put a “spin” on the SEP(s) to make it appear as a good community relations gesture.

Allowable Supplemental Environmental Projects categories are:

CATEGORY	QUALIFYING PROJECT
Public Health	Includes examining residents in a community to determine if anyone has experiences health problems as a result of a company’s violation(s).
Pollution Prevention	These SEPs involve changes so that the company no longer generates some form of pollution. For example, a company may make its operation more efficient so that it avoids generating hazardous waste along with its product.
Pollution Reduction	Reduce the amount and/or danger presented by some form of pollution, often by providing better treatment and/or disposal of the pollutant.
Environmental Restoration & Protection	Improve the condition of the land, air or water in the area damaged by the violation. Example, by purchasing land or developing conservation programs for the land, a company could protect a source for drinking water.
Emergency Planning & Preparedness	Provide assistance to a responsible state or local emergency response or planning entity to enable these organizations to fulfill their obligations under the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA).
Assessment & Audits	Agree to examine its operations to determine if it is causing any other pollution problems or can run its operation better to avoid future violations. Audits go well beyond standard business practices.
Environmental Compliance Promotion	Provide training or technical support to other members of the regulated community to achieve, or go beyond, compliance with applicable environmental requirements.
Other Projects	Projects with environmental merit which do not fit within the other categories. Must be fully consistent with all other provisions of SEP policy and approved by the EPA.

Additional Material: None

Action Recommended: **Solicitation of Potential SEP Ideas**

E. DOMESTIC SECURITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION **Scott Ehlers**

The Domestic Security Oversight Council (DSOC) recently released a recommendation to reduce the number of funded regional Hazmat Teams from 35± to 18 teams statewide, with a maximum of three per RDSTF Region. This subject was a common theme for discussion at the quarterly SERC, Training Task Force and LEPC Staff & Chairs meetings held in mid-July. While there are seven RDSTF Regions in the State, only one regional Hazmat Team exists in the Pensacola area and two exist in Tallahassee, there would be no changes or potential future expansion in these areas. However, all other areas of the State would be affected and would have to absorb the proposed reductions. To date, no justification for the significant reduction has been provided beyond the presumed financial savings. If approved, the forced reduction does not appear to take into consideration many extremely important factors, like: location of radiological facilities, population concentrations, bulk chemical storage facilities, military bases, pipelines...

This is particularly troubling to the constituents and residents of the Tampa Bay area when factoring in the Port of Tampa and its known hazardous materials commodities, MacDill Air Force Base/Central Command, numerous sports venues, Busch Gardens, the University of South Florida, and several nationally-acclaimed hospitals and Institutions, to name a few...

SERC member (and Fire Chief) Mike Murphy mentioned that the SERC developed the standards and criteria for regional Hazmat Teams in the early 1990s and designated most of their present numbers and locations in order to ensure ample protection. That way, hazmat equipment and capabilities would be in close proximity to any/all hazmat incidents. Most of the hazmat team funding was initially and remains at the local level.

As identified in the SERC Recap presented earlier in these Backup Agenda materials (i.e. Pages 2-3), the SERC unanimously approved the transmittal of a letter to Chair of the DSOC, with a copy to the Governor, recommending that reduction in the number of regional Hazmat Teams be postponed until, at minimum, a statewide, comprehensive, Threats and Vulnerabilities Assessment has been conducted and evaluated. Issues such as ensuring ample protection of industries and the community and the status/fate of de-activated Hazmat Team personnel and resources would also need to be addressed.

LEPCs, especially with a large concentration of known “targets,” were encouraged to craft similar correspondences.

LEPC staff is seeking a motion to authorize the Chair to send a letter recommending maintaining the existing structure and funding of the regional Hazmat Teams until, at minimum, a comprehensive, statewide Threats and Vulnerabilities Assessment has been conducted and analyzed to justify the proposed reduction. The suggested letter is provided on the **Pages 32-33 of these Agenda materials.**

Additional Material: None
Action Recommended: **Motion to authorize Chairman to transmit above-referenced letter.**



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**Tampa Bay
Local Emergency
Planning Committee
District VIII**

August 28, 2013

Mr. Bryan Koon, Chair
Domestic Security Oversight Council
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Subject: Proposed Reduction in Florida’s Regional Hazmat Response Teams

Dear Mr. Koon:

Local Emergency Planning Committee District 8 was alerted to a recent Domestic Security Oversight Council recommendation to reduce the number of funded regional Hazmat Response Teams from 30± to 18, with a maximum of three per RDSTF Region.

While a financial savings may be realized through the potential reduction, the resulting increase in response times may not be without consequence, one that may jeopardize the lives and safety of the employees and residents in the State of Florida as well as ensuring ample protection of industry property.

Since you also serve in the capacity of Chair of the State Emergency Response Commission, perhaps you do recall that the SERC developed the standards and criteria for regional Hazmat Response Teams in the early 1990s and designated most of their present numbers and locations in order to ensure ample protection. That way, hazmat equipment and capabilities would always be physically proximate to any/all hazmat incidents.

While the Tampa Bay area is a wonderful place to live and work, its uniqueness presents an interesting but concerning number of vulnerabilities and potential targets (e.g. *Port of Tampa and associated hazardous materials commodities, fuel pipelines, MacDill Air Force Base/Central Command, numerous professional sporting venues, Busch Gardens, the University of South Florida, several nationally-acclaimed hospitals and Institutions...*).

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By **unanimous** vote, we the members of Local Emergency Planning Committee do hereby request that the movement towards a reduction in regional Hazmat Response Teams be postponed until, at least, a comprehensive Threats and Vulnerabilities Assessment has been conducted and evaluated statewide.

If you should have any question(s) or we can offer any assistance, please advise.

Sincerely,

Scott Ehlers
LEPC 8 Chair

cc: Paul Wotherspoon, FDEM

E. KEEPING YOUR HEAD ABOVE WATER: STORM SURGE PREPAREDNESS FOR BUSINESSES WITH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WORKSHOP **John Meyer**

In conjunction with the Tampa Port Authority, the LEPC’s Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee coordinated the above-referenced Workshop held on Thursday, June 27, 2013 at Tampa Cruise Terminal #3. The event was a tremendous success and drew nearly 50 attendees. Each of the presenters prepared *PowerPoint*® presentations for discussion of their topics. Following the Workshop, all presentations were subsequently linked to the LEPC’s website (http://www.tbrpc.org/lepc/lepc_surgeworkshop.shtml).

The Workshop topics consisted of: “*Storm Surge 101*” and *Meteorological Trends; Identification of Vulnerabilities & Chemical Storage; Business Continuity Planning; Contingency Planning; and Lessons Learned from SuperStorm Sandy.*

The LEPC would like to formally thank the following Workshop presenters/contributors who were all vital to the success of the Workshop through the issuance of *Certificates of Appreciation*:

- Capt. Michael Buffington, Tampa Bay Pilots Association
- Bob Callahan, Tampa Port Authority
- Thea Dunmire, FDPS Chair/ENLAR Compliance
- Steve Elliot, Elliot Consulting
- LCDR Navin Griffin, U.S. Coast Guard
- Tom Iovino, Pinellas County Communications
- Betti Johnson, TBRPC/RDSTF
- Lynne McChristian, Insurance Information Institute
- RAMD William Merlin, Retired USCG/Tampa Bay Harbor Safety & Security Committee
- Dan Noah, National Weather Service
- Erinn Skiba, HCFR/Office of Emergency Management
- Jeff Tobergte, FDEP/Office of Emergency Response
- Lynne Vadelund, CF Industries
- Patricia Williams, HRP Associates, Inc.

F. OTHER BUSINESS (To be Determined and/or may be Applicable)

Agenda Item #12 **LEPC LOGO SHIRTS** **Chair Ehlers**

LEPC-Logo shirts will always be made available in a variety of styles, colors and sizes. Each shirt will be personally designed to the specifications of the purchaser. If interested, or for more details, please consult John Meyer, LEPC Staff Coordinator.

Agenda Item #13 **PUBLIC COMMENTS** **Chair Ehlers**

Agenda Item #14 **NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, November 20, 2013** **Chair Ehlers**

Agenda Item #15 **ADJOURNMENT** **Chair Ehlers**