



LEPC Meeting Notice

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

FROM: Jeff Tobergte, Acting LEPC Chairman and
John Meyer, LEPC Coordinator

SUBJECT: **LEPC MEETING - February 26, 2014**

DATE: February 14, 2014

The next Tampa Bay LEPC, District VIII meeting will be held on **Wednesday morning, February 26, 2014, 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, February 26, 2014 - 10:30 am

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

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The following LEPC membership change(s) were approved at the January 22, 2014 SERC meeting:

MEMBER	CATEGORY	MEMBER TYPE		STATUS OF CHANGE			DESCRIPTION (IF NECESSARY AND/OR APPROPRIATE)
		PRIMARY	ALTERNATE	NEW MEMBER	MEMBERSHIP TYPE CHANGE	RESIGNED/REMOVED	
Lloyd Roberts	Water Management District	✓			✓		Southwest Water Management District. Mr. Lloyd Roberts is the new <i>Primary</i> LEPC 8 member representing SWFWMD. Mr. Roberts replaced Ms. Lesley Touchton. Mr. Roberts designated Mr. Crane as his <i>Alternate</i> .
David Crane			✓	✓			
Lesley Touchton		✓				✓	
Lloyd Roberts				✓		✓	
David St. Pierre	Transportation		✓	✓			Manatee County Port Authority. <i>Primary</i> LEPC 8 Member Scott Davies requested a re-designation of his <i>Alternate</i> from “Mr. William Stanfield” to “Mr. David St. Pierre.”
William Stanfield			✓			✓	
Paul Dolak	Facility Owner/Operator	✓		✓			Brenntag Mid South. Mr. Paul Dolak is a new <i>Primary</i> LEPC 8 member representing Brenntag Mid South. No <i>Alternate</i> has been designated at this time.

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Amanda Shaw	Emergency Management	✓		✓			Hillsborough County Emergency Management. Ms. Amanda Shaw is the new <i>Primary</i> LEPC 8 member representing Hillsborough County Emergency Management. Ms. Shaw has replaced Ms. Holley Wade. Ms. Shaw designated Mr. Marcus Martin as her <i>Alternate</i> .
Marcus Martin			✓	✓			
Holley Wade		✓				✓	
Jeff Patterson			✓		✓		
Karen Rider	Transportation		✓	✓			Florida Department of Transportation. Primary LEPC 8 Member Roberto Gonzalez requested a re-designation of his <i>Alternate</i> from “Ms. Dale Hanson” to “Ms. Karen Rider.”
Dale Hanson			✓			✓	
Darlene Powell	Hospital		✓	✓			Bay Pines VA Healthcare Systems. Primary LEPC 8 Member Dean Armstrong requested a re-designation of his <i>Alternate</i> from “Mr. William Orzech” to “Ms. Darlene Powell.”
William Orzech			✓			✓	
Jeff Patterson	First Aid/EMS	✓			✓		Hillsborough County Fire Rescue. Chief Jeff Patterson is the new <i>Primary</i> LEPC 8 member representing Hillsborough County Fire Rescue. Chief Patterson replaced Mike Guincho. Chief Patterson designated Capt. Jimmy Markart as his <i>Alternate</i> .
James Markart			✓		✓		
Michael Guincho		✓				✓	
James Markart			✓		✓		
Emilio Salabarría	Firefighting	✓		✓			Tampa Fire Rescue. Chief Emilio Salabarría is the new <i>Primary</i> LEPC 8 member representing Tampa Fire Rescue. Chief Salabarría replaced Scott Ehlers. Chief Salabarría designated Chief Bryan Riley as his <i>Alternate</i> .
Bryan Riley			✓	✓			
Scott Ehlers		✓				✓	
Tom Forward			✓			✓	

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		PRIMARY	ALTERNATE	NEW MEMBER	MEMBER-SHIP TYPE CHANGE	RESIGNED/ REMOVED	
Sharon Tarman	Emergency Management		✓	✓			Manatee County Emergency Management. Primary LEPC 8 Member Steve Simpson has requested a re-designation of his <i>Alternate</i> from “Ms. Rachel Ingle” to “Ms. Sharon Tarman.”
Rachel Ingle			✓			✓	
Rick Caravona	Emergency Management		✓	✓			Pasco County Emergency Management. Primary LEPC 8 Member James Johnston has requested a re-designation of his <i>Alternate</i> from “Mr. Greg Lindgren” to “Mr. Rick Caranona.”
Greg Lindgren			✓			✓	

NOTE: The membership modification(s) highlighted in yellow above (if and where applicable) signifies addition(s) to the LEPC District 8 membership. Likewise, modification(s) highlighted in gray (if and where applicable) indicates a reduction(s) in overall LEPC membership.

Additional Material: None.
Action Recommended: Recognition of New Appointments

Agenda Item #5

RECAP OF QUARTERLY SERC MEETINGS

John Meyer

The State Emergency Response Commission and associated Subcommittee meetings were held in Daytona Beach at the Hilton Daytona Beach Report/Ocean Walk Village on January 21-22, 2014. LEPC Staff Coordinator John Meyer attended the meetings. The following 11 pages constitute a *Recap* of the SERC meeting, inclusive of elaboration on discussion items associated with the SERC’s Training Task Force (TTF) and the LEPC Staff & Chairs meetings.

Additional Material: SERC Meeting *Recap* & TTF’s “Project Tracking Chart” (**Pages 4-14** of these Agenda materials)
Action Recommended: None. For Information Only.



RECAP OF THE JANUARY 22, 2014 STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION MEETING

The January 22, 2014 SERC meeting was held at the Hilton Daytona Beach Resort/Ocean Walk Village. The Recap summarized below was enhanced by discussions/dialogues which ensued at the January 21, 2014 meetings of SERC's Training Task Force and the LEPC Staff & Chairs. The SERC meeting was chaired by FDEM Director Bryan Koon. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. and proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance and a roll call of SERC members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Approval of October 4, 2013 SERC meeting *Minutes*.** Aside from a request by SERC member Larry McIntyre to recognize his attendance at the last meeting, no further revisions or proposed edits were identified. The revised *Minutes* from the October 4, 2013 SERC meeting were approved unanimously.
- **Hazardous Materials Symposium - January 23-24, 2014.** Lt. Jonathan Lamm identified that the 2014 Symposium is shaping up to be a tremendous success. Lt. Lamm reported that more than 130 have already registered for the Symposium and that number is likely to increase. This year, the Symposium Planning Committee worked diligently to have attendees awarded CEU credits. In addition, four hazmat teams will be competing in the inaugural hazmat team competition to be held immediately following the Symposium sessions. Next year's Symposium may likely be called "*Florida Rescue Hazmat Symposium*" due to the increased popularity of this second year event.

Following Lt. Lamm's overview, Ms. Jennifer Hobbs (SERC member/Local Emergency Planning Committees) requested that the SERC acquire an award for Lt. Jonathan Lamm for future recognition due to his hard work and foresight with the Symposium. Following a motion and a second, the request was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Local Emergency Planning Committees Appointments.** Ms. Isabell Parker requested approval of membership modifications recognized for each LEPC. The membership changes for LEPC District 8 approved during the quarter were the: establishment of *Mr. Paul Dolak* as a Primary member representing for Brenntag Mid South; redesignation of Primary/Alternates for Hillsborough County Fire Rescue (to *Chief Jeff Patterson/Capt. James Markart*), Tampa Fire Rescue (to *Chief Emilio Salabarria/Chief Bryan Riley*), Hillsborough County Emergency Management (to *Ms. Amanda Shaw/Mr. Marcus Martin*), and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (to *Mr. Lloyd Roberts/Mr. David Crane*); and reassigning the Alternates for Pasco County Emergency Management (to *Mr. Rick Caranova*), Manatee County Public Safety/Emergency Management Division (to *Ms. Sharon Tarman*), the Florida Department of Transportation (to *Ms. Karen Rider*), Manatee County Port Authority (to *Mr. Paul St. Pierre*), and Bay Pines VA Healthcare Systems (to *Ms. Darlene Powell*). SERC unanimously approved all changes requested by each of the LEPC Districts.

- **Thomas Yatabe-SERC Award Presentations.** The SERC presented 11 Thomas Yatabe Awards, one for each LEPC District as designated by each respective Local Emergency Planning Committee. 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.*”

The 2013 Thomas Yatabe Award winner for District 8 was Chief Scott Ehlers of Tampa Fire Rescue. His Nomination Form read as follows:

Having recently announced his retirement from public service and the LEPC, Chief Scott Ehlers is hereby being formally recognized for his dedication and commitment to the Tampa Bay LEPC since October 2005 and his service as Chair of the Tampa Bay LEPC since May 2007. During his tenure with the LEPC, Chief Ehlers rarely missed a LEPC meeting or any the quarterly meetings of the SERC's Training Task Force, LEPC Staff/Chairs and the State Emergency Response Commission that have been conducted across the State. Chief Ehlers is credited with guiding the LEPC membership through a seemingly countless number of exercises, workshops, presentations, and even annual updates to the Tampa Bay LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan over the past 8+ years. Albeit his busy schedule as Chief of Operations for Tampa Fire Rescue (TFR), Chief Ehlers always made time for his duties as LEPC Chair.



Following receipt of his hazardous materials certification in May 1990, Chief Ehlers has subsequently taught a considerable number of fire and emergency related courses to fire industry and emergency response personnel during his career which spanned more than 29 years with TFR.

His perpetual dedication certainly exemplifies "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."

Chief Ehlers will not only be missed and remembered as a great and supportive LEPC Chair, a LEPC member, a colleague but, more notably, a friend of the Tampa Bay LEPC.

SERC Chair Bryan Koon mentioned that he enjoys presenting such Awards to test Isabell Parker's name pronunciations, to recognize the hard work and initiatives being undertaken across the State, and to hopefully avoid incidents like that which occurred in West, Texas.

REPORTS

- **Report from SERC's Training Task Force (TTF).** The following highlights of the January 21, 2014 TTF meeting were identified by Subcommittee member Chief Mike Murphy:

- Executive Order 13650. Recognized the TTF's support of the President's Executive Order 13650 regarding the establishment and security of a hazardous materials database through a secure electronic portal. In addition, Mr. Matt Marshall and Mr. Gary Weiss made presentations at federal "listening sessions" which were designed to solicit recommendation to safeguard the lives of first responders as well as those of their communities regarding the safe handling and utilization of hazardous materials. Mr. Marshall's presentation at the Orlando and Washington, DC events centered around the suggestion that implementing and promoting E-Plan nationally would/could ensure first responder safety and quicker response times, whereby reducing the risk to surrounding communities.

In addition and as a means of promoting the use of E-Plan to Florida's first responders, there is a possibility that a "*Here is what your Colleagues are Using*" (or comparably titled) article can and will be published in the Florida Fire Fighters publication to promote the use of E-Plan and detail some of its more prevalent features.

- Project Tracking Chart update. Site has been updated to list date, responsible parties, status of initiative and summary of activity. Posted to TTF portion of SERC website. Notify Mr. Tim Date or Ms. Isabell Parker of needed update(s).
- Domestic Security Oversight Council (DSOC) Recommendation regarding Funding for Hazmat Teams. Chief Mike Murphy (SERC member/Florida Fire Chiefs Association) identified that the DSOC recently voted to reduce the number of regional hazmat response teams that receive supplemental (federal) State Homeland Security Grant Program funds (i.e. ~\$15,000 annually) from 30 to 20, with a maximum of three per Regional Domestic Security Task Force region. The final vote was 15-13 in favor of the reduction and fell along discipline lines with law enforcement and education in favor of the reduction and all others against. This reduction in teams is scheduled to go into effect in March of 2015. As a consequence of this vote, within RDSTF Region 4, federal funding will be eliminated for the Pinellas and Polk County Hazmat Teams.

Mr. John Kohnke (SERC member/State Fire Marshal) announced that the implication would not just be a loss of \$15,000 annually for each of these teams but would also be a loss of future equipment that could be exponentially greater. If these teams were to spend their own local government's funds to sustain their equipment/resources, it would be consider "supplanting" and the funds could no longer be recovered or potentially allocated in the future. The biggest concern with DSOC's action was that the decision of which teams to eliminate was not based on, or even consider, the comprehensive Risk, Threats & Vulnerabilities analyses currently being formulated.

With DSOC's recent vote to reduce the regional hazmat teams in mind, SERC member Chief Mike Murphy prepared a letter that was read into the record at the SERC meeting. The letter served as a documentation of the history and mission of the State/Regional hazmat response teams, a justification for the teams, a summary of actions and recommendations previously issued by the State Emergency Response Commission, and a host of other details. Noting the time constraint, a significant amount of discussion ensued. The SERC unanimously approved transmittal of the letter, albeit slightly modified, to the Governor, military affairs, the cabinet and to the legislative

appropriations committee while copying the Chair and Vice-Chair of the DSOC in a vote of 12-0. However, prior to the SERC vote, SERC Chair Bryan Koon recused himself of Chairing this item due to his affiliation to DSOC as Vice-Chair and encouraged all other State employees on the SERC to refrain from voting on this issue. The following SERC members abstained from voting - Bryan Koon (FDEM), Larry McIntyre (FDEO), Doug White (FDEP), Bob Bailey (FDOH) & John Kohnke (Florida Fire Marshal).

Following the vote and after re-acquiring the gavel, SERC Chair Bryan Koon indicated that it is his belief that there is still time for DSOC to consider the analyses and potentially reverse their decision since the defunding of the selected teams does not go into effect until March 2015. However, SERC member John Kohnke reminded SERC members that such funding is always a year in advance and that timing is imperative.

- **Hazards Analysis Contract Workgroup Report.** Workgroup Spokesman Dwayne Mundy indicated that the Workgroup has met on several occasions and have had multiple conference calls, most recently about two weeks ago (early January). The Workgroup has been tasked with formulating recommendations regarding revisions to the administration and implementation of the Hazards Analyses (HA) program. The issue is that the Florida Division of Emergency Management wishes to no longer administer the program which includes the requirement to conduct site visits and verify hazardous materials inventories for a pre-selected 50% of all Section 302 facilities annually. The following year, the remaining 50% would be visited and inventories verified. It may ultimately be recommended that the 11 Local Emergency Planning Committees statewide ultimately administer the HA Contracts with the counties, the municipalities and/or private contractors (or conduct the audits themselves). However, final determinations would need to be made regarding annual facility selection listings, well-defined standards for end work products with verification by the LEPCs, timing associated with the annual issuance of HA Contracts, and a measurable delivery schedule. It is anticipated that the LEPCs would likely receive the administration fees formerly encumbered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management in an effort to streamline the Program.

The SERC unanimously requested formal recommendations for consideration at the next SERC meeting (April 2014).

- **Financial Status Report.** SERC Chair Bryan Koon indicated 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 and present year. Graphics were provided in the Agenda materials to quantify and illustrate:
 - Revenues received by Month for RMP & EPCRA programs since mid-FY 2011-12;
 - Breakdown of General Appropriations and Expenditures by Category for the Hazardous Materials Planning Program for FYs 2012-13 & 2013-14 (to date); and
 - Breakdown of General Appropriations and Expenditures by Category for the Risk Management Planning Program for FYs 2012-13 & 2013-14 (to date).

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- Hazardous Materials Incidents Reports.** SERC Chair Bryan Koon indicated 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 September 1 - November 30, 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 and/or deceased:

County	Date Released	Type	Chemical	Amount Released (Lbs.)	Business Type	# Evacuated	# Injured	# Fatalities
Hillsborough	9/04/13	TR	Diesel Fuel	740	Traffic Accident	0	1	0
	10/09/13	304 (Closed)	Phosphoric Acid	1,366	Mining	N/A	N/A	N/A
	11/12/13	TR	Diesel Fuel	740	Traffic Accident	0	1	0
	11/15/13	TR	Natural Gas	Unknown	Pipeline	12	0	0
	11/18/13	TR	Hydraulic Oil	300	Traffic Accident	0	1	0
Manatee	9/20/13	TR	Diesel Fuel	740	Traffic Accident	0	1	0
Pasco	11/02/13	304 (Closed/Fire)	Fertilizer Pesticide Dursban Sulfuric Acid	2000 500 100 Unknown	Business	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pinellas	9/21/13	FF	Natural Gas	Unknown	Supermarket	50	0	0
	11/11/13	TR	Propane	Unknown	Business/Construction/ Pipeline	51	0	0
	11/26/13	304 (Closed)	Unknown Chemicals	Unknown	Meth Lab	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL →						113	4	0

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

- Update on Staff Activities and Reports by Section.** SERC Chair Bryan Koon indicated that various graphics were provided within the SERC Agenda materials to depict various staff functions and initiatives. These included:
 - annual enumeration of Hazardous Materials Incident Reports since 2000, 2013 breakdown by LEPC District, and monthly Statewide totals since 2003;
 - *Total Facility Counts* by LEPC District (as of 12/31/13);
 - Monthly quantification of Technical Assistance calls received from Dec. 2012 - Nov. 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.** SERC member Jennifer Hobbs (Local Emergency Planning Committees) provided a briefing of the items discussed at yesterday's LEPC Staff & Chairs meeting. The items included:
 - The How-to-Comply portion of the State's website needs to be updated and is currently being coordinated between the LEPC and the Florida Division of Emergency Management staffs.
 - The LEPCs supported hosting the Hazmat Symposium again next year in conjunction with the Fire Rescue East Conference.
 - FDEM staff sent out ~3,400 postcards and ~3400 e-mails to prior E-Plan registrants to remind them of the March 1, 2014 Tier II reporting deadline.
 - The University of South Florida had a chemical release in May 2013 and did not notify the National Response Center and State Watch Office in the time period allotted by EPCRA, subjecting themselves to a fine by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Well in advance of the "Show Cause" hearing administered by the EPA to determine the amount of fine, U.S.F. representatives solicited a potential Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) they could implement or fund in lieu of a fine. Not having a true concept on potential fine values, the Tampa Bay LEPC staff and others suggested U.S.F. could establish and develop the State's SEP electronic database/website as their SEP noting their staff's expertise and resources. It was calculated that their time and services that would be dedicated to creation of this website would be valued at \$25,000 - \$30,000 with a technical assistance component to follow the website's creation. However, at the hearing, EPA officials concluded that the spill did not go off site, USF took exemplary and prompt actions to remediate the incident, improved their Disaster Plans accordingly and worked effectively and expeditiously with EPA to resolve the case, all resulting in significant reductions to the assessed fine amount. The actual fine was determined to be \$1,000. Shortly following the hearing, Chief Scott Ehlers proposed the purchase of air monitoring equipment for a local Tampa Fire Rescue station as an alternate SEP, which was ultimately accepted by both U.S.F. and E.P.A. However, it is noteworthy, that any facility within the State that may be subject to a future, sizable EPA fine, could select to fund this initiative if not undertaken and/or funded by the State in the interim.

The following serve as the documented tasks identified by LEPC District 8 staff for the period of June - August 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 in Tallahassee on October 3-4, 2013. The quarterly LEPC District 8 meeting was held on November 20th. Staff and/or members of the LEPC attended the FDEM Region 4 quarterly meeting on October 31st at the Hillsborough County Training Center under the leadership of FDEM Region 4 Coordinator Paul Siddall.
- The LEPC's Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (FDPS) met on October 16th. The primary topics included: discussion regarding the October 3-4 SERC meetings, solicitation of new FDPS Chair and discussion regarding the value and the recommended future direction of the Subcommittee.

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- The LEPC's HMEP Training Subcommittee met on November 20th. As would be/is appropriate, discussion revolved around the training needs and opportunities of public-sector first responders prior to the June 30, 2014 Contract expiration. LEPC staff also referenced the fact that the requirement to expend exactly 25% of the entire annual HMEP Training funds during the first quarter alone (i.e. July 1 – Sept. 30) was addressed through the conduct of a 40-Hr. *HazMedic* course for 29 members of the Pinellas County Hazmat Team. This stipulation was, again, imposed within the FY 2013-14 HMEP Contract. Additional training conducted so far during the second quarter includes a 40-Hr. *Marine Firefighting Training for Land-Based Firefighters* course in Ft. Lauderdale. This event drew 11 representatives from across the Region and training will be further disseminated since it was presented as a Train-the-Trainer venue. Attending were members of Tampa Fire Rescue, Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, Clearwater Fire Department, North River Fire District and the West Manatee Fire District. Later in the quarter, an 8-Hr. *CAMEO* course will be conducted for 90+ members of fire departments within Pinellas County. As is appropriate, the pre-requisites for all HMEP training is that the course: must be designed 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: attended the bi-monthly meeting of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee (September 10th & November 5th); facilitated the “Disaster Planning for Seniors” workshop (September 16th); attended the monthly meetings of the Ammonia Handlers/Operators (September 24th & October 23rd); coordinated and assisted in “Ammonia Siren/Shelter-in-Place” presentation to Florida Aquarium administrative staff (September 25th); facilitated the FEMA RISKMAP Modeling Committee meeting (September 26th); facilitated the nearly monthly meetings of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (October 9th & November 13th); assisted in facilitation of “Florida Mitigation Workshop” by FDEM staff (October 22nd); submitted the LEPC & HMEP Quarterly Reports (October 29th); attended the U.S. Coast Guard’s Area Contingency Plan triennial meeting (November 5th); participated in a “Show Cause” administrative hearing held in Atlanta, GA with USEPA, USF, FDEM & Tampa Fire Rescue personnel (November 7th); coordinated a Tampa venue for a two-day TRANSCAER training event scheduled for February 2014 (November 13th); attended the “Concepts & Objectives” meeting for the USCG’s 2014 Government-Lead Prep Exercise (November 15th); and attended a tour of the Martin Gas Terminal in the Port of Tampa (November 19th).

OTHER BUSINESS

- Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS). Robert Crosby and Tony Deas jointly made the presentation. The CFATS program is designed to be a stop gap to evaluate chemical security & storage. Over 350 chemicals are classified “of interest” to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Potential 12-step process dependent on a facility’s chemical(s) and quantity (ies). The DHS is charged with regulating high-risk chemical facilities and is currently in the process of “harmonizing” their program with the previous maritime efforts of the U.S. Coast Guard.

COMMENTS & ADJOURNMENT.

- SERC member Nancy Stephens encouraged the LEPCs to better coordinate and communicate their functions with specified Community/Junior Colleges. In the Tampa Bay area, those consisted of Hillsborough Community College and Pasco-Hernando Community College. The full listing of specified institutions will be forwarded by Ms. Stephens to Ms. Jennifer Hobbs and/or Mr. Paul Wotherspoon, along with further direction, for further dissemination to corresponding LEPC staffs.
- Mr. Paul Wotherspoon identified that TRANSCAER workshops, with optional Chlorine, Anhydrous Ammonia and Ethanol components, are currently being held around the State. A total of 127 attended the event over the “cold & windy” two-day period of January 14-15, 2014 in Jacksonville. Similar training events are scheduled in Ft. Lauderdale (February 4-5), Tampa (February 18-19) and Pensacola (March 5-6). Mr. Wotherspoon agreed to check into the feasibility of bringing the railcars to Hazmat Symposium next year for further hazmat training.

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- **Next Meeting.** It was announced that the next SERC meeting is expected to be held on April 4, 2014 in Tallahassee. The following meeting (July 11, 2014) may be held in the Southwest Florida or Tampa Bay regions.
- **Adjournment.** The SERC meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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ACTIVE PROJECTS							
RESOURCES	PUBLICATIONS	TRAINING	UPDATES	NEEDS ANALYSIS	FUNDING	STANDARDS & CERTIFICATIONS	SYSTEMS & RELATIONSHIPS
TTF Web Page and Project Summaries DEM Feb 2011	Shipboard Hazmat Response Murphy/USCG	Hazmat Training Guidelines (revised) Lamm/Marshall/Chapell	Mass Technical Dec Assessment FLAHR / FSFC Feb 2011	Hazmat Team ICS Curriculum Sessions Nelson Feb 2011	Capability Assessments Marshall/DEM/SFM	Oil Spill Response for Hazmat Technicians Murphy	Secure portal for access to TTF Products Khonke Nelson April 2011
	Revision of SERC Capability Assessment Tool	Second Annual Hazmat Symposium at Fire Rescue East		Marine firefighting requirements (33CFR 155) Ehlers District 4/6 July 2011	Assess SHGAP Assessment Process for Hazmat Team Funding		Hazmat Team Marketing Murphy
	2013 Revision of SERC Hazmat FOG Appendices						
MONITORING PROJECTS							
RESOURCES	PUBLICATIONS	TRAINING	UPDATES	NEEDS ANALYSIS	FUNDING	STANDARDS & CERTIFICATIONS	SYSTEMS & RELATIONSHIPS
Awareness Level Training for White Powder DOH SOP DOH July 2011			E-Plan Upgrade Provide Additional Detail DEM Staff Murphy				
Maintain FLAHR / FFCA website for TTF products							

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maintenance FLAHR

Hazmat EOD
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COMPLETED PROJECTS

RESOURCES	PUBLICATIONS	TRAINING	UPDATES	NEEDS ANALYSIS	FUNDING	STANDARDS & CERTIFICATIONS	SYSTEMS & RELATIONSHIPS
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Sampling Protocol DOH and DEM Staff May 2013	Hazmat Operations Level Training Curriculum DEM Staff June 2010	Model Procedures for Hazmat Teams NIMS Compliance District 7 July 2011	Review ORE Deficiencies Smith Mundy Feb 2011
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Define Toxmedic Murphy	Health & DEP Detection Support Capabilities Jacobs
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Hazmat FOG FLAHR	SERC Public Safety Hazmat Training Guidelines	Hazmat /Florida FOG ICS Crosswalk DEM Staff July 2011	LEPC Top 5 Needs Weiss Initial listing 2008
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Pro Board Certification FSFC Bosley Feb 2011
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Medical Treatment Protocols April 2010	Non-Routine Hazards FSFC Schell
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Radiological Screening Response Procedures Boyd April 2010	First Responder Best Practices for RAD Event Marshall TJ Smith Jan 2011
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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 had initially coordinated a Workshop designed to enable and promote Port facilities to self-identify their hazardous materials and transport processes in order to familiarize their neighboring facilities with their business practices. As intended, attendees could determine whether their neighboring facilities could pose additional risk(s) to their facility that may not have been previously considered and/or addressed in their emergency plans. While the Workshop was initially scheduled, it had to be canceled for a variety of reasons, including a lack of commitment by many of the intended facility representatives. Workshop organizers will be re-assessing strategy(ies) on alternative ways to solicit participation from targeted industries. It was determined that contacting each of these representatives by phone or in person visits 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 *limited* e-mail distribution, noting that the larger the audience, the less likely representatives are to be forthcoming with facility information and the less likely the organizers are to meet the desired objective.

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

The LEPC's Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (FDPS) met on January 15, 2014, a *Recap* of which is attached. The meeting included a variety of discussions topics. The primary topics included: announcement of new Subcommittee Chair (Patricia Krajnyak of HRP Associates), identification of FDEM's implemented strategies for transmitting Tier II reporting reminders to all applicable facilities statewide, as well as discussion of the LEPC's upcoming How-to-Comply/E-Plan filing and TRANSCAER Workshops. The meeting concluded after much discussion regarding an initiative to compile a single list of various resources and links that could/would assist facilities in planning for a variety of hazards (e.g. hazardous materials, storm surge, hurricane, flooding, tornados...). This will likely be a compilation of past planning efforts made by the LEPC, the TBRPC and the County Emergency Management departments (e.g. *All Hazards Guide, Facility Business Disaster Survival Kit...*). As an end-product, it is envisioned that the consolidated resources could be tailored to County level, where applicable. The next scheduled meeting of the FDPS is Wednesday, April 16, 2014. All LEPC members and members from the public are welcome to attend.

Additional Materials: FDPS Meeting Recap (**Pages 16-21** of these Agenda materials)
Action Recommended: None. For Information Only.



FACILITY DISASTER
PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

RECAP

January 15, 2014 Meeting

LEPC District VIII, 4000 Gateway Centre Blvd., Suite 100, Pinellas Park, FL 33782 - 727/570-5151, Staff Contact: John Meyer

Attendees Present - Rick Walker (LEPC Member/Pinellas County Emergency Management), Ed Kinley (LEPC Member/UES), Chet Klinger (LEPC Member), Stacie Cooper (SWS), Gary Dunmeyer (Harcros Chemicals) and John Meyer (LEPC Staff).

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 OCTOBER 16th MEETING**

Mr. John Meyer acknowledged that a Recap of the last FDPS meeting (i.e. October 16, 2013) was previously transmitted to Subcommittee members via e-mail, posted to the LEPC website and acknowledged that additional handouts were available for all in attendance. Mr. Meyer proceeded to summarize the following items discussed at the last FDPS meeting:

Subcommittee Leadership. Mr. Meyer reminded attendees that Ms. Thea Dunmire has stepped down as the Subcommittee Chair for the Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee meeting following the October 16th meeting due to work demands. No members had expressed an interest to assume this role at that point. John Meyer agreed to operate the Subcommittee from his staff position, to the best of his ability, until the Chair position has been filled on, at least, an interim basis.

Recap and Updates since the October 3-4, 2013 SERC Meetings. Mr. Meyer characterized the following items and/or updates where applicable:

- **Domestic Security Oversight Council (DSOC) Recommendation.** Mr. Meyer reminded Subcommittee attendees of the DSOC's recommendation to reduce the number of Regional Hazmat response teams statewide. As a consequence of the recommendation, the Pinellas and Polk County teams were eliminated from future federal funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
- **Combination Florida Rescue East Conference/2nd Annual Hazmat Symposium/State Emergency Response Commission** meetings to be held January 21-24 in Daytona Beach.

- Supplemental Environmental Projects.** A release of Sodium Hypochlorite occurred at the University of South Florida in May 2013. Notification of the release to the State Watch Office and National Response Center was not provided in the time period allotted by law (i.e. within 15 minutes). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursued the USF for violation with the EPCRA. Not knowing the potential fine value, facility representatives had pre-coordinated a potential SEP with LEPC staff and Chair. That SEP was for the development of the electronic SEP database that could/would have been utilized Statewide. The estimated cost of implementing this SEP was determined to be \$25,000 - \$30,000. At the November 7, 2013 “Show Cause” administrative hearing between facility representatives and EPA officials held at EPA headquarters in Atlanta, GA, all factors and actions were taken into account. Ultimately, EPA was convinced that the release did not leave the site and therefore dismissed all but the CERCLA penalties. The magnitude of the release, the particular chemical, and the timeliness of reporting are all contributing factors in the determination in the fine assessment. While the fine assessment was initially announced to be \$2,200, fine reductions were authorized for working efficiently with EPA (25%), expeditious settlement (10%) and the fact that USF was determined to be a “small facility” (15%). The fine was ultimately reduced to \$1,100 with an option to implement a SEP for up to 75% of the fine value. On behalf of Tampa Fire Rescue, Chief Scott Ehlers proposed and received authorization to purchase multi-chemical air monitoring equipment for Tampa Fire Rescue under the SEP program in lieu of fine payment. The cost of the equipment was essentially equivalent to the \$1,100 fine which have otherwise been imposed.
- E-Plan Update.** The State Emergency Response Commission will be sending out e-mails to all those that registered their Tier II Reports through E-Plan next year reminding them of the March 1, 2014 filing deadline. In addition, postcards will be transmitted to all the facilities that registered chemical inventories last year. The following constitutes the backside of the postcard:

REMINDER: EPCRA SECTIONS 302 & 312 TIER II Chemical Inventory Reports For Year 2013			
REPORTING DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2014			
<p>ONLINE REPORTING: PRIOR YEAR'S FACILITY/CHEMICAL DATA CAN BE ACCESSED USING UNIQUE ACCESS IDs AND PASSWORDS AT WWW.ERPLAN.NET. Contact your State Rep or local LEPC staff for E-Plan login assistance or information. If you file electronically, then you do not need to mail a paper copy to SERC or your LEPC. Check with your local Fire Dept for their reporting requirements.</p>	State Reps to call if you need help with the Access ID or Password:		
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	E, G, L, M, P, T, X, Y, Z	DONNA RAY	850-413-9918
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- **Other “Tidbits”:**

Mr. Meyer reminded attendees that Chief Scott Ehlers (Tampa Fire Rescue) has resigned as Chair of the LEPC due to his pending retirement. Chief Jeff Patterson (Hillsborough County Fire Rescue) has expressed an interest and willingness to assume this position. Mr. Jeff Tobergte has indicated that he would assume his current role as Vice Chair of the LEPC. Mr. Meyer mentioned that if additional nominee(s) are not received by February 8, 2014, these individuals will assume their respective positions in conjunction with the February 26, 2014 LEPC meeting. However, if additional nominee(s) are received, election(s) will be held for the position(s).

The LEPCs are working with the Florida Division of Emergency Management staff to update the How-to-Comply data, materials and resources identified on the State’s website.

FDPS Subcommittee members identified various objectives and future activities which should be entertained by the Subcommittee, including the annual conduct of How-to-Comply workshops which are always needed and beneficial.

3. **NEW LEADERSHIP.** Although not present, Mr. Tricia Krajnyak (formerly Mr. Tricia Williams) has indicated her desire to Chair the Subcommittee. She passed along her condolences that she was unable to attend this meeting but will be anxious to assist in any way she can. Ms. Krajnyak has been an active Subcommittee member for the past couple of years and is employed at HRP Associates, Inc. in New Port Richey. Since no opposition or alternate nominees were provided at the meeting, congratulation Tricia.

4. **UPCOMING SERC MEETINGS.** Mr. Meyer identified that he will be in attendance for the upcoming SERC meetings being held in Daytona Beach of January 21-22, 2014. It is anticipated that the meeting will include the ratification of a considerable number of LEPC membership modifications. These include changes to the Primary and/or Alternate members status for:

- Hillsborough County Emergency Management
- Hillsborough County Fire Rescue
- Tampa Fire Rescue
- Manatee County Emergency Management
- Pasco County Emergency Management
- Southwest Florida Water Management District
- Florida Department of Transportation
- Brenntag Mid South
- Manatee Port Authority
- Bay Pines VA Hospital

Mr. Meyer agreed to provide a Recap of the SERC meetings to all FDPS members upon preparation and also in association with the next FDPS meeting.

5. FUTURE WORKSHOPS

EPCRA How-to Comply Workshops - February 11 (1:30 - 4:00 pm) & February 12 (9:30 am - Noon) at the offices of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council/Local Emergency Planning Committee.

The Workshops will address:

- Reporting requirements and obligations
- New reporting information required for the 2013 reporting year
- E-Plan submittal information and guidance.

TRANSCAER Workshops - CSX Transflo Tampa Site – February 18 & 19, 2014

- While the Workshops are/were pre-scheduled for 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., the events are more likely to start at 8:00 a.m. and likely to last 4+ hours, exclusive of hands-on displays and/or exercises.
- Registrants will be required to select from the following educational themes: Chlorine Properties & Safety (sponsored by the Chlorine Institute), Anhydrous Ammonia Properties & Safety (sponsored by Tanner Industries), and Ethanol and Ethanol-Blended Fuel Properties & Safety (sponsored by Reusable Fuels).
- CSX will provide responder rail and railcar safety 101 to all those in attendance at the beginning of each day.
- Participants must bring their own gloves, safety glasses, and sturdy leather work boots with a defined heel.
- Attendance will be limited each day and for each of the courses. Lunch will be provided.
- Pre-registration through SERTTRAC or the TRANSCAER website (www.transcaer.com) is “Strongly Recommended.”
- Certificates will be available for attendees upon completion.

REGIONAL EXERCISE

The LEPC will be conducting and/or participating in a Regional Exercise to be completed by June 30, 2014.

The pre-requisites consist are:

- Can be of the table-top, full-scale or functional exercise variety;
- Scenario must include a EHS chemical(s) release and associated response provisions;
- Must have multi-jurisdictional support and participation;
- Must be planned, conducted and implemented in HSEEP format;
- Must have all facets of exercise pre-approved by FDEM;
- Must be completed and submitted by June 30, 2014; and
- Must incorporate findings/recommendations into the annual update of the LEPC's Hazardous Materials Plan, also due on June 30, 2014.

An exercise is currently being coordinated between Hillsborough County Emergency Management, Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, Tampa Fire Rescue, various law enforcement entities, the Florida National Guard and others in early April. **LEPC staff subsequently attended the January 30, 2014 planning meeting to propose the addition to curriculum in order to count towards the exercise obligation. The parties agreed to alter the scenario to meet LEPC criteria.**

6. OTHER ISSUES/COMMENTS.

Rick Walker, Pinellas County Emergency Management, indicated that he and his Director, Ms. Sally Bishop, have envisioned preparing and producing a handout for distribution to each of the facilities he visits annually while conducting Hazards Analyses in Pinellas County. The handout would be a listing of various resources and reference links to prepare Contingency Planning and Continuity of Operations (COOP) documents, Communications planning, encourage consideration of impacts potentially posed by neighboring facilities, identification of surge vulnerabilities...

All those in attendance were in agreement that this would be a worthwhile initiative for the Facilities Disaster Planning Subcommittee to undertake and indicated that the work product could, should and would be expanded for each of the Counties and perhaps even the State.

Mr. Meyer identified that the objective appears to be a consolidation of various work products:

- The hazardous materials recommendations previously made by the FDPS to the Florida Division of Emergency Management as intended for incorporation into the *Florida Business Disaster Survival Kit*;
- Information contained in the *All Hazards Guide* previously produced by the four County Emergency Management Directors;
- Information gleaned from the *Storm Surge Preparedness for Business with Hazardous Materials workshop* conducted in August 2013; and
- Other resources.

Ms. Stacie Cooper additionally reflected that any/all additional measures taken in regard to facility planning and preparation could possibly result in a reduction in the facility's insurance rates.

Mr. Chet Klinger identified that while such a consolidated resource would be beneficial for the larger facilities, the smaller facilities may benefit equally. Once completed, we need to determine the best way to get this information out to all facilities regionwide. Mr. Klinger added that facilities get more involved when they fear something may jeopardize their operations, like being shut down. This would or could include employees not being able to show up for work due to an incident which may have occurred at their neighboring facilities.

Mr. Rick Walker also recognized that startling the facilities with videos like the one prepared in association with *Hurricane Phoenix*, illustrating a Category 5 hurricane making landfall in Tampa Bay, will also captivate their attention.

Mr. Ed Kinley contributed that the municipalities (and Counties) may need to relax some of their Ordinances following a disaster in order to expedite recovery operations.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Meyer informed attendees of the remaining 2014 FDPS meeting schedule (i.e. April 16th, July 16th and October 15th).

No other issues or comments were identified by Subcommittee members.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

LEPC District 8 was, once again, awarded 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, this time for the period of July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014. Pursuant to HMEP Contract requirements, each HMEP-funded training event must be pre-approved by FDEM, must meet FDEM’s cost effectiveness criteria, and be transportation-related or include a transportation component or nexus.

The following constitutes a breakdown of expenditures associated with the Contract to date:

Quarter	Date	Name	Expenses	Cumulative	Remaining
BASE FUNDING UNDER 2013-14 HMEP CONTRACT					\$47,072.00
1	10/7-11/2013 ³	40-Hr. HazMedic Course, Pinellas County Hazmat	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00	\$35,572.00
		1 st Qtr Admin. Expenses/July - Sept. 2013 <Actual>	\$ 965.00	\$12,465.00	\$34,607.00
2	11/11-15/2013	40-Hr. Marine Firefighting for Land-Based FFs (Ft.L)	\$11,035.00	\$23,500.00	\$23,572.00
	12/17-19/2013	8-Hr. CAMEO, Pinellas County Hazmat	\$ 4,999.00	\$28,499.00	\$18,573.00
		2 nd Qtr Admin. Expenses/Oct.-Dec., 2013 <Actual>	\$ 1,308.00	\$29,807.00	\$17,265.00
3	1/23-24/2013	Hazmat Symposium (Lodging for 2), Daytona Beach	\$ 262.96	\$30,069.96	\$17,002.04
	2/18-19/2014	<i>TRANSCAER, City of Tampa</i>	\$ 100.00	\$30,169.96	\$16,902.04
		3 rd Qtr Admin. Expenses/Jan. - Mar. 2014 <Estimate ¹ >	\$ 1,000.00	\$31,169.96	\$15,902.04
4	4/07-09/2014	<i>24-Hr. Air Monitoring for Hazmat Techs (HI/TPA/PA/PI)</i>	\$12,237.00	\$43,406.96	\$ 3,665.04
		4 th Qtr Admin. Expenses/April-June, 2014 <Estimate ¹ >	\$ 1,000.00		

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 actually conducted one week into the second quarter but the course was prepaid during the first quarter, as authorized, to count towards 1st Quarter training funds.

HMEP Training Subcommittee Chair J.J. Johnston has scheduled a HMEP Training Subcommittee meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 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 opportunities that are desired and will be pursued during the remaining Contract period (i.e. through June 30, 2014).

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-chair who report directly to the RDSTF IV Co-chairs. 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.

The Region 4 RDSTF Committees and General Assembly will meet February 24th . In addition to the 2015 DHS Funding process and timeline, topics of discussion included (1) an update of the committee structure and roles and responsibilities of the RDSTF members; (2) the new approach to the Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan (MY-TEP) through the Readiness: Training Identification and Preparedness Program (RTIPP), and (3) the State Resource Management Network (SRMN) which will be used to capture all in-service equipment and assets funded through DHS programs. The Interoperable Communications Committee is organizing to update the Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TIC-P) and ready for a regional exercise April 29, 2014. The Health and Medical Committee is organizing the Region 4 Health and Medical Coalition.

2014 DHS Funding

Currently, the RDSTF and committees are meeting to discuss programs and projects for 2015 DHS funding. Representatives from the RDSTF are designated to Funding Committees which include:

- Agriculture and Environment
- Campus Security
- Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources
- Emergency Management
- Fire Rescue
- Health and Medical
- Interoperable Communications
- Law Enforcement Prevention
- Law Enforcement Response.

Each Funding committee will build regional/statewide funding templates for submittal to the State Working Group. The Funding Committees will meet April 14th for the kick-off meeting. These committees will meet (format of meetings determined by the committee chairs) through September 29th when the final templates are due to FDLE. The State Working Groups will meet April 15-18th following the Funding Committee meeting.

Regional Interoperable Communications

Region IV is currently updating the Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TIC Plan). Currently, a list has been submitted to FDLE for access to CASM the web-based software application that maintains and updates the I/O assets. The Committee has been planning a series of workshops and tabletop exercises culminating in a Regional Interoperable Communications Exercise April 29th . The TIC Seminar was held

at the TBRPC on January 16, 2014. The Communications Technician Training (COM-T) was held the week of January 13th in Hernando County.

Multi-Year Training and Exercise Planning Workshop

Typically, in late fall, the counties in each RDSTF region begin compiling information on the training and exercise needs of the myriad of agencies and organizations which partner to respond in a disaster. The collection point for this information is the emergency management office in each county. This year, the DHS will bring the ***Readiness: Training Identification and Preparedness Program (RTIPP)*** course which will focus on partnership building and identifying training/exercise needs to fill identified gaps in preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation. There is also an increased focus on the "whole community" concept to ensure a multi-disciplinary approach and increased coordination and collaboration to include public and private non-governmental organizations. Eighty representatives will be selected for the course representing the different disciplines and entities within each county/ region. This training will take place the week of February 24th followed by county meetings and the regional MY-TEP which will coordinate / schedule needed training/exercise in the region.

Local Training

The list of T&E for 2014 was developed last year and available training through March is posted on SERT TRAC website (<http://trac.floridadisaster.org/trac/loginform.aspx>) and the TBRPC website.

Additional Material: None

Action Recommended: None. For Information Only

Agenda Item #10

WEST FERTILIZER EXPLOSION AND FIRE

John Meyer

The U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) completed its investigation into the cause of the massive explosion at the West fertilizer storage and distribution facility in Texas on April 17, 2013. The event took the lives of 12 volunteer firefighters and two members of the public, while causing hundreds of injuries. A video was compiled by CSB staff to document all the extent of damage to neighboring facilities. One additional video was prepared by CSB to document their continued pursuit of regulatory modifications to govern Ammonium Nitrate and other reactive chemicals.

While the LEPC initially broached discussion of the West, Texas explosion in association with the May 29, 2013 LEPC meeting, this was long before the thorough investigation was concluded by CSB staff.

Each of these videos are available for viewing on YouTube®. It is anticipated that the two videos referenced below will be shown at the meeting:

- **CSB Video Documenting the Blast Damage in West, Texas -**
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_NhcbapisE (Video Length: ~3 Minutes)
- **CSB Chairperson Rafael Moure-Eraso Calls for Regulatory Coverage of Reactive Chemicals -**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DdsfPkYpRHA> (Video Length: ~5½ Minutes)

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 (Feb. - May 2014)
- B. FDEM's Training and Events Schedule/**Region 6**, Various FL Locations/Times (Feb. - May 2014)
- C. TRANSCAER Workshops, Tampa, February 18 & 19, 2014
- D. Air Monitoring for Hazardous Materials Technicians, Tampa/Hills./Pasco/Pinellas, April 7-9, 2014

FDEM TRAINING AND EVENTS SCHEDULE/REGION 4 (Feb. - May 2014), as posted on 2/04/2014

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February 2014 Training and Events				
Date	Region	City/ County	Name	Status
Feb. 06 - Feb. 06	Region 4	Lecanto Citrus	PER-300 - Social Media for Natural Disaster Response a ...	Not started
Feb. 07 - Feb. 14	Region 4	Tampa Hillsborough	FL0101 - Florida Foundations Basic Emergency Managemen ...	Not started
Feb. 17 - Feb. 18	Region 4	Clearwater Pinellas	G-290 - Basic Public Information Officer (PIO) ...	Not started
Feb. 18 - Feb. 18	Region 4	Tampa Hillsborough	HM219 - Chlorine Transportation Emergency Response Tra ...	Not started
Feb. 18 - Feb. 18	Region 4	Tampa Hillsborough	HM220 - Anhydrous Ammonia Emergency Response Training ...	Not started
Feb. 18 - Feb. 18	Region 4	Tampa Hillsborough	HM221 - Ethanol and Ethanol-Blended Emergency Response ...	Not started
Feb. 19 - Feb. 19	Region 4	Tampa Hillsborough	HM219 - Chlorine Transportation Emergency Response Tra ...	Not started
Feb. 19 - Feb. 19	Region 4	Tampa Hillsborough	HM220 - Anhydrous Ammonia Emergency Response Training ...	Not started
Feb. 19 - Feb. 19	Region 4	Tampa Hillsborough	HM221 - Ethanol and Ethanol-Blended Emergency Response ...	Not started
Feb. 25 - Feb. 25	Region 4	Lecanto Citrus	G-191 - Incident Command System/Emergency Operations C ...	Not started

March 2014 Training and Events				
Date	Region	City/ County	Name	Status
Mar. 04 - Mar. 07	Region 4	Safety Harbor Pinellas	REP 001 - Florida REP Annual Statewide Task Force Meet ...	Not started

May 2014 Training and Events				
Date	Region	City/ County	Name	Status
May. 09 - May. 09	Region 4	Wauchula Hardee	IS-362.a - Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools ...	Not started

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FDEM TRAINING AND EVENTS SCHEDULE/REGION 6 (Feb. - May 2014) as posted on 2/04/2014

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February 2014 Training and Events

Date	Region	City/ County	Name	Status
Feb. 11 - Feb. 12	Region 6	Sarasota Sarasota	G-400 - Advanced Incident Command System Command & Gen ...	Not started
Feb. 17 - Feb. 19	Region 6	LaBelle Hendry	G-428 - G-428 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT ...	Not started
Feb. 22 - Mar. 01	Region 6	Bradenton Manatee	EM-01 - Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FE ...	Not started
Feb. 24 - Feb. 28	Region 6	Ft. Myers Lee	COM-T - All-Hazards Communications Technician ...	Not started
Feb. 25 - Feb. 25	Region 6	Sebring Highlands	G-291 - Joint Information System - Joint Information C ...	Not started

March 2014 Training and Events

Date	Region	City/ County	Name	Status
Mar. 10 - Mar. 11	Region 6	Fort Myers Lee	G-400 - Advanced Incident Command System Command & Gen ...	Not started
Mar. 10 - Mar. 12	Region 6	LaBelle Hendry	G-300 - Intermediate Incident Command System for Expan ...	Not started
Mar. 11 - Mar. 12	Region 6	Sarasota Sarasota	G-270.4 - Recovery from Disaster: The Local Government ...	Not started
Mar. 12 - Mar. 12	Region 6	Sarasota Sarasota	G-557 - Rapid Needs Assessment	Not started
Mar. 12 - Mar. 14	Region 6	Fort Myers Lee	G-300 - Intermediate Incident Command System for Expan ...	Not started
Mar. 12 - Mar. 28	Region 6	Venice Sarasota	G-317 - Basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT ...	Not started
Mar. 17 - Mar. 18	Region 6	Fort Myers Lee	L-956 - liaison officer	Not started
Mar. 18 - Mar. 20	Region 6	Sarasota Sarasota	G-300 - G-300 Intermediate Incident Command System fo ...	Not started

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Mar. 20 - Mar. 20	Region 6	Bradenton Manatee	 G-489 - G-489 Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in ...	Not started
Mar. 24 - Mar. 24	Region 6	Naples Collier	 G-191 - Incident Command System/Emergency Operations C...	Not started
Mar. 25 - Mar. 26	Region 6	Sarasota Sarasota	 G-400 - G-400 Advanced Incident Command System Comman ...	Not started
Mar. 26 - Mar. 27	Region 6	Bradenton Manatee	 G-202 - Debris Management	Not started
April 2014 Training and Events				
Date	Region	City/ County	Name	Status
Apr. 01 - Apr. 03	Region 6	Sarasota Sarasota	 G-300 - G-300 Intermediate Incident Command System fo ...	Not started
Apr. 24 - Apr. 25	Region 6	Sarasota Sarasota	 G-318 - G-318 Mitigation Planning Workshop for Local ...	Not started

2014 FLORIDA TRANSCAER / CSX SAFETY TRAIN TRAINING TOUR



FREE ONE-DAY TRAINING INCLUDES:

- ▶ Hands-on workshops and classroom instruction from experienced professionals
- ▶ One-on-one training opportunities with emergency response professionals
- ▶ DVDs containing all presentations and additional videos and reference materials
- ▶ Complimentary lunch
- ▶ Certificates upon completion

<p>Tuesday January 14 AND Wednesday January 15</p> <p>▶ CSX Transflo Site 3796 Warrington Street Jacksonville, FL 32254</p> <p>▶ 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM</p>	<p>Tuesday February 4 AND Wednesday February 5</p> <p>▶ CSX Transflo Site 890 SW 21st Avenue Ft Lauderdale, FL 33312</p> <p>▶ 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM</p>	<p>Tuesday February 18 AND Wednesday, February 19</p> <p>CSX Transflo Site 504 North 34th Street Tampa, FL 33605</p> <p>7:30 AM to 3:30 PM</p>	<p>Wednesday March 5 AND Thursday March 6</p> <p>▶ CSX Transflo Site 4700 Sycamore Drive Pensacola, FL 32503</p> <p>▶ 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM</p>
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TOPICS INCLUDE:

CSX will provide responder rail and railcar safety 101 to begin each day

<p>Professional Chlorine Instruction sponsored by the Chlorine Institute</p>	<p>Professional Anhydrous Ammonia Instruction sponsored by Tanner Industries</p>	<p>Professional Ethanol and Ethanol-Blended Fuels Instruction sponsored by Reusable Fuels</p>
<p>Chlorine Properties & Safety A-Kit Workshop: Instruction and hands-on</p> <p>B-Kit Workshop: Instruction and Hands-on.</p> <p>C-Kit Workshop: Instruction and hands-on</p> <p>Chlorine Tank Cars and Emergency Response</p>	<p>Anhydrous Ammonia Properties & Safety</p> <p>Railroad Emergency Response</p> <p>Transports and Nurse Tanks</p> <p>Railroad Emergency Response</p> <p>Ammonia Railcars—Hands-on</p>	<p>Ethanol and Ethanol-Blended Fuel Properties & Safety</p> <p>Transportation and transfer of Ethanol Blended Fuels</p> <p>Firefighting Foam Principles and Ethanol</p> <p>Ethanol Blended Fuel Emergencies</p>

Participants must bring own safety glasses, hard hat and sturdy leather boots with a defined heel!!!

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AIR MONITORING FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TECHNICIANS

Tampa Bay LEPC, 4000 Gateway Centre Blvd., #100, Pinellas Park, FL 33702, 727/570-5151 x 29, Staff Coordinator: John Meyer

COURSE DATES:	April 7-9, 2014 (24-Hr. Course)
COURSE TIMES:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
COURSE LOCATION:	Tampa Fire Rescue Training Grounds 116 S. 34th Street Tampa, FL 33605
COURSE INSTRUCTOR(S):	Response Technologies (Doug Wolfe & Danial Bartle)
COURSE DESCRIPTION:	Program is designed to provide the participants with an understanding of the principles and proper use of air monitoring equipment during hazmat emergency response. The program takes the participant through the incident evaluation, hazard/risk assessment, dispersion prediction and verification process necessary for effective air monitoring operations. Once students are provided with the essential basic understanding of the principles, they are then provided with opportunities for hands-on application during both tabletop and simulation settings.
COURSE GOALS	Upon completion of this program, the Hazardous Materials Technician, given various types of equipment, will demonstrate the ability to select, operate and interpret air monitoring and field screening instruments for the purpose of identifying and quantifying air borne hazards and IDLH environments, establishing control zones for fixed and transportation related incidents.
MAX. CLASS SIZE:	30 Students
CONTACT INFO:	Emilio Salabarria, Tampa Fire Rescue - 813/274-7013 or Emilio.Salabarria@ci.tampa.fl.us; OR James Johnston, Pasco County Emergency Management - 727/847-8137 or jjjohnston@pascocountyfl.net.

A. 2013 THOMAS YATABE AWARDS RECOGNITION

Chair Tobergte

Signifying outstanding contribution(s) made in the implementation and support of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act, the LEPC District 8 *Thomas Yatabe Award* for 2013 was awarded to Chief Scott Ehlers of Tampa Fire Rescue. Chief Ehlers attended the January 22, 2014 meeting of the State Emergency Response Commission to receive his award in person.

Chief Ehlers' Nomination Form read as follows:

Having recently announced his retirement from public service and the LEPC, Chief Scott Ehlers is hereby being formally recognized for his dedication and commitment to the Tampa Bay LEPC since October 2005 and his service as Chair of the Tampa Bay LEPC since May 2007. During his tenure with the LEPC, Chief Ehlers rarely missed a LEPC meeting or any the quarterly meetings of the SERC's Training Task Force, LEPC Staff/Chairs and the State Emergency Response Commission that have been conducted across the State. Chief Ehlers is credited with guiding the LEPC membership through a seemingly countless number of exercises, workshops, presentations, and even annual updates to the Tampa Bay LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan over the past 8+ years. Albeit his busy schedule as Chief of Operations for Tampa Fire Rescue (TFR), Chief Ehlers always made time for his duties as LEPC Chair.



Left-to-Right: SERC Chair/FDEM Director Bryan Koon, Award Recipient for LEPC 8 - Chief Scott Ehlers and LEPC Staff Coordinator John Meyer

Following receipt of his hazardous materials certification in May 1990, Chief Ehlers has subsequently taught a considerable number of fire and emergency related courses to fire industry and emergency response personnel during his career which spanned more than 29 years with TFR.

His perpetual dedication certainly exemplifies "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."

Chief Ehlers will not only be missed and remembered as a great and supportive LEPC Chair, a LEPC member, a colleague but, more notably, a friend of the Tampa Bay LEPC.

Thomas Yatabe Award Nominations were also submitted for three other deserving nominees within the Tampa Bay District, Ms. Thea Dunmire, Tampa Fire Rescue and SWS Environmental Services. The State Emergency Response Commission extended their gratitude and appreciation to each of these additional nominees for their contributions through the issuance of “Certificates of Appreciation.”

Ms. Thea Dunmire’s Nomination Form read as follows:

Ms. Thea Dunmire is hereby recognized for her countless hours of faithful and continuous dedication towards LEPC District 8's Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee. Ms. Dunmire has been actively involved with the Subcommittee since its inception in 2006 and has participated in numerous Subcommittee initiatives and workshops during her tenure. Over the past year, while serving as Subcommittee Chair, Ms. Dunmire guided the conduct of the very successful "Keeping Your Head Above Water: Storm Surge Preparedness for Businesses with Hazardous Materials" workshop hosted in the Port of Tampa at Cruise Terminal #3. The workshop drew on the expertise of many from the public- and private-sectors alike. Her perennial dedication exemplifies "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."

Ms. Dunmire is persistently seeking ways to promote and invigorate Subcommittee participation while soliciting new membership.

Tampa Fire Rescue’s Nomination Form read as follows:

Tampa Fire Rescue's prompt and appropriate actions mitigated two potentially-major incidents, (1) an ethanol train derailment, and (2) sulfur tank fires. TFR's action prevented these incidents from causing great damage and hazard to people and the environment, and enabled the Port of Tampa to regain normal operations promptly.

(1) In the very early hours of Thursday, July 25, 2013, 14 railcars of a 88-unit CSX train bound for the Port of Tampa to deliver Ethanol derailed along Maritime Boulevard, blocking the Port's main entrance. Eleven of the derailed railcars had overturned and were lying on their side, three of which were leaking. Tampa Fire Rescue (TFR) responded immediately to the incident, promptly setting up lighting and an ICS structure, and applying large amounts of alcohol-resistant firefighting foam to suppress vapors and successfully prevented ignition of the flammable liquid. TFR worked with CSX and their contractor, SWS Environmental Services, to stop the three rail cars from leaking further. The three-day event ended with the up-righting and removal of the rail cars by CSX. TFR had units present at all times.

(2) On Thursday August 8, 2013, TFR responded to a fire in a bulk storage tank# 8 containing molten sulfur, at the Gulf Sulphur Services/Savage Sulfur Services facility in the

Port of Tampa. Due to holes in the roof, the facility's steam extinguishment system was unable to extinguish the fire. TFR was able to get water into the tank to extinguish the fire, thus minimizing the amount of sulfur dioxide gas released. SO2 is a corrosive, toxic gas, which could have posed a significant risk to other Port tenants, as well as nearby residential areas. A few days later, the sulfur in the same tank again ignited, and TFR again extinguished the fire, and maintained a presence during the unloading of the tank.

SWS Environmental Services' Nomination Form read as follows:

In the very early hours of Thursday, July 25, 2013, 14 railcars of a 88-unit CSX train bound for the Port of Tampa to deliver Ethanol derailed along Maritime Boulevard, blocking the Port's main entrance. Eleven of the derailed railcars had overturned and were laying on their side, three of which were leaking.

SWS personnel assisted Tampa Fire Rescue by clamping the leaking rail car domes, to prevent further leaking of the flammable liquid. SWS used vacuum trucks to remove liquids, which were increased in volume by heavy rains, and also excavated contaminated soils. SWS remained on-scene to respond to any further spills until all rail cars were uprighted and removed.

Additional Material: None

Action Recommended: **Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation**

B. LEPC DISTRICT 8's HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN UPDATE John Meyer

The annual update of the *District 8 LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan* is next due on June 30, 2014. In order to facilitate this timeline, LEPC staff is about to initiate coordination efforts with the County Emergency Management staffs and others offering to volunteer the updating and/or verification of various sections of the Plan. For the convenience of those willing to participate in this endeavor, LEPC staff will provide a CD containing the current Plan in various word processing formats as well as PDF. All revisions will ultimately be incorporated into one unified/revised document. It is anticipated that a motion will be solicited to authorize the LEPC Chair to transmit the revised Plan to the Florida Division of Emergency Management upon completion in accordance with the Contract requirement at the May 28, 2014 LEPC meeting.

Additional Material: None.

Action Recommended: None. Information Only.

C. SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS John Meyer

As identified in prior SERC Recaps, the State Emergency Response Commission has tasked the Florida Division of Emergency Management with establishing a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) website linked to their homepage. The website will be patterned after that implemented by the State of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (www.epa.state.il.us/enforcement/sep) due to its ease of use, functionality and intuitiveness.

The following constitutes a “screen capture” of this Illinois EPA website:

Agency Links

- Air
- Land
- Water
- Offices & Projects »
- About the IEPA »
- Site Fact Sheets
- Calendar of Events
- Statutes & Rules
- Forms & Publications »
- Vehicle Testing
- Internships »
- Kids & Education
- USEPA's TRI
- FOIA Requests
- Right-to-Know
- Recycling
- Contact IEPA
- Quick Answer Directory
- Info Centers**
- Agriculture
- Citizens
- Local Government
- Permits
- Program Fees
- Small Business
- State Links**
- Government

Enforcement

Supplemental Environmental Project Idea Bank

What is a Supplemental Environmental Project?

A Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) is a new environmentally beneficial project that a company agrees to undertake when settling an enforcement action. The SEP must improve, restore, protect, or reduce risks to public health and/or the environment beyond that achieved by compliance with applicable laws. When enforcing environmental laws and regulations, the State of Illinois has the authority to incorporate a SEP into the settlement agreement with a company that is separate from and in addition to correction of the violation. The company may receive some penalty offset for a SEP.

- [SEP Fact Sheet](#)

What is the Supplemental Environmental Project Idea Bank?

Illinois EPA created the Idea Bank to get ideas from the public for potential Supplemental Environmental Projects. Ideas submitted to the Idea Bank will be made available to company representatives for their consideration during negotiations with Illinois EPA. Project ideas will remain in the Idea Bank for two years from the date of submission.

What projects are appropriate for the Supplemental Environmental Project Idea Bank?

The following categories of projects are appropriate for the Idea Bank. Further description of each category can be found in the

By design, the SEP program would allow violating industry the option of funding a SEP(s) in lieu of up to 75% of the assessed fine. 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;
- While funded SEPs can not exceed 75% of the assessed fine value, the violating entity 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 experienced 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.

CATEGORY	QUALIFYING PROJECT
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.

As previously identified, a tank containing 450 gallons of Sodium Hypochlorite burst at the University of South Florida (USF) Tampa Campus on May 30, 2013. While air and ground monitoring were immediately deployed by USF staff to gauge and mitigate the potential threat to public safety, timely notifications of the incident were not provided to the SERC and the National Response Center. This delay potentially subjected USF to fines under the EPCRA and/or CERCLA.

Prior to the “Show Cause” administrative hearing conducted by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials in Atlanta, GA on November 7, 2013 with USF officials, USF’s legal counsel had solicited a Supplemental Environmental Project(s) from the staffs of the LEPC, Tampa Fire Rescue and the FDEM that could have been implemented in lieu of the full payment of a potential considerable fine. It had been mutually agreed that USF’s assistance in the development of an electronic SEP database/website and supporting Technical Assistance period would be most beneficial, noting the expertise of professors and graduate students in the field of computer programming. It was determined that the USF’s In-Kind Services/Donations for implementing this initiative would have be valued at \$25,000 - \$30,000.

Convinced that the release did not leave the site, EPA dismissed all but the CERCLA penalties. The magnitude of the release, the particular chemical, timeliness of reporting, mitigation measures and subsequent actions taken by USF, the fine was ultimately reduced from \$2,200 to \$1,100, of which a SEP could be implemented to a maximum of 75% of the fine value (i.e. \$825) while the remaining 25% (i.e. \$275) must be paid in the form of a fine. Following the hearing, Chief Scott Ehlers (Tampa Fire Rescue) alternatively proposed the purchase of air monitoring equipment for a local Tampa fire station at a cost of \$1,000 as an alternate SEP. Upon concurrence of this alternative SEP by U.S. EPA, USF officials favorably accepted and funded this proposal and paid the balance of the fine, as required.

While the electronic SEP database/website did not come to fruition on this occasion, much of the “legwork” had been completed and, if elected, this proposal could be funded as a future SEP by any company found to be in violation with EPCRA statewide. That is, however, contingent upon the Florida Division of Emergency Management not finding the funding and implementing this initiative in the interim.

Additional Material: None
Action Recommended: **Solicitation of Potential SEP Ideas**

D. ELECTIONS FOR LEPC CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR

Hallie Calig

It was announced that the November 20, 2013 LEPC meeting would be the final meeting for Chief Scott Ehlers as member and Chair of the LEPC due to his pending retirement from Tampa Fire Rescue. While Vice-Chair Jeff Tobergte agreed to complete his term as Interim Chair for the LEPC, he did indicate reservation about his ability to attend the quarterly SERC meetings as well as the corresponding Training Task Force and LEPC Staff/Chairs meetings, an essential duty for each LEPC Chair statewide. For this reason, it was determined that election of a new Chair and Vice-Chair would be most advantageous. Chief Jeff Patterson, Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, expressed a desire to succeed Chief Ehlers as Chair for the LEPC. Mr. Jeff Tobergte expressed his willingness to extend his current Vice Chairman responsibility until the next regular election, when he will resume his regular membership status. The length of these terms would coincide with the current biennial reappointment schedule for all LEPC members, expiring in August of 2014.

LEPC members interested in being nominated for either of these positions were instructed to submit their interest in writing to Mr. John Meyer (LEPC Staff Coordinator) and/or Ms. Hallie Calig (LEPC Nominations Subcommittee Chair) on or before Friday, February 7, 2014 so that a formal election process of officers could be conducted at the February 26, 2014 LEPC meeting. No such nominations were received in this regard.

Since it was additionally stated that no nominations would be taken from the floor on the day of the meeting, a motion to elect Chief Jeff Patterson and Jeff Tobergte to the positions of LEPC Chair and LEPC Vice-Chair respectively, by acclamation, is requested.

Additional Material: None
Action Recommended: **Motion to elect Chief Jeff Patterson as LEPC Chair and Jeff Tobergte as Vice-Chair**

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

Agenda Item #13 LEPC LOGO SHIRTS Chair Tobergte

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 #14 NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, May 28, 2014 Chair Tobergte

Agenda Item #15 ADJOURNMENT Chair Tobergte