



TAMPA BAY LEPC, DIST 8 HAZMATTERS

Second Quarter - April - June, 2005

District 8 was involved in a number of HMEP and LEPC co-sponsored activities this quarter. Hillsborough County conducted their 2005 Mass Casualty Exercise on April 6th. Staff attended the Quarterly SERC meetings in Tallahassee on April 7-8, 2005 and conducted one LEPC meeting on May 25th.

Hospital Awareness/Operations Classes for emergency room workers, security and safety personnel continue to be greatly in demand because they are generally unavailable through other sources. The Bay Pines HAZMAT Team conducted Awareness/Operations Course at Northside Hospital, St. Petersburg on April 12-13, and June 28-29, 2005. Incident Command Courses ICS 100, 200, and 300 were conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at the TBRPC on May 2-3, 2005, and the LEPC Co-Sponsored a Bio-Terrorism Workshop with General Physics on April 19th. District 8 also sent 4 individuals to CAMEO training in Ft Meyers under HMEP grant funds.

Planning project for HMEP continued with the Port of Tampa Siren Warning Briefings which were given to DeSoto Elementary School teachers and staff on May 18th, and presented to tenants of the Port at the Tampa Port Authority on May 24th and 26th. Briefings continue to draw interest due to turnover of personnel unfamiliar with the siren system. The fourth presentation is being scheduled for Harbour Island. Remaining funds will be used to convert the briefing as well as the accompanying video into CD format and also into Spanish. This will be an ongoing project until completed.

Staff represented the LEPC at the Area 4 DEM meeting on April 18th and the Pinellas County Disaster Assistance Committee meeting on May 19th. Additionally, staff was guest speaker at the Manatee County Disaster Preparation Committee luncheon on April 20th at the Manatee County Civic Center.

The LEPC District 8 HAZMAT Response Plan, 12th Revision, was completed and approved by the LEPC on May 25, 2005 and forwarded to DEM prior to the June 30, 2005 deadline. Likewise, the annual requirement for publication of newspaper advertising was also completed.

Finally, LEPC co-sponsored and participated in the Yara, Inc. (ammonia terminal at Port Sutton) full-scale exercise on June 16, 2005.