



Tampa Bay LEPC (District 8) *HazMatters* March 2010 - May 2010

District 8 was involved in a number of HMEP and LEPC co-sponsored activities during the quarter. Staff attended the Quarterly SERC meetings in Tallahassee on April 1-2, 2010 and conducted the District 8 LEPC meeting on May 26, 2010. The next scheduled LEPC meeting is August 25, 2010.

Tasked with incorporating an interactive hazardous material component into the *Florida Business Disaster Survival Kit* (www.fldisasterkit.com), supplementing information and resources contained on the LEPC website (i.e. www.tbrpc.org/lepc), and providing localized hazmat facility training, the LEPC's Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (FDPS) last met on May 19, 2010. Current initiatives include: mailing post cards to the Section 302 facilities in the District encouraging their participation in a brief, on-line, survey to assess training needs and preferred venue for such training (e.g. workshops, webinars...); and seeking grant funds to offset the programming costs associated with proposed FBDSK supplements. The next meeting has been scheduled for July 15th.

LEPC staff participated in a series of teleconferences administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management regarding such topics as: *Ops Level Training & Sampling Protocol – Part II* (March 2, 2010), *Deficiencies of the ORE* & updates to the Project Board (May 5, 2010).

LEPC staff assisted in the conduct of Anhydrous Ammonia Awareness & Safety Training at the Tampa Port Authority on April 6 & 13, 2010.

LEPC staff assisted in the coordination of a full-scale exercise on May 11, 2010 to satisfy the biennial Contract requirement. The exercise included a simulated release of Methyl Bromide in the baggage area of Terminal 3 (a cruise ship terminal) at the Tampa Port Authority. Participants included an array of Tampa and Hillsborough County agencies, the U.S. Coast Guard, Tampa Port Authority, FDEP and others. The *After Action Report* is scheduled to be completed by June 11th and all exercise-related materials will be submitted to FDEM on or before June 30, 2010, as required.

Staff is nearing completion of the update to the Tampa Bay Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan. Most of the updates reflect revisions to population figures, health care facilities, Section 302 facilities, Hazmat equipment and incorporation of lessons learned from the biennial exercise.

During the quarter, the following courses were conducted: an *E-Plan "Train-the-Trainer"* course was conducted by Lt. John Scott for Pinellas County staff on April 5, 2010; *Chemical Compatibility & Storage* and *Confined Space Rescue for Hazardous Material Environments* courses in Manatee County (May 3-5 & May 12-14, 2010, respectively); and a *Chlorine Training for First Responders/Tech. Level* course in Pinellas County (May 10-12, 2010). Additionally, an *Intro to CAMEO* course has been scheduled for June 15-17, 2010 in Pinellas County at "minimal" expense to the LEPC. This course will be coordinated with FDEM. With the HMEP Contract expiring September 30, 2010, additional courses and/or training events will inevitably be scheduled within District 8 following coordination with FDEM staff.

Staff represented the Tampa Bay LEPC at the May 4, 2010 meetings of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee and the U.S. Coast Guard Area Committee which immediately followed.

The Pinellas Police Standards Council continues to meet at the TBRPC under LEPC sponsorship. Staff assisted with the March 10 and April 14, 2010 PPSC meetings.