



Tampa Bay LEPC (District 8) *HazMatters* 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 Guy Harvey Outpost in St. Pete Beach on July 11-12, 2013. The quarterly LEPC District 8 meeting was held on August 28th. Staff and/or members of the LEPC attended the FDEM Region 4 quarterly meeting on June 14th at the Pasco County Emergency Operations Center under the leadership of FDEM Region 4 Coordinator Paul Siddall.

The LEPC's Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (FDPS) met on July 17th. The primary discussion items included: an update on the SERC/EPA Supplemental Environmental Projects program; discussion of the DSOC initiative to reduce the number of regional hazmat teams; and an overview of the very successful June 27th Workshop entitled "*Keeping Your Head Above Water: Storm Surge Preparedness for Businesses with Hazardous Materials*" held in conjunction with the Tampa Port Authority at Tampa Cruise Terminal #3. The Workshop was broken down into the following topics: "*Storm Surge 101*" and *Meteorological Trends*;



Identification of Vulnerabilities & Chemical Storage; *Business Continuity Planning*; *Contingency Planning*; and *Lessons Learned from SuperStorm Sandy*. The Workshop included presentations from representatives of C.F. Industries, the U.S. Coast Guard, Hills. County Fire Rescue/Office of Emergency Management, the Tampa Port Authority, FDEP/Office of Emergency Response, National Weather Service, Pinellas County Communications Department, the Insurance Information Institute and others. Each of the ten presentations were subsequently posted to the LEPC website for use as a future resource (http://www.tbrpc.org/lepc/lepc_surgeworkshop.shtml).

The LEPC's HMEP Training Subcommittee met on August 28th. As would be/is appropriate, discussion revolved around determining a course(s) to be funded and conducted prior to the September 30, 2013 deadline. Such requirement was imposed within the FY 2013-14 HMEP Contract whereby 25% of the entire annual HMEP Training funds be spent during the first quarter (i.e. July 1 – Sept. 30). To conclude the FY 2012-13 HMEP Contract, a 8-hr. *Hazmat IQ* course was held on three consecutive days (June 25-27, 2013) in order for the course to be shift-friendly to the 90± Pinellas County Hazmat Team members. As is appropriate, the prerequisites for 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: facilitated the monthly meetings of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (June 12th, July 10th & August 14th); attended the monthly meetings of the Ammonia Handlers/Operators (June 18th, July 23rd & August 20th); submitted the *Tampa Bay Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan* update (June 28th); attended the bi-monthly of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee meeting (July 9th); attended the U.S. Coast Guard's Area Contingency Plan meeting (July 9th); hosted FDEM's

Hazards Analyses Training Workshop (July 10th); hosted meetings of the Preventative Radiological Nuclear Detection Committee (July 23-25); prepared and submitted LEPC & HMEP Quarterly Reports (July 29th); facilitated the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office law enforcement workshop (July 31st); transmitted a correspondence to Director Bryan Koon and FDEM staff to signify support of maintaining the present structure and number of Florida's Regional Hazmat Response Teams until a comprehensive threats & vulnerabilities assessment has been conducted and evaluated (August 28th); and submitted the proposed LEPC Membership changes and *Hazmatters* report (August 28th), as well as the LEPC District 8 *Thomas Yatabe Award* Nominations (August 30th), each associated with the October 4th SERC meeting.