



LEPC Minutes

TAMPA BAY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) DISTRICT VIII, MEETING May 27, 2009

Committee Members/Alternates

Representing

Bailey, Chief Bill	Hillsborough County Fire Rescue
Booth, Richard (A)	Tampa Port Authority
Calig, Hallie	City of Tampa/Environmental Coordination
Clark, Larry	6 CES/CEX
Dabrowski, Peter	Retired
Ehlers, Chief Scott	Tampa Fire Rescue
Fraday, Terry	Florida Department of Health
Gonzalez, Roberto	Florida Department of Transportation
Hale, Lisa (A)	Pasco County Emergency Management
Hall, Glenn	Yara North America, Inc.
Hanson, Dale	Florida Department of Transportation
Kemp, Jonathan	St. Petersburg Times
Kinley, Ed	Universal Waste and Transit
Klinger, Chet	Retired
LeCroy, Steve	St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue
Lewis-Younger, Cynthia	Tampa General Hospital
Lindgren, Greg	Pinellas County Emergency Management
McCarthy, Steven	Pinellas Park Fire Department
Meyer, Doug (A)	Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration
Olson, Eugene	Civil Air Patrol
Ream, Rodney (A)	Bay Pines Medical Center
Shute, Susan Deputy (A)	Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office
Tobergte, Jeff	Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Tollise, Bob	Manatee County Public Safety
Watson, Alain G.	Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County
Wenger, Doug	Retired
Wiker, Erika	Tampa Bay RDSTF

A = Alternate member with voting standing.

AA = Alternate member attending, but without voting standing due to presence of primary member.

Asst Chief Scott Ehlers, Chairman - Jeff Tobergte, Vice Chairman - John Meyer, Coordinator

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Guests

Representing

Appenzeller, John	Hillsborough County WRS
Armstrong, Sharon	Harcros Chemicals
Dobbins, James	TB UASI
Dorsey, Martin	TGH/Florida Poison Information Center
Dunmeyer, Gary	Harcros Chemicals
Grau, Sharon	The Response Group
Harman, Alice	Kinder Morgan/CFPL
Lofgren, Bill	Retired
McElligott, Bill	Dunedin Fire
Mixson, Dave	Largo Fire Rescue
Russell, Chris	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Warman, Jim	Largo Fire Rescue
Weedon, Warren	U.S. Coast Guard
Whitaker, Troy	A.C.T.

Staff Coordinator

Representing

Meyer, John	Tampa Bay LEPC District VIII
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Members Absent Without
Alternates in Attendance

Representing

Ballaron, John	Manatee Port Authority
Boyles, LDCR Tom	U.S. Coast Guard
Bunce, Keith	WTVT Fox 13 News
Burnett, David	Plant City Fire Rescue
Castonguay, Steven	Hillsborough County Health Department
Crowther, Charles	St. Petersburg College
Douglass, Doug	American Red Cross
Murphy, Edward	Hillsborough County Emergency Management
Pratt, Alan	CF Industries, Inc.
Stewart, Jeff	Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC
Terrell, Michael D.	Manatee County Attorney's Office
Vannan, Rick	The Clorox Products Manufacturing Co.
Touchton, Lesley	Southwest Florida Water Management District

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Scott Ehlers chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. and asked everyone to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. He then asked all present to introduce themselves and announced that with 27 members or alternates attending, a quorum was present. (Nine members constitute a quorum). He also welcomed 14 members of the public attending.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The Chair asked for approval of the minutes of the February 25, 2009 meeting. With no changes or additions, John Kemp moved and Doug Wenger seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously on voice vote.

LEPC DISTRICT 8 MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - John Meyer recognized that all the official membership modifications were provided within the Agenda and welcomed new members and/or appointments to LEPC District 8. The changes were: Mr. Chet Klinger in Interested Citizen category; Mr. Glen Hall (Mr. Charles Rowe/Alternate) in Facility Operator category; Mr. Roberto Gonzalez (Ms. Dale Hanson/Alternate) in Transportation category; Mr. Steve McCarthy (Mr. Craig Maciuba/Alternate) in Firefighting category; and the change of Mr. Alan Pratt's designated alternate to Mr. Mark Koretchko in the Facility Operator category.

Mr. Meyer further stated that the sole membership change being requested in association with the next SERC meeting will be the re-appointment of Col. Bill Lofgren under the Interested Citizen category.

RECAP OF QUARTERLY SERC MEETINGS - Mr. Meyer stated a recap of the discussion and/or action items associated with the April 2-3, 2009 SERC Quarterly meetings were e-mailed to the membership as part of the LEPC Agenda on May 15, 2009 and posted to the LEPC webpage.

The Chair acknowledged that the State Emergency Response Commission was formerly Chaired by the departed State Division of Emergency Management Director Craig Fugate. It is uncertain whether the SERC will now be chaired by the new Division Director.

LEPC HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PLAN - Mr. Meyer thanked those LEPC members who provided input resulting in the 16th Revision to the *Tampa Bay Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan* (TBHMEP). Mr. Meyer indicated that the revisions are now essentially complete but expecting verification of CSX Railroad location descriptions and facts presented about the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport. The majority of changes involved updating population statistics, recognizing various departmental name changes and/or reflect current HMEP training activities.

Mr. Meyer identified that the LEPC is contractually obligated to prepare, adopt and transmit the 16th Revision of the Plan to the Florida Division of Emergency Management by June 30, 2009. Prior to this time, LEPC staff will be compiling electronic versions of the Plan in Word®, WordPerfect® and PDF formats in addition to hard copies. LEPC members requesting a copy of the revised Plan are asked to contact LEPC staff.

Mr. Meyer recognized that a Resolution was placed in the Agenda packets authorizing the Chair to approve the revisions and transmit the revised document to the FDEM. Chair Ehlers accepted the motion to approve the Resolution by Bob Tollise and the second by Terry Frady. A voice vote followed with no objections.

HMEP PLANNING PROGRAM - Mr. Meyer indicated that Alan Pratt was unable to attend this meeting but indicated that Mr. Pratt had been coordinating with Ms. Maria Ortiz with Univision to produce "Shelter In Place" video with Spanish voice over. While this coordination effort had been

ongoing for quite some time, Ms. Ortiz has left the employment of Univision. The Vice-President/General Manager (Ms. Lilly Gonzalez) subsequently agreed to fulfill the former promise of this video at no cost to the LEPC and will communicate an anticipated completion date with Mr. Pratt shortly.

Mr. Meyer additionally mentioned that a Ammonia Siren briefing is being held this evening (May 27, 2009) for the East Ybor Civic Association at the *Childrens Board* in Tampa. A special thanks was extended to Mr. Alan Pratt and Mr. Glenn Hall for agreeing to assist in this presentation.

FACILITY DISASTER PLANNING PROJECT - Mr. Glenn Hall, Subcommittee Chair, identified that the Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee met on April 23, 2009 and has a productive meeting. A summary of meeting Minutes was included with full LEPC Agenda packets. This year's major effort is to bolster the Hazardous Materials section of the *Florida Business Disaster Survival Kit*. Mr. Hall then recognized Mr. Chet Klinger to identify survey efforts being initiated.

Mr. Klinger identified ongoing efforts to poll/solicit input from companies that previously received training from the Subcommittee to determine how they used the information obtained and what additional information may be beneficial. Mr. Klinger mentioned that as of this meeting date, he had already been in contact with seven of the 30 companies that had been contacted. He explained that the input received could certainly guide future planning/training efforts.

Chair Ehlers applauded Mr. Klinger's initiatives and the work of the Subcommittee. The Chair expressed a desire to share the outcome of these efforts, at the appropriate time, with the SERC's Subcommittee on Training as an example of Best Management Practice.

HMEP PROGRAM - TRAINING - Mr. Bob Tollise, Subcommittee Chair, provided an update of FY 08-09 HMEP Training activities conducted within the LEPC District. Mr. Tollise indicated that the detailed FY 2008-09 HMEP Training budget for FY 2008-09 was included in the full Agenda packets (and presented below). A breakdown of the training attendees by limited profession was included for the two events conducted this past Quarter (and presented below). Mr. Tollise encouraged LEPC members to identify their training needs associated with the an estimated \$7,000 - \$8,000 in remaining funding. Additional training opportunities could include the conduct of a one-day CAMEO course or an Air Monitoring course conducted elsewhere in the Region.

The following constitutes the HMEP Training budget of \$41,969.00 for FY 2008-08 that was recognized within the full Agenda packets:

Quarter	Date	Name	Expenses	Cumulative	Remaining
1	11/11-13/08	Emergency Response to Railcar Incident, Manatee Co.	\$10.00*	\$10.00	\$41,959.00
	11/13/08	CSX Transportation Railroad Functional Exercise, Hillsborough County	\$10.00*	\$20.00	\$41,949.00
	12/4/08	Air Monitoring Training, Pasco County	\$2,950.00	\$2,970.00	\$38,999.00
	12/31/08	1 st Qtr Administration Expenses Oct-Dec, 08 <Actual>	\$4,752.00**	\$7,722.00	\$34,247.00
2	2/10-12/09	Advance Radiological Response, Manatee County	\$10.00*	\$7,732.00	\$34,237.00
	3/31/09	Chlorine Workshop, Hillsborough County	\$10.00*	\$7,742.00	\$34,227.00
	3/31/09	2 nd Qtr Administration Expenses Jan-Mar, 09 <Actual>	\$ 653.00**	\$8,399.00	\$33,574.00
3	5/05-07/09	Chlorine Safety Training Course, Manatee County	\$3,600.00		\$29,974.00
	6/09-11/09	Air Monitoring & Detection In-Service Training	\$5,230.00		\$24,744.00
	6/30/09	3 rd Qtr Administration Expenses Apr-June, 09 <Est.>	\$1,000.00		\$23,744.00
4	8/18-20/09	Hazmat IQ Training Course, Pinellas Park	\$14,850.00		\$ 8,894.00
	9/30/09	4 th Qtr Administration Expenses July-Sept. 09 <Est >	\$1000.00		\$ 7,894.00

* Indicates that LEPC District 8 received credit for course but the course was funded by a source other than the HMEP Training budget. Only expenses incurred by the LEPC were for advertising, etc.

** Council expenses include indirects (postage, office supplies, copying charges, communications), internal service charges (accounting, information center), auditing, building occupancy, travel time (local mileage, etc.) and small miscellaneous expenses.

The following constitutes a breakdown of participants of the two training events conducted during this past Quarter:

Advanced Radiological Course
[2/10-12/2009]
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Chlorine Workshop
[3/31/2009]
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Profession	Awareness	Operations	Technician (Advanced)	Specialist	Incident Command	Total (a)
Fire	33	31				64
Law Enf.	37	2				39
Pub. Works	5					5
EMS (Incl Vol)		4				4
Health/Hosp	8					8
Emer Mgmt (b)	12	3				15

Profession	Awareness	Operations	Technician (Advanced)	Specialist	Incident Command	Total (a)
Other*(c)	23					23
TOTALS	118	40				158

- (a) Totals may include same individual who has undergone more than one type of training)
(b) Includes U.S. Coast Guard and military
(c) Includes School and County Office Workers, Military and Community Groups such as Red Cross

REGIONAL DOMESTIC SECURITY TASK FORCE (RDSTF) - Erika Wiker advised the Committee on recent and current Regional Domestic Security Task Force (RDSTF) activities and initiatives. The Region 4 RDSTF serves Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas Counties as well as the counties of Hardee, Polk, Hernando, Citrus and Sumter Counties.

The Region 4 IMT Team continues to lead the State in terms of planning, training, and team development. Region 4, through the support of Polk County Emergency Management, will be offering DHS authorized Position Specific Training courses to members of the Region 4 AHIMT.

The Resource Database has been sent out to participating agencies for the 2009 validation and update. Region 4 has adopted IRIS 2.1 as the way-ahead for resource tracking in the area. The implementation of IRIS 2.1 will be a phased approach with IRIS going live ahead of hurricane season.

Input for a Regional 5-year T&E Plan that captured training/exercise gaps based on the Target Capabilities List. CBRNE Detection/Response was one of our listed areas for improvement and has been identified as a priority within the Region. We would like to take a coordinated approach in determining training needs. Various ICS and other classes are being continually offered throughout the region. We are in the process of updating the RDSTF training website to be more user friendly, the new link is <http://www.tbrpc.org/rdstf/rdstf.shtml> , please remember it is a work in progress. If you have any comment or suggestions on making it better let me know.

TRAINING/CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES - Chair Ehlers recognized that numerous training opportunities were identified within the Agenda and solicited information concerning additional opportunities from the Committee. While no additional training opportunities were identified by LEPC members, the list of opportunities identified in the Agenda were:

- Harbor Safety Committee Conference - City of Tampa, May 27-29, 2009
- USEPA's Chemical Emergency Preparedness Conference - Louisville, KY, July 29-31, 2009
- 24/40 Hour OSHA Hazwoper Classes - Various FL Locations, Various Times (February - October 2009)
- Prevention and Response to Suicide Bombing Resident Course - Playas, NM, No date(s) specified
- Emergency Planning for Special Needs Communities - West Virginia University, No date(s) specified
- Various Emergency Management Institute Training Opportunities - Emmitsburg, MD, (July-Sept. 2009)
- Surge Sort Support: Continuous Integrated Triage - Pinellas Park, FL, June 1, 2009
- Africanized Homey Bee Training - Bradenton, FL, June 2-4, 2009 (Three 1-Day/3-Hour Classes)

REGENCY ARTISTIC METAL REFINISHING CYANIDE RELEASE INCIDENT PRESENTATION - Mr. Chris Russell, Federal On-Scene Coordinator with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provided a presentation describing the Thursday, March 5th Cyanide release and subsequent response actions associated with Regency Artistic Metal Refinishing in Holiday, FL. This facility is located along the western side of U.S. 19 in southern Pasco County. The incident involved the chemical reaction associated with the improper mixture of chemicals by the 78-year old facility owner. The facility owner was overwhelmed with the fumes and rendered unconscious when discovered 2½ hours later.

The presentation highlighted the necessary communication and interactions between the various response agencies and levels of government. Shortly following the incident, the Pasco County Hazmat Team and Pasco County Emergency Management solicited the assistance of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection/Bureau of Emergency Response due to air quality readings being registered.

While air monitoring levels outside the building were acceptable in relatively short order due to numerous remediation efforts conducted by FDEP & the Pasco County Fire & Hazmat units. However, when returning to the facility the next day, air quality readings conducted under the doorway still registering twice the “Immediate Danger to Life and Health” levels for Hydrogen Cyanide. As a result, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Region 4) personnel was contacted for assistance.

In the interim and prior to the arrival of EPA staff, it was agreed that it would be best to take the appropriate interior response actions that following Monday during work hours in order to limit the exposure of numerous residents living in the densely populated surrounding neighborhoods.

EPA arrived on Sunday and orchestrated the remediation actions the following day. A Unified Command was established between USEPA, FDEP/Bureau of Emergency Response, Pasco County Emergency Management, a representative for the Potentially Responsible Party, and the Pasco County Fire Department.

Following the ultimate neutralization of chemical mixture and the subsequent investigations by OSHA and FDEP’s Hazardous Waste Section, the facility has since reopened.

TAMPA BAY LEPC LOGO SHIRTS - The Chair indicated that LEPC Logo Shirts are still available. If interested, please contact Mr. John Meyer.

OTHER LEPC BUSINESS - Chair Ehlers mentioned that Hurricane season is quickly approaching and to make sure all Plans are in place.

Ms. Hallie Calig encouraged all LEPC members to get involved in at least one Subcommittees and to begin thinking of roles additional Subcommittees may play.

Chair Ehlers concluded by suggesting that Battalion Chief Bill Bailey (or designated staff) of

Hillsborough County Fire Rescue make a presentation at the next LEPC meeting regarding the recent boat explosion at Beer Can Island. The Chair added that it was a tremendous learning experience from the Command and Control side and offered his observation that response appeared to be seamless with no apparent jurisdictional boundaries. Chief Bailey agreed to the comment and to make the presentation in conjunction with the next LEPC meeting.

While Chair Ehlers inquired as to other LEPC Business, no issues were raised and/or discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - the Chair asked if there were any Public Comments. No response(s) was received.

NEXT MEETING will be held Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council offices, 4000 Gateway Centre, Suite 100, Pinellas Park, FL 33782. The mailout for this meeting will be done on or before August 17, 2009 and posted on the LEPC webpage.

The remaining meeting schedule for 2009: August 26th, and November 18th.

ADJOURNMENT - Without objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Meyer, Coordinator

Scott Ehlers, Chairman

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