LEPC Minutes

TAMPA BAY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) DISTRICT VIII, MEETING
May 28, 2014

Committee Members/ Alternates in Attendance	*Representing*
Atherton, Chris	Florida National Guard/48th CST
Brooking, Sandra (A)	Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration
Burnett, David	Plant City Fire Rescue
Calig, Hallie	City of Tampa/Environmental Coordination
Castonguay, Steven	Hillsborough County Health Department
Connors, Cpl Lance	Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office
Cowden, Greg (A)	Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County
Dabrowski, Peter	Interested Citizen
Elder, Mike (AAA)	Pinellas Park Fire Department
Gonzalez, Roberto	Florida Department of Transportation
Johnson, Betti	Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
Johnston, James	Pasco County Emergency Management
Kemp, Jonathan	Tampa Bay Times
Kinnison, Kris (A)	Yara North America, Inc.
Klinger, Chet	Interested Citizen
Kobosky, Ron (A)	Mosaic Phosphates Company
Lopez, Rick (AAA)	Brenntag Mid South
Martin, Marcus (A)	Hillsborough County Emergency Management
Meyer, John	Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
Patterson, Jeff (Chair)	Hillsborough County Fire Rescue
Roberts, Lloyd	Southwest Florida Water Management District
Simpson, Steve	Manatee County Emergency Management
Steadham, Phillip A.	Tampa Port Authority
Tobergte, Jeff	Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Vadelund, Lynne (A)	CF Industries, Inc.
Walker Richard	Pinellas County Emergency Management

A = Alternate member with voting standing. **Red** text signifies meeting Chair.
AA = Alternate member attending, but without voting standing due to presence of primary member.
AAA= Pending Primary/Alternate attended without voting standing.

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Members Absent Without Alternates in Attendance	*Representing*
Aleguas, Alfred (Excused)	Tampa General Hospital/Florida Poison Information Center
Armstrong, Dean	Bay Pines VA Health Care System
Davies, Scott (Excused)	Manatee Port Authority
Douglass, William (Excused)	American Red Cross
Fernald, Lt. Col. Larry	Civil Air Patrol
Frady, Terry (Excused)	Florida Department of Health
Griffin, LCDR Navin (Excused)	U.S. Coast Guard
Kinley, Ed	Universal Environmental Solutions
Lofgren, Col. Bill (Excused)	Interested Citizen
Riley, Bryan	Tampa Fire Rescue

Staff Coordinator	*Representing*
Meyer, John	Tampa Bay LEPC District VIII

Guests	*Representing*
Cooper, Stacie	SWS
Davis, George	USCG
Diamond, Jason	Arcadis
Ehlers, Scott	Clearwater Fire/Emergency Management
Greif, William	Growers Fertilizer Corp.
Hansen, Eric	DPC Enterprises Tampa
Horne, Gil	Intra Coastal Environmental
Lawrence, John	Nexeo Solutions LLC
Michael, Mark	Largo Fire
Mixon, David	Largo Fire
Nardozzi, Jim	SWS
Swartz, Doug	Largo Fire

CALL TO ORDER - Chief Jeff Patterson chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. Following a brief introduction of attendees, everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. With 26 members and/or their Alternates present, it was acknowledged that a quorum was present (nine members constitute a quorum). Chair Patterson welcomed the LEPC members as well as the 12 attending from the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT - The Chair inquired whether there were any public comments. None were provided.

APPROVAL OF *MINUTES* - The Chair inquired whether there were any suggested additions, subtractions or modification(s) to the *Minutes* of the February 26, 2014 LEPC meeting. Hearing none, the Chair asked for motion to approve the *Minutes*. Steve Simpson moved and Jonathan Kemp seconded the motion. The *Minutes* were approved unanimously on voice vote.

LEPC DISTRICT 8 MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - LEPC Staff Coordinator John Meyer advised that the lone membership modification facilitated in conjunction with the April 2014 SERC meetings for LEPC District 8 was:

MEMBER	CATEGORY	MEMBER TYPE		STATUS OF CHANGE			DESCRIPTION (IF NECESSARY AND/OR APPROPRIATE)
		PRIMARY	ALTERNATE	NEW MEMBER	MEMBER-SHIP TYPE CHANGE	RESIGNED/ REMOVED	
Joe Mastandrea	**Emergency Management**	✔		✔			**Hillsborough County Emergency Management**. Mr. Joe Mastandrea was designated the new *Primary* LEPC 8 member representing Hillsborough County Emergency Management due to the departure of Ms. Amanda Shaw. Mr. Mastandrea reappointed Mr. Marcus Martin as his *Alternate*.
Marcus Martin			✔		✔		
Amanda Shaw		✔				✔	
Marcus Martin			✔		✔		

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.

Mr. Meyer further identified that several membership changes are being processed or contemplated in association with the July 2014 SERC meeting. Those changes are:

MEMBER	CATEGORY	MEMBER TYPE		STATUS OF CHANGE			DESCRIPTION (IF NECESSARY AND/OR APPROPRIATE)
		PRIMARY	ALTERNATE	NEW MEMBER	MEMBER-SHIP TYPE CHANGE	RESIGNED/ REMOVED	
Mike Elder	**Firefighting**	✔		✔			**Pinellas County Fire Departments.** Dep. Chief Mike Elder (Pinellas Park Fire Department) will be seeking the "Primary" LEPC member designation to replace retired Chief Steve McCarthy. In turn, Dep. Chief Elder will be designating Lt. Richard Feinberg)St. Petersburg Fire Rescue) as his Alternate.
Richard Feinberg			✔	✔			
Steve McCarthy		✔				✔	
Craig Maciuba			✔			✔	
Rick Lopez	**Facility Owner/Operator**		✔	✔			**Brenntag Mid South.** Mr. Paul Dolak (Primary) will be seeking to establish his Alternate as Mr. Rick Lopez. No prior Alternate was designated.

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Scott Ehlers	**Emergency Management**	✔		✔			**Clearwater Emergency Management.** Mr. Scott Ehlers is seeking reappointment to the LEPC while representing his new position as Division Chief of Emergency Management for the City of Clearwater. In turn, Chief Ehlers wishes to designate Asst. Chief Gemsheim as his Alternate.
Ron Gemsheim			✔	✔			
Clayton Parrott	**Emergency Management**		✔	✔			**Pinellas County Emergency Management.** Mr. Rick Walker (Primary) will be seeking to redesignate his Alternate from Mr. Paul Keller to Mr. Clayton Parrott due to the prior departure of Mr. Keller from PCEM.
Paul Keller			✔			✔	
Nick Lo Cicero	**Firefighting**	✔		✔			**Tampa Fire Rescue**. Asst. Chief Nick Lo Cicero has requested "Primary" LEPC membership for TFR due to the recent retirement of Chief Emilio Salabarria, In turn, Chief Lo Cicero is re-designating Chief Bryan Riley as his "Alternate."
Bryan Riley			✔	✔			
Emilio Salabarria		✔				✔	
Bryan Riley			✔			✔	
Geoffrey Brown	**Firefighting**		✔	✔			**St. Petersburg College/Allstate Center.** Mr. Charles Crowther has redesignated his "Alternate" from Mr. James Terry to Mr. Geoffrey Brown due to the recent retirement of Mr. Terry.
James Terry			✔			✔	
To Be Determined	**Health**	✔		✔			**Florida Department of Health/ Bureau of Radiation Control.** LEPC District 8 is seeking new "Primary" and "Alternate" appointments for FDOH/Bureau of Radiation Control due to the prior departure of Mr. Frady and Mr. Knecht.
To Be Determined			✔	✔			
Terry Frady		✔				✔	
Robert Knecht			✔			✔	

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To Be Determined	**Community Group**	✔		✔			**American Red Cross** LEPC District 8 is seeking new "Primary" and "Alternate" appointments for the American Red Cross due to the relatively recent departure of Mr. Douglass & Mr. Becker.
To Be Determined			✔	✔			
William Douglass		✔				✔	
Greg Becker			✔			✔	

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RECAP OF QUARTERLY STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC) MEETINGS - Mr. Meyer identified that a comprehensive summary of the April 3-4, 2014 SERC meetings, held in Tallahassee at the Betty Easley Conference Center, was included in the detailed Agenda materials transmitted to all LEPC members and available on the LEPC website. Mr. Meyer verbally encapsulated the following meeting highlights:

- approval of the Risk Management Plan Audit schedule for 2014-15, including two sites in the City of Tampa, two in Hillsborough County, two in the City of Plant City and two in Manatee County;
- Identified success of 2014 Hazmat Symposium. Although only held two years, strategizing the 2015 Hazmat Symposium, as part of Fire Rescue East or separate;
- Domestic Security Oversight Council recommendation for reduction of Regional Hazmat Team. John Koenke is persistent. Opportunity to overturn prior recommendation may occur due to changes in DSOC membership;
- Hazards Analyses are conducted for 50% of all Section 302 facilities annually within each County by the Counties, their subcontractors or the RPCs. The HA Contracts have been administered and managed by the Florida Division of Emergency Management since the inception of the program. However, it appears that these responsibilities will be transferred to the RPCs/LEPCs beginning next year. The funding of the program will include a component of training for the personnel conducting the HAs as well as those reviewing them;
- There was a concern raised about administrative expenses associated with some of the LEPC's HMEP training program;
- Ms. Kristina Gerrard of the Georgia Division of Emergency Management attended the SERC meeting. She had heard nothing but good things about how the SERC and the LEPCs operate in the State of Florida and their State is looking for a program to emulate; and
- Major Shawn Wood of the Gadsden County Sheriffs Office promoted their third annual Rural County Summit entitled "Community Disaster and Emergency Response" on July 9-11 in Havana, FL. A one-day event will be alternatively offered for the volunteer organizations on Saturday, July 12, 2014. Attendance for these events is limited and must be approved. Flyers for these events were subsequently e-mailed to the LEPCl members.

The next SERC meetings are scheduled for July 17-18 in Singer Island.

Chair Patterson thanked Mr. James Johnston for his prior suggestion whereby neighboring Counties would assist LEPC staff in evaluating the Hazards Analyses deliverables of a neighboring County. This would greatly reduce the time constraints that would otherwise be imposed on LEPC staff. Mr. Johnston added that it is his belief that the initiative would be mutually beneficial in that they would be able to somewhat familiarize themselves with the chemical inventories and locations in the possible event they are called upon to assist in response to a hazmat incident/release.

HMEP PROGRAM - PLANNING - Mr. Meyer stated that LEPC staff is joining forces with Tampa Emergency Management, Port Tampa Bay, Hillsborough County Emergency Management, Tampa Fire Rescue, Tampa Police Department, Hillsborough Fire Rescue, Hillsborough Sheriffs Office, the American Red Cross, several of the larger tenants located in the Port and several other organizations to establish a truly community outreach. The mission is to conduct "Community Days" at neighborhoods in proximity to the Port of Tampa to include providing potentially vital information such as Shelter-in-Place, the soon-to-be new siren system, hurricanes, flooding... The first such event will occur on Saturday, June 14 from 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. for the Palmetto neighborhood at DeSoto Park in Tampa. Two other events are being scheduled over the following two months at different venues. Forums and presentations will be provided in both English and Spanish to accommodate the anticipated attendees.

FACILITY DISASTER PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE (FDPS) - Mr. Meyer recognized that the FDPS last met on April 16, 2014. A *Recap* of the meeting was included in the LEPC Agenda materials. The latest initiative is to compile data and resources to serve as an All Hazards Guide for Businesses to assist in the preparation of plans and procedures to address a variety of hazards. The next FDPS meeting is scheduled for July 23rd from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. All LEPC members and the public are welcome to attend.

HMEP PROGRAM/TRAINING - Subcommittee Chair James Johnston identified that the annual HMEP Training contract is about one month from expiration and that all planned training of public-sector first responders has been conducted.

The following constitutes the final anticipated expenditures associated with the FY 2013-14 HMEP Training program:

Quar-ter	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
		1st 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
		2nd 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	TRANSCAER, City of Tampa (Regionwide Attended)	$ 544.52	$30,614.48	$16,457.52
		3rd Qtr Admin. Expenses/Jan. - Mar. 2014 <Actual[1]>	$ 1,686.52	$32,301.00	$14,771.00
4	3/03-4/11/2014	160-Hr. Hazmat Tech course (for 2), Pinellas Hazmat	$2,400.42	$34,701.42	$12,370.58
	4/07-09/2014	24-Hr. Air Monitoring for Hazmat Technicians (HI/TPA/PA/PI)	$12,237.00	$46,938.42	$ 133.58
		4th Qtr Admin. Expenses/April-June, 2014 <Estimate[1]>	*$ 1,000.00*	*$47,938.42*	***[-$ 866.42]***

FOOTNOTES:

1. 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 actually revised at the end of each quarter to reflect actual administrative costs once tabulated, as would be/is appropriate.
2. Italicization of course name(s) in **blue**, if applicable, signifies that the course has been committed and approved but not yet conducted.
3. 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.

The HMEP Training Subcommittee met earlier this morning to tentatively schedule the planned courses and expenditures associated with the anticipated, but yet to be received, FY 2014-15 HMEP Training Contract. While actual dates have not yet been established for any of these courses, the following is the anticipated schedule:

Quarter	Date	Name	Expenses	Cumulative	Remaining
	BASE FUNDING UNDER 2014-15 HMEP CONTRACT				**$47,072.00**
1	Between 7/01 - 9/30/14	**Three** 24-Hr. Life Safety & Command [Manatee]	$11,200.00	$11,500.00	$35,872.00
		1st Qtr Admin. Expenses/July - Sept. 2014 <Estimate>	$ 567.00*	$11,767.00	$35,305.00
2	Between 10/01/14 - 12/31/14	E-Plan Annual Conference (for One)	$ 1,000.00	$12,767.00	$34,305.00
3	Between 1/01/15 - 3/31/15	**Three** 8-Hr. Chemical & Chemistry [Pinellas]	$ 6,000.00	$18,767.00	$28,305.00
		Four 3-Hr. "E-Plan for 1st Responders" [Regionwide]	$ 1,000.00	$19,767.00	$27,305.00
		Hazmat Symposium (One Lodging each County)	$ 1,000.00	$20,767.00	$26,305.00
4	Between 4/01/15 - 6/30/15	160-Hr. Hazmat Tech Certification (up to 10) [Pasco]	$12,000.00	$32,767.00	$14,305.00
		Three 8-Hr. Hazmat Spill/Leak Containment [Pinellas]	$ 8,175.00	$40,942.00	$ 6,130.00
		2nd, 3rd & 4th Quarter Administrative Expenses (i.e. > $6,130.00)			

* As required the past couple of years, the LEPC is obligated to spend exactly 25 percent of annual training funds (i.e. $47,072 X 25% = $11,767) in the first quarter alone. Expenditures above this amount are not subject to reimbursement and all unspent monies must be returned. There are no limitations in scheduling other expenditures in the Second, Third and Fourth quarters.

Since the LEPC has already proposed the FY 2014-15 expenditures and will be incorporated into the anticipated Contract, any modification(s) to the above/proposed schedule, other than course dates associated with 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarters, presumably requires a Contract amendment.

Subcommittee Chair Johnston continued to encourage LEPC members to notify him or LEPC Staff John Meyer of any training needs their departments may have that could qualify for funding under the HMEP/Training contract. As is the case, 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.

It is presumed that the Subcommittee will next convene one hour prior to the scheduled August 27, 2014 LEPC meeting (i.e. @ 9:30 a.m.) to further refine the training schedule associated with the anticipated FY 2014-15 HMEP Training contract.

REGIONAL DOMESTIC SECURITY TASK FORCE (RDSTF) - Ms. Betti Johnson summarized the highlights of the activities and initiatives currently being undertaken or are anticipated for the Regional Domestic Security Task Force/Region 4, although a detailed listing of all program activities and timeframes was included in the LEPC Agenda materials. Some of notable highlights identified were that: the Multi-Year Training & Exercise Program (MYTEP) was submitted to the State on April 30th; a Communications

exercise is planned for June 2014 in Polk County; and the TBRPC is currently working with the health and medical coalition to expand their membership. In addition, the annual Disaster Planning Guides have recently been prepared in both English and Spanish for distribution associated with the 2014 hurricane season and are available from the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and/or the local Emergency Management Departments.

"REMEMBERING TREVOR KLETZ" VIDEO - Mr. Meyer mentioned that a short video was prepared by the U.S. Chemical Safety Board and will be shown. The "less than four minute" video is a tribute to Dr. Trevor Kletz. As is appropriate, his persistent message delivered over his 70 year career was the importance of safety. This is a message that is critical to the public and private sectors alike. As stated in the video, Dr. Kletz suggested that damaged company reputations may be costlier than damage sustained at a facility following an accident and that near misses should be investigated as thoroughly as accidents. The following constitutes more detail regarding the videos and identification of their associated links:

Video Clip/PPT Presentation	Name/Link/Length	Description
	"Remembering Trevor Kletz" http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQn5fL62KL8 Video Length: ~ 3.5 Minutes	The U.S. Chemical Safety Board prepared a video tribute of Dr. Trevor Kletz. As identified in the video, over his 70+ year career, Dr. Kletz "*was widely regarded as the father of industrial process safety and inherently safer design.*"

TRAINING/WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES - Chair Patterson recognized that several training opportunities were identified within the Agenda materials. Information concerning the following events was provided.

- FDEM's Training and Events Schedule/**Region 4**, Various FL Locations/Times (May - Aug. 2014)
- FDEM's Training and Events Schedule/**Region 6**, Various FL Locations/Times (May - Aug. 2014)

Mr. Meyer reminded members that a Rural County Summit - Community Disaster and Emergency Response Conference has been scheduled for July 9-11, 2014 in Havana, FL (Gadsden County) with limited seating. Mr. Meyer advised that he would forward the Flyer of the event to all LEPC members upon receipt, which subsequently occurred on May 29th. Contact information and registration information was included on the Flyer.

No additional training opportunities or events were identified by the LEPC membership or the public.

LEPC BUSINESS

LEPC MEMBERSHIP/BIENNIAL REAPPOINTMENTS. Mr. Meyer affirmed that each July of all even-numbered years, the SERC reappoints all LEPC members statewide to additional two-year terms. LEPC District 8 staff will be requesting recertification of all present members to these biennial membership extensions, as may be modified to reflect changes that will be requested in association with the July 19, 2014 SERC meeting (those in **red** below). The following constitutes the proposed listing. It is noted that the

membership may be additional altered when and if additional/alternative designees are identified for following entities in a timely manner - Florida Department of Health/Bureau of Radiation Control and American Red Cross.

PRIMARY	ALTERNATE	CATEGORY	PRIMARY	ALTERNATE	CATEGORY
Aleguas, Alfred	JoAnn Chambers- Emerson	Health	Johnston, James	Rick Caravona	Emergency Mgmt.
Armstrong, Dean	Darlene Powell	Hospital	Kemp, Jonathan	Bryan Cook	Print Media
Atherton, Chris	Christopher Barton	Local Option	Kinley, Ed	None	Local Option
Burnett, David	James Wilson	Firefighting	Klinger, Chester	N/A	Interested Citizen
Calig, Hallie	None	Local Environmental	Lofgren, William	N/A	Interested Citizen
Castonguay, Steven	Gregg Rottler	Health	Mastandrea, Joe	Marcus Martin	Emergency Mgmt.
Connors, Lance	Jon Tillis	Law Enforcement	~~McCarthy, Steve~~ **Elder, Mike**	~~Craig Maciuba~~ **Richard Feinberg**	Firefighting
Cooksey, Michael	Sandra Brooking	First Aid	Patterson, Jeff	James Markart	First Aid
Crowther, Charles	~~James Terry~~ **Geoffrey Brown**	Firefighting	Pratt, Alan	Lynne Vadelund	Facility Operator
Dabrowski, Peter	N/A	Interested Citizen	Roberts, Lloyd	David Crane	Water Mgmt. District
Davies, Scott	William Stanfield	Transportation	Rowe, Charles	Kris Kinnison	Facility Operator
Dolak, Paul	~~None~~ **Rick Lopez**	Facility Operator	Salabarria, Emilio	Bryan Riley	Firefighting
Douglass, William	Greg Becker	Community Group	Simpson, Steve	Sharon Tarman	Emergency Mgmt.
Ehlers, Scott	**Ron Gemsheim**	Emergency Mgmt.	Steadham, Phillip	Jackie Julien	Transportation
Fernald, Larry	Elliot Smith	Community Group	Stewart, Jeffrey	Ron Kobosky	Facility Operator
Frady, Terry	Robert Knecht	Health	Tobergte, Jeff	Timyn Rice	Local Environmental
Gonzalez, Roberto	Karen Rider	Transportation	Walker, Richard	~~Paul Keller~~ **Clayton Parrott**	Emergency Mgmt.
Griffin, Navin	Jessica Paxton	Law Enforcement	Watson, Alain	Greg Cowden	Local Environmental
Johnson, Betti	William "Avera" Wynne	Non-Elected Local Official			

ELECTIONS FOR LEPC CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR. Ms. Hallie Calig, LEPC Membership Committee Chair, reminded members that Chief Jeff Patterson and Jeff Tobergte were recently elected to serve in the capacities of Tampa Bay LEPC Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. However, it was necessary for their appointment cycle to be reflective of the biennial recertification of all LEPC members by the State Emergency Response Commission, as just described.

Chief Jeff Patterson has expressed a willingness and desire to retain his recently-attained role as Chair of the LEPC for a two-year term, Mr. Jeff Tobergte indicated that he will not be seeking renewal of his Vice-Chair position. However, Mr. James Johnston (Pasco County Emergency Management) has subsequently agreed to accept a nomination for the Vice-Chair position if elected by his LEPC peers.

LEPC Staff is soliciting other nominations of member(s) interested in serving in either the Chair or Vice-Chair position. In interested, such nomination(s) shall include a prior agreement to serve from the candidate and shall be provided in writing to Mr. John Meyer (LEPC Staff Coordinator - johnm@tbrpc.org) and Ms. Hallie Calig (LEPC Nominations Subcommittee Chair - hallie.calig@ci.tampa.fl.us) on or before Friday, August 8, 2014.

If nomination(s) are received from or on behalf of other candidates for one or both of these positions, a formal election process will be conducted in conjunction with the next LEPC meeting (i.e. August 27, 2014). Please note that nominations for these positions will not be accepted on the floor on the day of the meeting.

LEPC HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PLAN UPDATE. Mr. Meyer identified that LEPC staff is nearing completion of the *Tampa Bay LEPC District 8 EPCRA Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan* update for 2014. As typically, many of the edits are associated with annual updates to population figures and the listing of Section 302 facilities. LEPC staff is soliciting a motion to authorize the Chair to transmit the updated *District 8 LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan* to the Florida Division of Emergency Management upon incorporation of final edits and prior to the June 30th deadline. Mr. Meyer acknowledged that, upon ultimate acceptance of revised Plan by the SERC, the updated Plan will be provided on CD to all required entities as well as posted to the LEPC website. Upon solicitation by LEPC staff, LEPCs member Steve Simpson made a motion to authorize the Chair to transmit the updated Plan to FDEM upon completion. The motion was seconded by LEPC member Jonathan Kemp. The motion was approved unanimously on voice vote.

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Mr. Meyer acknowledged that the Florida Division of Emergency Management is now proceeding to develop the Supplemental Environmental Projects website/database. While it was initially envisioned that the initiative would be funded and developed under a future Supplemental Environmental Project, it was ultimately determined that "lost opportunities" may occur as a result of lack of timely promotion of this program, the fact that corresponding projects may not be "pre-vetted" which could potentially hinder/negate their consideration, and the decision of the facility(ies) found to be in violation of the EPCRA to simply pay the associated fine.

As has been stated in the last several LEPC meetings, Supplemental Environmental Projects are an alternative available to violating industry to the otherwise full payment of EPA fines and, if accepted/proposed, the initiative could/would be conducted locally.

Chair Patterson added that he would like to establish a Subcommittee in the near future to identify some potential Supplemental Environmental Projects.

"HIGHTIDE" EXERCISE. Mr. Meyer and Capt. Chris Atherton (National Guard/48th Civil Support Team) co-presented an overview of the "Hightide" exercise held on April 5, 2014 as well as the intended objectives. The presentation was aided with numerous photos taken of the event.

Mr. Meyer initiated the presentation by extending his appreciation to Capt. Atherton and the FBI to allow the Tampa Bay LEPC to assist in the planning and coordination of the Hightide exercise.

The scenario for the compressed timeline exercise, conducted in a "Walk-Through" format, involved a terrorist's simulated release of Chlorine within a cargo container aboard a large stationary vessel at the "Explosives Anchorage" in Tampa Bay, approximately midway between from the shorelines of southern Tampa (Hillsborough County) and St. Petersburg (Pinellas County) [i.e. ~5-6 miles].

Based on simulated intel received, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission opened the exercise traveling to the vessel and apprehended three actors/suspects portraying the terrorists. Following departure of the FFWCC from the vessel with the alleged terrorists, the hazmat scenario began.

The actual wind speed on the day of the event was assumed as well as the wind direction approaching Picnic Island. The exercise required the establishment of a unified command on-shore and a joint mobile response of Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, Tampa Fire Rescue, St. Petersburg Fire Rescue and FBI hazmat teams to respond to, address, remediate and investigate the Chlorine release. The joint hazmat teams entered the cargo container on three occasions. The first entry was to investigate for potential explosive device(s), the second to secure and mitigate the Chlorine being release and the third entry was for evidence collection. A smoke machine was utilized to emulate Chlorine being released. Participatory agencies included: National Guard/48th Civil Support Team, FBI, Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, Hillsborough County Emergency Management, Tampa Fire Rescue, Tampa Emergency Management, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, United States Coast Guard, FDEM/Region 4, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, St. Petersburg Fire Rescue and the U.S. Army Reserve.

The following were a couple of the photos which were taken of the event:

It was further identified that LEPC staff will be meeting with the parties that presumably would be responsible for remediation of such an incident immediately following the LEPC meeting, which subsequently occurred. Those entities include the U.S. Coast Guard, Hillsborough County Office of Emergency Management, Florida Department of Environmental Protection/Office of Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County and SWS Environmental Services as a potential (and likely) On-Scene Response Organization.

Mr. Scott Ehlers indicated that SERC and Florida Fire Chief Association member Mike Murphy would be appreciative of the exercise scenario necessitating a joint marine hazmat response and command post.

OTHER BUSINESS

Upon solicitation of "Other Business" items for discussion by Chair Patterson, none were identified.

TAMPA BAY LEPC LOGO SHIRTS - Chair Patterson reminded members that LEPC Logo Shirts will always be made available in a variety of sizes, styles and colors. If interested, please contact Mr. John Meyer.

Mr. Meyer added that a new vendor has recently been selected and that the shirts look very nice and can be prepared

NEXT MEETING - Chair Patterson advised that the next LEPC meeting date is Wednesday, August 27, 2014 (same time and location).

ADJOURNMENT - Without objection and upon a motion by Mr. Jonathan Kemp, the LEPC meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted and signed this 27th day of August, 2014,

John Meyer, Coordinator	Jeff Patterson, Chair

The LEPC meeting dates for the remainder of 2014 are: August 27th and November 19th