



LEPC Minutes

TAMPA BAY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) AUGUST 24, 2016 MEETING

Committee Members/ Alternates in Attendance

Alternates in Attendance

Aleguas, Alfred
Bloski, Mike (AA)
Bosley, Tom
Brooking, Sandra
Calig, Hallie
Crowther, Charles
Dabrowski, Peter
DeForge, Daniel
DeFrancesco, Frank
Ehlers, Scott
Frank, Gary
Gallen, Robert (A)
Garcia, Nicole (AA)
Gould, Chris
Grable, Adam
Johnston, James
Jordan, Bretlee Bobby
Kemp, Jonathan
Lehr, Scott (A)
LoCicero, Nick
Lopez, Alex
Mastandrea, Joe
Meyer, John
Morse, Wes
Patterson, Jeff
Rowe, Charles
Russell, Richard
Schlatterer, Brett
Smith, Brady
Strickland, Travis (AAA)
Tarman, Sharon
Tobergte, Jeff
Vadelund, Lynne
Walker Richard
Watson, Alain

Representing

Tampa General Hospital/Florida Poison Information Center
Southern Manatee Fire Rescue
Citrus County Fire Rescue
Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration
City of Tampa/Environmental Coordination
St. Petersburg College/Allstate Center
Interested Citizen
Florida Department of Transportation/District 7
Florida Association of Hazmat Responders
Clearwater Emergency Management
Florida Department of Health (Pinellas)
American Red Cross/Tampa Bay Chapter
Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County
Southern Manatee Fire Rescue
Manatee Port Authority
Pasco County Emergency Management
Citrus County Emergency Management
Tampa Bay Times
Mosaic/Plant Operations
Tampa Fire Rescue
Hernando County Fire Rescue
Hillsborough County Emergency Management
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
Port Tampa Bay
Hillsborough County Fire Rescue
Yara North America, Inc.
Hernando County Emergency Management
Pinellas Park Fire Department
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
Mosaic/Port & Terminal Operations
Manatee County Emergency Management
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Mosaic/Port & Terminal Operations
Pinellas County Emergency Management
Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County

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.

Chief Jeff Patterson, Chairman - James "JJ" Johnston, Vice Chairman - John Meyer, Coordinator

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Members Absent Without
Alternates in Attendance

Atherton, Chris
Armstrong, Dean
Burnett, David
Castonguay, Steve
Dial, Todd (Excused)
Griffiths, Larry (Excused)
Kinley, Ed (Excused)
Lofgren, Col. Bill (Excused)
Martin, Wayne
Poley, LCDR Brittany (Excused)
Shaw, Amanda (Excused)

Representing

Florida National Guard/48th CST
Bay Pines VA Health Care System
Plant City Fire Rescue
Hillsborough County Health Department
Brenntag Mid South
Duke Energy
Universal Environmental Solutions
Interested Citizen
Nature Coast EMS
U.S. Coast Guard
Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office

Staff Coordinator

Meyer, John

Representing

Tampa Bay LEPC

Guests

Antapasis, John
Baker, Glenn
Barry, Mike
Bennett, Elaine
Connors, Lance
Currie, Matt
Dunmeyer, Gary
Earnest, Pete
French, Diane
Ignacio, Peter
Johnson, Chris
Kirk, Jeff
Klinger, Chet
Lang, Steve
Laycock, Michael
Marcincuk, Rob
Martin, Brooke
McChesney, John
McManus, Andrew
Newkirk, Sarah
Reid, Jim
Sarnecky, Jane
Stillwaugh, Don
Vasudeva, Rishi
Wilson, Janette

Representing

Tampa Emergency Management
Bayfront Health/St. Petersburg
Trademark Nitrogen
Allied Universal
"Concerned Citizen"
Department of Homeland Security
Harcros Chemical
SATCO
U.S. Coast Guard/Sector St. Petersburg
Tampa Emergency Management
Helena Chemical
Trademark Nitrogen
Citizen
U.S. Coast Guard/Sector St. Petersburg
Florida Gas Transmission
City of Tarpon Springs
CSX Transportation
St. Anthony's Hospital
Arcadis
Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County
Gordon Food Service
U.S. Coast Guard/Sector St. Petersburg
Pinellas County Solid Waste Department
FGCI
Arcadis

CALL TO ORDER - Chief Jeff Patterson chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. Following a brief introduction of attendees, everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. With 35 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 25 attending from the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT - The Chair inquired whether there were any public comments. No comments were provided.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The Chair inquired whether there were any suggested additions, subtractions or modification(s) to the *Minutes* of the May 25, 2016 LEPC meeting. Hearing none, the Chair asked for motion to

approve the *Minutes*. Jonathan Kemp provided and Sharon Tarman seconded the motion. The *Minutes* were approved unanimously on voice vote.

FORMER LEPC MEMBERS - RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

John Meyer recognized that we will be devoting a portion of all future LEPC Agendas to acknowledge select faithful and dedicated members for their meritorious service to this agency upon their departure through the issuance of *Certificates of Appreciation*.

As would be expected, at this time, it is a difficult to say farewell to members that retire or are simply “moving on.” At this meeting, we must say farewell to Ms. Lynne Vadelund.

<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>	<u>AGENCY/COMPANY</u>	<u>LEPC MEMBER SINCE</u>
Lynne Vadelund	Mosaic (and formerly C.F. Industries)	1/2002

Ms. Vadelund was asked to step forward to receive her Certificate of Appreciation (COA), which read “*With deepest gratitude for your tireless leadership and dedicated, enthusiastic support of the men and women of the Tampa Bay LEPC representing Mosaic (and former C.F. Industries).*” The COAs additionally reflected their particular years of service. Mr. Meyer additionally thanked Ms. Vadelund for assisting in the conduct of numerous presentations and LEPC outreach efforts to community groups, schools, civic organizations in the Port community over the years. Mr. Meyer reminded her that she would be always be welcome to follow in the footsteps of some of their LEPC colleagues and continue her service to the LEPC under the category of Interested Citizens.



ELECTIONS FOR LEPC CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR. Ms. Hallie Calig, LEPC Membership Committee Chair, indicated that following the biennial re-certification of all LEPC members by SERC, Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the LEPCs must also be (re)appointed for the same two-year cycle. It was previously indicated that Chief Jeff Patterson (Hillsborough County Fire Rescue) and James “JJ” Johnson (Pasco County Emergency Management) accepted their nominations to serve additional terms as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. At our last meeting, nominees interested in assuming either or both of these positions were requested to notify Ms. Calig and/or Mr. Meyer of their interest on or before August 5, 2016 and provisions would be established to host an election at this meeting.

No such nominations were received during the specified time period. Ms. Calig sought a motion to elect Chief Patterson as Chair and James Johnston as Vice-Chair for two-year terms by acclamation. Following a motion by Frank DeFrancesco and a second by Jonathan Kemp, the motion was approved unanimously upon voice vote.

CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM STANDARDS (CFATS) 101 PRESENTATION - Matthew Currie of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security provided a brief presentation on the CFATS program and addressed why certain chemicals are regulated under the program. The presentation also addressed other DHS programs relevant to first responders and the general public.

The PowerPoint presentation is available from the following link:



CFATS Universe
Determining the targeted community

- "Appendix A" – a list of 300+ chemicals of interest (COI) at specific threshold quantities and concentrations that require reporting to the Department
- Appendix A is used to determine if a chemical facility must complete a Top-Screen

Hospitals and Clinics
Wineries
Correctional Facilities

Chemical Manufacturing Oil Refineries Colleges and Universities Farm Cooperatives Food Processing

Homeland Security

[www.tbrpc.org/lepc/presentations/Currie DHS CFATS L EPC082416.pdf](http://www.tbrpc.org/lepc/presentations/Currie_DHS_CFATS_L_EPC082416.pdf)

Scott Ehlers inquired whether we can ensure that the CFATS info is consistent with the data in E-Plan that is readily available to first responders. Chief Patterson indicated that he would seek such assurance from SERC or the TTF

INSTITUTE OF SCRAP RECYCLING INDUSTRIES' "CYLINDER SAFETY" VIDEO - Mr. Meyer identified that the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI) has recently prepared a "Cylinder Safety" video. The video addresses the dangers involved with improper handling of discarded pressurized cylinders. ISRI suggests "STOP, LOOK, THINK and CALL" as the strategies to implement when encountering such cylinder(s).

Gary Frank added that personnel also have to be wary of radiological hazards/materials in scrap yards.

The video is viewable from the following link:



www.youtube.com/watch?v=MFTOPjIzWdQ

TAMPA BAY LEPC MEMBERSHIP CHANGES & LEPC MEMBERSHIP ROSTER - Mr. Meyer mentioned that, in addition to the LEPC membership modifications identified directly below, all current LEPC memberships have been renewed for additional two year terms.

- LCDR Brittany Poley & LT Paul Simpson replaced departed LCDR Todd Hartfiel and LT George Daws from the U.S. Coast Guard/Sector St. Petersburg.
- Diana Koontz has replaced departed Lloyd Roberts from the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Ms. Koontz has appointed Jason Hopp to be her LEPC Alternate.
- Dep. Chief Brett Schlatterer and Div. Chief Richard Ganci have replaced retired Dep. Chief Mike Elder and his Alternate LT Richard Feinberg as representatives of the Pinellas Park Fire Department.
- Todd Dial and Pete Vermeulen have replaced retired Paul Dolak and his Alternate Rick Lopez from Brenntag Mid South.
- Paul Keller has been added as the Alternate to Daniel DeForge with the Florida Department of Transportation.
- Albert Gray has resigned his post as a LEPC representative from Florida Department of Health in Hernando County.

THOMAS YATABE AWARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2016 - Mr. Meyer acknowledged previously transmitting a request for nominations associated with the Thomas Yatabe Award on August 15th. Duplicative reminders were sent out on August 22nd & August 29th. The deadline for all nominations is Friday, September 2nd. The award signifies "Outstanding contribution made in the implementation and support of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act through achievement(s), accomplishment(s) or superior participation in hazardous material planning or response." While only one nomination will be selected to receive this prestigious award for each District, all "Runners-Up" will be presented a *Certificate of Appreciation*.

RECAP OF QUARTERLY JULY 14-15, 2016 SERC MEETINGS - Mr. Meyer identified that a comprehensive summary of the July 14-15, 2016 SERC meetings, held at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel in St. Augustine, was included in the detailed Agenda materials transmitted to all LEPC members and additionally available on the LEPC website. While Mr. Meyer indicated that some of the items discussed will be addressed as separate LEPC items later in the Agenda, Mr. Meyer did identify the following additional highlights:

- **Hazardous Materials Field Operations Guide (FOG).** The FOG is in the process of being updated. It is anticipated that the updates will be considered in conjunction with the October 2016 SERC meeting.
- **Standardization of Hazmat Team Trailer and Training Props.** It is anticipated that each LEPC District will obtain a trailer and Chlorine training props for use within their Districts under funding from the HMEP Training program. Tampa Bay LEPC's trailer and initial Chlorine training props were acquired last year. This year, our request for additional Chlorine training props was approved and the equipment was purchased under this year's HMEP Training program.
- **Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) Awareness Training.** With the prevalence of LNG in the South Florida area, two 6-Hr. LNG "Awareness-level training courses were conducted. With the first Port LNG dispensing facility to be constructed shortly in the Port of Jacksonville, it is hopeful that an "operations-level LNG training course can and will be made available by the end of summer.
- **2017 Hazmat Symposium.** Planning is continuing regarding the 2017 Hazmat Symposium to, once again, be held in conjunction with annual Fire Rescue Conference in Daytona Beach in mid-January. The event has always had great reviews in enabling first responders to receive training on a variety of topics in one location.

- **Florida Department of Health (FDOH).** FDOH provided an update on their efforts to combat the Zika virus. While much discussion and coordination occurs within the State between various agencies and locations, not much coordination has transpired with other States.
- **Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).** FDEP recently polled the various City and County Emergency Management Departments to determine their ability to respond to hazardous material incidents independent of their agency due to the recent depletion of FDEP staff. As was expected, the majority of responses indicated little to no capabilities. FDEP anticipates providing the same level of response to hazmat incidents although a smaller staff. Additionally, there has been a recent change in FDEP policy whereby personnel are no longer able take their response vehicles home which WILL lead to increased response times. Last year, FDEP OER in Tampa responded to 620 incidents.
- **Hazards Analyses Working Group (HAWG).** HAWG has recently been working on a variety of things:
 - ☛ a CAMEO training session was held in Sarasota on August 2nd for people responsible for conducting hazards analyses statewide.
 - ☛ SERC staff has recently added SERC #s to all facility records.
 - ☛ need to continue to “data check” E-Plan database since 25% or so of all facilities erroneously declared themselves as “302” facilities.
 - ☛ adding three optional question to the E-Plan data entry:
 1. Does your facility have a written emergency response plan?
 2. Does your facility have a hazardous materials response team?
 3. Does your local fire department have a CURRENT pre-plan for your facility?
- **Hazmat Team Self-Assessment Surveys.** The Florida State Fire College has requested the assistance from the LEPCs to administer the assessment of all hazmat teams locally in terms of capabilities and resources. While LEPC staff does not have the expertise to conduct the assessments independently, LEPC staff will attempt to solicit the assistance of neighboring hazmat teams to administer their neighboring departments. It is anticipated that these assessments will be conducted over a four-year cycle.
- **Current Issues in Emergency Management (CIEM).** FDEM promoted their annual CIEM workshops. These workshops are scheduled for October 11-13 & 18-20 in Tallahassee.
- **Domestic Security Oversight Council (DSOC).** SERC member John Kohnke advised that the DSOC is comprised of representatives of Law Enforcement and Fire/Hazardous Materials. However, with the recent shootings that have occurred nationally, including Orlando, this will likely have a bearing on direction of funding in the short terms but we do not want to lose sight of the threat of hazardous materials incidents and vulnerabilities.

Chair Patterson added that the ‘Specialty Teams’ will be competing for DSOC funding next year.

HMEP PLANNING PROGRAM/FACILITY DISASTER PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE (FDPS) - Mr. Meyer advised that the FDPS met on July 27th. During the meeting, a recap of the recent SERC meeting was presented, an overview of the recently conducted LEPC biennial exercise was provided and the Subcommittee established a strategy of addressing the issue of Universal Credentialing/Badging. It was agreed that FDPS staff would solicit representatives from Tampa, Hillsborough and Pinellas County law enforcement agencies to provide brief presentations at the next FDPS meeting to determine whether there is any commonality and/or universal credentials that would/could be provided to all agencies which would expedite entry of "essential" employees into an affected areas.

HMEP TRAINING PROGRAM - HMEP Training Subcommittee Chair James Johnston identified that the Subcommittee met earlier this morning with the ambition of determining final expenditures associated with the FY 2015-16 HMEP Training budget. At the present time, it appears that LEPC staff will pursue the conduct of a 16-Hr. *Hazardous Materials Assistant Safety Officer* course primarily for Hillsborough and Manatee County. Any surplus funds would be applied towards the conduct of a *Hazmedic, Basic Hazmat Life Support* (BHLS) or comparable course, dependent on remaining funds, primarily for Hernando County.

The following constitutes the current FY 2015-16 HMEP Training expenditures. *Italicization* of course name(s) in blue (below), if applicable, signifies that the course has been committed but have yet to be formally approved and/or conducted:

Quarter	Date	Name	Expenses	Cumulative	Remaining
FUNDING OF 2015-16 HMEP CONTRACT = \$87,528.00 (\$61,766 Base+ \$25,752 converted from HMEP Planning)					
1	10/07/15	Hotel Accommodation (Tom Bosley) for 10/8 TTF Meeting	\$ 129.00 ²	\$ 129.00	\$87,399.00
	12/07-12/11/15	40-Hr. <i>Marine Firefighting</i> course [Hills/Pinellas/Tpa]	\$ 14,440.00 ³	\$ 14,569.00	\$72,959.00
2	1/20 - 1/22/16	20-Hr. <i>Hazmat Symposium</i> [All Counties Districtwide]	\$ 9,438.00 ⁴	\$ 24,007.00	\$63,521.00
	3/01 - 3/02/16	Two 8-Hr. <i>Hazmat IQ</i> courses [Manatee + Hills.]	\$ 11,465.00 ⁵	\$ 35,472.00	\$52,056.00
3	6/01/16	8-Hr. <i>Chlorine Refresher</i> course [Manatee]	\$ 1,660.69 ⁶	\$ 37,132.69	\$50,395.31
4	7/18-7/22/16	40-Hr. <i>Hazmat Medic</i> course [Pinellas]	\$16,851.06 ⁷	\$ 53,983.75	\$33,544.25
	2/22-4/04/16 & 6/01 - 7/25/16	160-Hr. <i>Hazmat Certification</i> course (4 Students) [Hernando]	~\$ 3,260.00 ⁸	\$ 57,243.75	\$30,284.25
	8/15/16	Acquired add'l training Props for Regional Hazmat Trailer (i.e. A-Kit, B-Kit, C-Kit, Plugging/Patching Kits and Clamps)	\$ 9,927.10 ⁹	\$ 67,170.85	\$20,357.15
	8/23-8/25/16	Three 8-Hr. <i>Meters with Chemist Driven Training</i> [Pinellas]	~\$ 5,500.00 ¹⁰	\$ 72,670.85	\$14,857.15
	9/06-9/08/16	Three 8-Hr. <i>Ammonia Awareness for 1st Responders</i> [Manatee]	~\$ 6,975.00 ¹¹	\$ 79,645.85	\$ 7,882.15
	TBD	16-Hr. <i>Assistant Safety Officer</i> course [Manatee/Hillsborough]	Rates TBD		
TBD	<i>Hazmedic Refresher</i> or <i>Basic Hazmat Life Safety</i> [Hernando]	Rates TBD			

FOOTNOTES:

1. "Course Management" (CM) fees consist of staff time to pre-plan, schedule, coordinate, recruit, contact instructor(s) and/or document approved course following conduct as well as facilitate instructor payment following conduct. To the extent available and/or appropriate, Course Management fees are often inclusive of staff's presence at the training for "welcoming" purposes and to identify the LEPC's role.
2. Batt. Chief Tom Bosley (Citrus County Fire Rescue) has requested and been granted authorization to additionally represent the Tampa Bay LEPC at most SERC's quarterly Training Task Force meetings. Per Bat. Chief Bosley's acknowledgment, expenses will be limited to a single night of accommodation (per meeting) with no provisions for Per Diem and/or other Travel expenses. The true costs will be reflected once determined.
3. The 40-Hr. *Marine Firefighting for Land-Based Firefighters* course cost was \$14,440 (i.e. \$11,000/Vendor [\$1,100 X 10 Students] + \$2,475/Lodging [5 Double-Occupancy Rooms X 5 Nights X \$99/night] + \$965 CM fee).
4. The 20-Hr. "*Hazmat Symposium*" expense was \$9,438 (i.e. \$4,550/Registration [\$175 X 26 Attendees] + 3,702 Lodging [13 Double-Occupancy Rooms X 2 Nights X >\$150/night max] + \$1,186 CM fee).
5. Two 8-Hr. *Hazmat IQ: Above the Line/Below the Line* courses cost was \$11,465 (i.e. \$10,900/vendor + \$565 CM fee).
6. One 8-Hr. *Chlorine Refresher* course was conducted at the Manatee County Public Safety Center in Manatee County on June 1st at a cost of \$1,660.69 (i.e. \$1,000/Vendor + ~\$669.49 CM fee). CM fee was a little disproportional to course cost due to attendance of LEPC Coordinator at course to assist with facilitation of the course.
7. One 40-Hr. *Hazmat Medic* course was conducted at Pinellas County Fire & EMS Administration building. The course cost was \$19,506.06 (i.e. \$18,655/Vendor + \$851.06 CM fee). However, Pinellas County contributed \$2,655 towards course costs, rendering the true LEPC cost to be \$16,851.06.
8. The HMEP Training Subcommittee agreed to fund the attendance of four hazardous materials Technicians from Hernando County Fire Rescue to attend the 160-Hr. *Hazardous Materials Technicians Certification* course at the State Fire College at an estimated cost of \$3,260 (i.e. \$2,760/Vendor [\$690/Student X 4] + ~500 CM fee). The true course cost will be reflected once actual costs are determined.
9. The Tampa Bay LEPC obtained the following additional Chlorine training props to be stored at Hillsborough County Fire Rescue and be considered "regional assets" to fulfill future Districtwide training needs: A-Kit, B-Kit, C-Kit, Universal Hazmat Kits A & E, Internal Pipe Plugging Kit C1, External Pipe Patching Kit C2, Hazmat Plug & Patch Kit D and Aluminum Dome Clamps. No Course Management Fee will be imposed.
10. Three 8-Hr. *Utilizing Meters with Chemist Driven Training* course was approved for conduct on August 23-25, 2016. The course cost was estimated to be \$5,500 (i.e. \$5,000/Vendor + \$500 CM fee). The actual course cost will be reflected once determined.

11. Three 8-Hr. *Ammonia Awareness for First Responders* courses were approved for conduct on September 6-8, 2016. The course cost was estimated to be \$6,975 (i.e. \$6,375/Vendor + \$600 CM fee). The actual course cost will be reflected once determined.

TRAINING, WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES - Chair Patterson advised that the SERT TRAC training calendar was included with the Agenda materials. It identifies a variety of courses that are being conducted within the District between now and November 2016. Mike Bloski added that the LEPC has funded a 8-Hr. Ammonia Awareness course in Manatee County on September 6, 7 & 8, 2016 with a limit of 25 students/day. If interested in attending and/or for more information on the course, please contact Mr. Bloski via e-mail (mbloski@smfr.com) or phone (941/737-3509).

2016 EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDEBOOKS (ERGs) - Mr. Meyer affirmed that delivery of the 2016 ERG has recently occurred. A total of 7,480 guidebooks were jointly split between deliveries to two FDOT warehouses - Brooksville & Clearwater. Unfortunately, the quantity received was only 42 percent of the copies allotted to the Tampa Bay District in 2012 AND two new Counties were subsequently added to the District (i.e. Citrus & Hernando). Mr. Meyer personally thanked Daniel DeForge for orchestrating the use of the FDOT warehouses on a temporary basis and each of the County Emergency Management agencies for expeditiously picking up their copies from their corresponding warehouse.

Mr. Meyer iterated that perhaps the significant reduction in paper copies was offset by the ease and convenience downloading the 2016 ERG to most any phone, tablet or computer directly from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) website (<http://phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/outreach-training/erg>).

Frank DeFrancesco characterized the more prevalent changes in comparison with the 2012 version. The changes are all well-documented on the above-reference PHMSA website.

RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN (RMP) SITE AUDIT/INSPECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2016 - Mr. Meyer indicated that FDEM staff conducted Risk Management Plan Audits/Inspections of Chemical Formulators, Tampa Transflo Terminal & Tampa Bay Fisheries in Tampa/Hillsborough County in mid-July. Three more RMP Audits/Inspections are scheduled for TSE Industries, South Cross Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant & the City of Largo Wastewater Reclamation Facility in Pinellas County in early December.

TAMPA BAY LEPC HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN STATUS UPDATE - Mr. Meyer affirmed that the Tampa Bay LEPC Hazmat Plan was updated and submitted to the FDEM prior to the June 30, 2016 deadline. The update was tentatively approved by FDEM staff, subject to concurrence and acceptance by the SERC in conjunction with their October meeting. Following such approval, LEPC staff will prepare and distribute copies of the updated Plan to all relevant agencies and post to the LEPC website.

RECENT HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INCIDENTS IN THE TAMPA BAY LEPC DISTRICT - Mr. Meyer advised that reports are generated by the (Florida) State Watch Office concerning the more serious hazardous materials incidents involving CERCLA 103/EPCRA releases, Section 304 releases and/or Natural Gas releases requiring evacuations. A summary of such incidents that occurred during the quarter was included in the LEPC Agenda materials. LEPC staff will continue to provide comparable information in future LEPC Agenda materials regarding incidents in Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco & Pinellas Counties. There were only five identified for this past quarter.

LEPC BIENNIAL EXERCISE OVERVIEW - Chair Patterson reminded LEPC members that the LEPC had selected the conduct of a biennial exercise as its planning project for FY 2015-16. The recently-conducted exercise (entitled “*Operation Hot Wheels*”) was a tabletop/functional exercise and involved the simulated derailment of several CSX railcars at the approximate boundary of unincorporated Hillsborough County and the City of Tampa. Five hazardous materials, including sulfuric acid (an EHS) were released on the ground and into the water (Tampa Bypass Canal) as a result of the derailment. Among other exercise objectives, response to the exercise injects resulted in the need for simulated implementation of road closures, invoking Shelter-in-Place strategies for surrounding area and placement of boom in designated portions of the waterway.

Exercise participants included: Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, Hillsborough County Emergency Management, Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office, Tampa Fire Rescue, Tampa Emergency Management, CSX, U.S. Coast Guard, Florida Department of Environmental Protection/Office of Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County, Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Division of Emergency Management, National Guard/48th Civil Support Team, Hills Environmental and Arcadis.



Chief Patterson personally thanked all those that participated in the exercise but especially those on the exercise planning team: Ms. Brooke Martin (CSX), LEPC Staff John Meyer, Amanda Shaw (HiCSO), Joe Mastandrea (HiCEM), Nick LoCicero (TFR) and Oliver Greene (TEM).

LEPC MEMBER COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS - Chair Patterson inquired whether there are any LEPC member comments or additional business to be brought before the LEPC.

LEPC member Gary Frank acknowledged that DHS will be conducting a full-scale exercise with 200+ players from various levels of government. Mr. Frank indicated that details such as the exercise scenario and date of exercise cannot be disclosed at this point but will provide an exercise overview in conjunction with the next LEPC meeting.

TAMPA BAY LEPC LOGO SHIRTS - Chair Patterson advised members to contact John Meyer if interested in acquiring LEPC shirts.

NEXT MEETING - Chair Patterson announced that the next LEPC meeting date is Wednesday, November 16, 2016 (same time and location).

ADJOURNMENT - Hearing no more business to be brought before the LEPC, Chair Patterson solicited a motion to close the LEPC meeting (Sandy Brooking), a second was provided by Sharon Tarman. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted and signed this 16th day of November, 2016

John Meyer, Coordinator

Jeff Patterson, Chair