



LEPC RECAP

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Chair Scott Ehlers asked for approval of the Minutes of the February 25, 2009 meeting. With no changes or additions, Jonathan 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 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 - John Meyer stated that a recap of the April 2-3, 2009 SERC Quarterly meetings was included in the Agenda.

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 if the SERC will now be chaired by the new Division Director.

LEPC HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PLAN - John Meyer thanked those LEPC members who assisted by providing revisions to the *Tampa Bay Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan* (TBHMEP). Mr. Meyer indicated that the revisions are now complete and that 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 - John Meyer mentioned that Alan Pratt had been coordinating with Ms. Maria Ortiz with Univision to prepare a “Shelter In Place” translated in Spanish. While this coordination effort had been ongoing for quite some time, Ms. Ortiz left the employment of Univision. The Vice-President/General Manager 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 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. This year’s major effort is to bolster the Hazardous Materials section of the Florida Business Disaster Survival Kit. A summary of meeting minutes was included with the LEPC Agenda. 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 to 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 Chet’s efforts 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 a Best Management Practice.

HMEP TRAINING PROGRAM - Mr. Bob Tollise, Subcommittee Chair, identified that a detailed HMEP funding budget has been included in the Agenda as well as a summary of participants, by limited profession, trained during the past quarter. Mr. Tollise encouraged LEPC members to identify their training needs associated with the remaining \$7,000 - \$8,000 in funding. Additional training opportunities could include the conduct of a one-day CAMEO course or an Air Monitoring course conducted elsewhere in the Region.

REGIONAL DOMESTIC SECURITY TASK FORCE - Ms. Erika Wiker informed the LEPC of the current Regional Domestic Security Task Force initiatives including the conduct of recent training events.

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

TRAINING/CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES - Chair Ehlers recognized that numerous training opportunities were identified within the Agenda and solicited information concerning additional opportunities from the Committee. None were identified.

TAMPA BAY LEPC LOGO SHIRTS - Chair Ehlers indicated that LEPC Logo Shirts are still available by contacting 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 Subcommittees and solicited members to think of roles of additional Subcommittees which may be beneficial.

Chair Ehlers concluded this discussion item with a suggestion that Battalion Chief Bill Bailey (or designated staff) 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 the observation that there were no jurisdictional boundaries. Chief Bailey agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Chair Ehlers then asked for any Public Comments. No items were raised and/or discussed.

NEXT MEETING will be held Wednesday, August 26, at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council offices.

ADJOURNMENT - Without objection, and following the motion by Terry Frady and the Second by Doug Wenger, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:14 am.