



LEPC Minutes

TAMPA BAY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) FEBRUARY 24, 2021 MEETING (VIRTUAL)

Committee Members/ Alternates in Attendance

Representing

Aleguas, Alfred	TGH/Florida Poison Control Center
Bassett, Robert	St. Petersburg Fire Rescue
Bloski, Mike (A)	Southern Manatee Fire Rescue
Brooking, Sandra	Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration
Brown, Geoffrey	St. Petersburg College
Collins, Robert	Hillsborough County Fire Rescue
Connors, Lance	Interested Citizen
DeFrancesco, Frank	Florida Association of Hazmat Responders
Dial, Todd (A)	Brenntag Mid-South
Doyen, Gary	Mosaic/Plant Operations
Ellis, Brian (A)	Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
Frank, Gary	Interested Citizen
Griffiths, Larry	Duke Energy
Jordan, Bretlee "Bobby"	Citrus County Emergency Management
Kemp, Jonathan	Tampa Bay Times
Kinley, Ed	Universal Environmental Solutions
Kitchen, Thomas (AA)	Manatee County Emergency Management
Lingo, William	Pasco County Fire Rescue
Litschauer, Steve	Manatee County Emergency Management
Luscier, Jordan (A)	FDEP/Office of Emergency Response
Mastandrea, Joe	Hillsborough County Emergency Management
Meral, Matthew	U.S. Coast Guard/Sector St. Petersburg
Moravchik, David "Moe"	Port Manatee
Morse, Wes	Port Tampa Bay
Servia, Misty	Manatee County Board of County Commissioners
Wade, Holley (AA)	Hillsborough County Fire Rescue
Walker, Richard	Pinellas County Emergency Management
Wannen, Kenneth	Hernando County Fire Rescue
Watson, Alain	Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County
Wilson, Linzy (A)	American Red Cross
Yeager, Kaila	FDOH/Pinellas 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.

Members Absent Without Alternates in Attendance

Representing

Bailes, Justin	Florida National Guard/48th CST
Bogush, Mark (Excused)	Tampa Fire Rescue
Brown, Geoffrey	Allstate Center - St. Petersburg College
Buck, Sarah	Mosaic/Port & Terminal Operations
Burnett, David	Plant City Fire Rescue

Casey, Patrick	Southwest Florida Water Management District
Castonguay, Steve	Hillsborough County Health Department
Crowe, Stephen	Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office
Cullison, Amanda	American Red Cross/Tampa Bay Chapter
Dabrowski, Peter	Interested Citizen
DeForge, Daniel (Excused)	Florida Department of Transportation/District 7
Ehlers, Scott	Clearwater Fire Rescue
Fletcher, Thomas	Citrus County Fire Rescue
Lofgren, Col. Bill	Interested Citizen
Martinez, Mark	MacDill Air Force Base
Mettinger, Stan	Brooksville Fire Department
Patella, Cecilia (Excused)	Hernando County Emergency Management
Rowe, Charles	Yara North America, Inc.
Santiago, Monica	Pasco County Emergency Management

Staff Coordinator

Representing

Meyer, John	Tampa Bay LEPC
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Guests

Representing

Corey, Drew	Saputo Dairy Foods USA
Delp, Richard	Emerald Coast LEPC
Greif, Will	Southern Agriculture Insecticides
Halle, Joe	Hillsborough County Utilities
Knowles, Curtis	Central Florida RPC/LEPC
Kubasik, Katelyn	Southwest Florida LEPC
Lang, Steve	U.S. Coast Guard
McChesney, John	St. Anthony's Hospital
McMahon, Dawn	Safety Services/Tampa Bay Water
McMahon, Jason	Southwest Florida LEPC
Parker, Isabell	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Stillwaugh, Don	Pinellas County Solid Waste
Tidwell, Trisha	Florida Division of Emergency Management
Tobergte, Jeff	Catalyst Air Management
Virgilio, Jerry	Flo-Tech
Vitale, Sarah	Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
Weedon, Warren	U.S. Coast Guard
Weiss, Gary	Hepaco

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Chair Robert Bassett called the virtual meeting of the Tampa Bay LEPC to order at 10:32 a.m., welcomed all meeting participants and initiated the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair recognized that this is the fourth consecutive virtual LEPC meeting conducted by the Tampa Bay LEPC and that we will continue to learn as we go.

ROLL CALL - Mr. John Meyer proceeded to conduct Roll Call of all members and guests participating in the meeting.

With 31 Primary members and/or their Alternates present, it was realized that a quorum was present (nine members constitute a quorum). Chair Bassett welcomed the LEPC members as well as the 18 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 November 18, 2020 LEPC meeting. Hearing none, the Chair asked for a motion to approve the *Minutes*. Jonathan Kemp initiated and Gary Doyen seconded the motion. The *Minutes* were approved unanimously on voice vote.

FORMER LEPC MEMBERS - RECOGNITION OF SERVICE - The Chair recognized that a portion of the Agenda is perpetually reserved to recognize select faithful, dedicated members of the LEPC upon their departure and/or retirement. While this Agenda item is not applicable during this quarter, Mr. John Meyer did acknowledge recent notification that this will be the final meeting for Ms. Holley Wade. Mr. Meyer announced that it was received too late for any type of formal recognition of her service and will attempt to recognize her in conjunction with our next meeting. Ms. Wade has graciously served as the Alternate LEPC member for Hillsborough County Fire Rescue since 2017 and beyond and has participated in a multitude of LEPC activities including Plan updates and exercises.

2020 THOMAS YATABE AWARDS RECOGNITION - Mr. Meyer iterated that the initial intention was to present the Awards to all award winners in person in conjunction with the scheduled January 2021 SERC meeting. However, given the reprioritization of duties of FDEM staff in association with COVID-19 testing and vaccine administration, there was uncertainty whether and when such meeting would occur and whether the meeting could be held in-person. It was alternatively determined that such recognitions should occur at the local level in association with the LEPC meetings so these individuals can/will be recognized in a timely manner and they receive the formal recognition they deserve.

The Thomas Yatabe Award signifies *"outstanding contribution(s) in the implementation and support of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act."* James "JJ" Johnston was designated the 2020 Thomas Yatabe Award winner for the Tampa Bay LEPC.

Mr. Johnston's nomination read as follows: *James "JJ" Johnston played invaluable roles with the Tampa Bay LEPC while representing Pasco County Emergency Management over the past 14 years. During his tenure with the Tampa Bay LEPC, Mr. Johnston graciously served in the capacities of LEPC Vice Chair (from August 2014 - October 2019) and Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Training Subcommittee Chair (from February 2011 to October 2019). As the HMEP Training Chair, Mr. Johnson oversaw, coordinated, facilitated and directed more than \$500,000 in hazardous materials training opportunities for public-sector first responders across all six Counties which constitute the Tampa Bay LEPC District.*

His dedication to serving in both capacities for lengthy terms certainly exemplify "Outstanding contributions 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."

It is understood that Mr. Johnston has been "lured" out of retirement and is currently assisting the State of Florida with management of warehouse storage and with logistics.

There were additional nominations submitted this year for other deserving individuals. Those individuals have been issued *Certificates of Appreciation* from the State Emergency Response Commission. We would like to deservingly recognize those individuals too. Those individuals were:

Dr. Alfred Aleguas whose nomination read as follows: *Dr. Aleguas continuously goes above and beyond to provide his expertise and personally assist in planning and preparedness efforts in the region. He teaches courses such as Disaster Preparedness, Hazmat, Chemical Weapons, and Disaster Toxicology. He is a member of the region's LEPC, as well as the EM/Disaster Planning Committee and Hazardous Materials and Waste Committee at Tampa General Hospital. He prioritizes the participation in mass casualty and other exercises every year. He ensures that his team at the Poison Control Center stands ready to assist not only to identify chemicals, but also to provide appropriate decontamination and treatment recommendations 24/7/365...*

This past spring, he also played a critical role in the COVID response. Not only to TGH, but the county, region, and State of Florida. As he has in the past, and without hesitation, Dr. Aleguas volunteered to take on one of the State's COVID Hotline Call Centers. As such, he prepared his team to take over 20,000 number of calls from concerned team members, residents, businesses, medical facilities, schools, and more throughout the state providing clear and concise guidance in a time of crisis all while continuing to manage the poison help hotline. This task was well above and beyond the Center's normal role, and something Dr. Aleguas took on with enthusiasm and commitment. I remember personally, every afternoon for the first few months we would have TGH COVID Task Force Meetings to monitor progress, as the incident was evolving daily. And every day, when asked how things were going for him and his team, he would respond happily "We are improving every day!" This very quickly became the COVID Task Force's motto, to an unprecedented response in an unprecedented time. His positivity & leadership never waver...

Capt. Michael Bloski whose nomination read as follows: *Capt. Mike Bloski graciously volunteered to assist as an Evaluator in the conduct of three in-person Hazmat Technicians Capabilities Courses for Hillsborough County Fire Rescue & Tampa Fire Rescue on August 17-19, 2020 on short notice. Especially noteworthy, his assistance was requested and granted in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. In total, the skills of 72 Technicians were assessed over the three-day period. His participation and expertise were instrumental in performing these assessments and, in turn, gauging the future training needs for these two "Regional" hazmat teams.*

Frank DeFrancesco whose nomination similarly read as follows: *Frank DeFrancesco graciously volunteered to assist as an Evaluator in the conduct of three in-person Hazmat Technicians Capabilities Courses for Hillsborough County Fire Rescue & Tampa Fire Rescue on August 17-19, 2020 on short notice. Especially noteworthy, his assistance was requested and granted in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. In total, the skills of 72 Technicians were assessed over the three-day period. His participation and expertise were instrumental in performing these assessments and, in turn, gauging the future training needs for these two 'Regional' hazmat teams.*

Steve DeSimone whose nomination read as follows: *On behalf of FDOT Brooksville Operations, Steve DeSimone graciously volunteered to accept and temporarily store 8,000 copies of '2020 Emergency Response Guidebooks' (ERGs) at their warehouse. Coordination and assistance with pick up of these ERGs was arranged and facilitated by Mr. DeSimone with eight different agencies/entities located across the District over a two-week period in early September 2020. The ERG is a document which has been updated and published by the U.S. Department of Transportation/Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration every four years.*

Chief Scott Ehlers whose nomination read as follows: *Having recently announced 'stepping down' (again) as LEPC Chair, Chief Scott Ehlers is hereby being formally recognized for his dedication and commitment to the Tampa Bay LEPC for serving his second stint as Chair of the Tampa Bay LEPC from 2017 - 2020. That would be in addition to his first term which spanned the period of 2007 - 2014. Over both of his tenures as LEPC Chair, Chief Ehlers rarely*

missed a LEPC meeting or quarterly meetings of the SERC's Training Task Force, LEPC Staff/Chairs and the State Emergency Response Commission that were conducted at various locations across the State. Albeit his busy schedule as Fire Chief for Clearwater Fire Rescue, Chief Ehlers always made time for his duties as LEPC Chair.

His perpetual dedication certainly exemplifies '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.

Lt. Randy Kahle whose nomination read as follows: Lt. Kahle was key in the development, research and implementation of the COVID 19 response criteria for the department. He was tasked with the development of decon procedures for non-hazardous materials members that are responding to potential COVID 19 patients. His research allowed the department to purchase safe and appropriate equipment that is being utilized to decon units and personnel. Lt. Kahle lead a team of hazmat technicians that worked tirelessly to assure a safe working environment for all department personnel. In addition, he produced several training videos with step by step procedures, so personnel could visualize exactly how to decon based on the level of personal protective equipment they were using.

The procedures that were developed by Lt. Kahle have been adopted by multiple agencies within Pinellas County. I have personally been contacted by other counties and by multiple cities statewide to provide the detail documents that his team produced. I feel that his dedication and determination in the field of Hazmat has not only protected the men and women of SPFR but has set a standard statewide of how first responders can effectively decon during this pandemic.

Capt. David Ray whose nomination read as follows: Capt. David Ray graciously volunteered to assist as an Evaluator in the conduct of three Hazmat Technicians Capabilities Courses for Hillsborough County Fire Rescue & Tampa Fire Rescue on August 17-19, 2020 on short notice. Especially noteworthy, his assistance was requested and granted in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. In total, the skills of 72 Technicians were assessed over the three-day period. His participation and expertise were instrumental in performing these assessments and, in turn, gauging the future training needs for these two 'Regional' hazmat teams.

That concludes recognition of the deserving individuals whose nominations were submitted in association with the 2020 Awards program. Mr. Meyer did indicate that he will be in touch with each of these individuals in the short term to solicit the desired mailing address to send the Awards.

TAMPA BAY LEPC MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - Mr. Meyer advised that the following were the approved membership changes for the Tampa Bay LEPC in association with the November 19, 2020 SERC meeting:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	AGENCY/COMPANY	MEMBER NAME	
		PRIMARY	ALTERNATE
Local Option	Florida National Guard/48 th CST	Justin Bailes	Erik Partridge
		Kandiss McFarlane-Proctor	Erik Partridge
Facility Owners/Operators	Duke Energy		William Linton
			Terese Dodge
		Member Added	Member Removed

Mr. Meyer added that the following membership changes will additionally be considered, at minimum, in association with the next State Emergency Response Commission meeting which is anticipated in March:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	AGENCY/COMPANY	MEMBER NAME	
		PRIMARY	ALTERNATE
Local Environmental	FDEP/Office of Emergency Response	Jordan Luscier	Trevor Wavelet
		Lindsay Brantley	Jordan Luscier
Firefighting	Tampa Fire Rescue	Barbara Tripp	Anthony Perez
		Mark Bogush	Todd Alt
	Hillsborough County Fire Rescue		Marlene Craig
			Holley Wade
		Member to be Added	Member to be Removed

WHERE DID THE DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL GO (Video) - Mr. Meyer mentioned that staff of the Sea Grant Oil Spill Science Outreach Program recently concluded their extensive research into the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and highlighted their findings in a video animated and narrated by O'Chang Studios. The video was shown in conjunction with the LEPC meeting.

The following information was provided within the video:

- The 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill was the largest accidental marine oil spill in U.S. history.
- Among other factors, oil spills are affected by ocean, tidal and wind currents.
- It was determined that 1,300 of the Gulf of Mexico's 3,500 miles of coastline was impacted by the oil spill. The State with the most impacts to the coastline was Louisiana, in which most occurred in marsh systems.
- An estimated 1.84 million gallons of dispersant was used at the water's surface.
- Oil that settled on the ocean floor of approximately 770 square miles.
- The following was the estimated breakdown of the 200 million gallons of oil that were released:

20-25%	Evaporated	12-13%	Skimmed
11-25%	Unaccounted For	12-13%	Naturally Dispersed
10-20%	Chemically Dispersed	5-6%	Burned
16-17%	Recovered at Wellhead	3-5%	Settled on Seafloor

The video is viewable from the following link:



<https://gulfseagrant.org/oilspilloutreach/videos/>

RECAP OF QUARTERLY SERC MEETINGS - Mr. Meyer reminded meeting participants that the November 19th SERC meeting was a byproduct of postponed October meeting. The abbreviated virtual SERC meeting did not include Training Task Force and/or LEPC Chairs & Staff meeting components but did accomplish the following meeting objectives:

- approved numerous LEPC membership changes for each of the ten LEPCs in the State;
- approved the 2020 updates of each LEPC's Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan; and; and
- approved the slate of recipients of the Thomas Yatabe Award and those receiving Certificates Of Appreciation.

Finally, Mr. Meyer identified that FDEM hosted an additional virtual meeting with the LEPCs in late January to discuss the pending requirement to conduct one full-scale or two tabletop hazmat exercises by June 30th. The LEPCs had expressed concerns with meeting these timelines and/or exercise requirements due to the pandemic. FDEM did identify the following options:

- the exercise(s) could continue to be planned and conducted under the current parameters;
- the exercise could be planned prior to June 30th and conducted early in FY 2021-22; OR
- a hazardous materials planning project could alternatively be proposed. If accepted, this project could serve as a substitution for the exercise requirement in FY 2020-21.

Mr. Meyer stated that he is currently strategizing and compiling an alternate planning project and will advise LEPC members of the proposal and its progress once accepted by the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

HMEP PLANNING PROGRAM/FACILITY DISASTER PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE (FDPS) - Mr. Meyer advised that the HMEP Planning Team, also known as the Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee, was established to assist LEPC staff in meeting various objectives/initiatives on a periodic, as needed, basis. While the Subcommittee has not recently met, LEPC members and the public are welcome to attend and participate in future FDPS meetings.

HMEP TRAINING PROGRAM - HMEP Training Subcommittee Chair Mike Bloski reminded attendees that the Tampa Bay LEPC receives an annual allocation of HMEP funding in which to assist in meeting some of the hazardous materials training objectives/needs of public-sector first responders within the Tampa Bay LEPC's six County District, including their associated municipalities. Noting that the program is/was established with U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) funding, each course must be pre-approved by FDEM/USDOT, must meet FDEM's cost effectiveness criteria and be transportation-related or at least include a transportation component or nexus. All courses do typically include a nominal fee to be retained by the LEPC/TBRPC in order to cover administrative expenses. Mr. Bloski further identified that the Subcommittee had met earlier in this morning and identified several courses in which to pursue authorization (*appearing in green highlights in Table below*) as well as solicit approval to increase the number of Pasco County Fire Rescue students to attend the pre-approved *160-Hr. Hazmat Technician Certification* Course from 15 to 20 (*appearing in pink highlight in Table below*). Additional discussion did ensue about the potential for HMEP funding of drone training and/or acquisition of corresponding FAA licenses by various agencies districtwide in future years. Mr. Meyer acknowledged this would be a logical request based on precedence established by the recent approval of the Hernando County drone training proposal.

TAMPA BAY LEPC's FY 2020-21 HMEP TRAINING PROGRAM EXPENDITURES (CURRENT/TENTATIVE)

QUARTER	DATE(S)	#	HOURS	COURSE NAME	LOCATION	STUDENTS	EXPENSES	CUMULATIVE \$	REMAINING \$	PROJECT #
							INITIAL GRANT AMOUNT →		\$91,827.42	
1 (10/01 - 12/31/20)	NO TRAINING PROVIDED						\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$91,827.42	-----
2 (1/01 - 3/31/21)	TRAINING/COURSES TO BE DETERMINED									-----
3 (4/01 - 6/30/21)	March/ April	1	16	<i>Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Ground School (on-line Drone Training) & FAA Licenses</i>	Hernando	9	\$ 3,500.00 ^{1/2/3}	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 88,327.42	146012
	March/ April	1	N/A	FAA Licenses following conduct of in-person Drone Course	Pinellas	15	\$ 2,700.00 ^{1/2/10}	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 85,627.42	TBD
	2/15- 4/12	1	160	<i>Hazmat Technician Certification Course</i>	Hernando	3	\$ 2,850.00 ^{1/2/4}	\$ 9,050.00	\$ 82,777.42	146010
	4/21	1	8	<i>Hazmat IQ - Above/Below-the-Line®</i>	Pinellas	30	\$ 6,300.00 ^{1/2/9}	\$15,350.00	\$ 76,477.42	TBD
	3/15- 6/18	1	160	<i>Hazmat Technician Certification Course</i>	Pinellas	20	\$21,000.00 ^{1/2/7}	\$36,350.00	\$ 55,477.42	146014
	JUNE	3	8	<i>Hazmat IQ - Above/Below-the-Line®</i>	Hillsborough & Others	90	\$17,000.00 ^{1/2/11}	\$53,350.00	\$ 38,477.42	TBD
4 (7/01 - 9/30/21)	7/19- 7/23	1	40	<i>Hazmat Medic® Course</i>	Pinellas	30	\$ 9,100.00 ^{1/2/6}	\$62,450.00	\$ 29,377.42	146013
	JULY	3	8	<i>Hazmat Chemistry Course</i>	Manatee, Pinellas & Pasco	90	\$10,500.00 ^{1/2/12}	\$72,950.00	\$ 18,877.42	TBD
	6/14- 8/09	1	160	<i>Hazmat Technician Certification Course</i>	Hernando	1	\$ 1,000.00 ^{1/2/5}	\$73,950.00	\$ 17,877.42	146011
	6/14- 8/09	1	160	<i>Hazmat Technician Certification Course</i>	Pasco	15	\$18,320.00 ^{1/2/8}	\$92,270.00	[\$ 442.58]	146015
<p>ORANGE HIGHLIGHTED TEXT, IF/WHERE APPLICABLE, SIGNIFIES THAT THE TRAINING WAS SUBMITTED AND APPROVED FOR CONDUCT BY FDEM/USDOT. THE TRAINING WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONDUCTED/COMPLETED.</p> <p>YELLOW HIGHLIGHTED TEXT, IF/WHERE APPLICABLE, SIGNIFIES THAT THE TRAINING PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED AND APPROVED FOR CONDUCT BY FDEM/USDOT BUT THE TRAINING HAS NOT YET BEEN CONDUCTED/COMPLETED.</p> <p>PINK HIGHLIGHTED TEXT, IF/WHERE APPLICABLE, SIGNIFIES THAT THE TRAINING PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED TO FDEM/USDOT FOR CONSIDERATION BUT AM CURRENTLY AWAITING AUTHORIZATION FOR FUTURE CONDUCT.</p> <p>GREEN HIGHLIGHTED TEXT, IF/WHERE APPLICABLE, SIGNIFIES THAT THE TRAINING PROPOSAL REMAINS TENTATIVE ONLY AND/OR SUBJECT TO FUTURE PURSUIT AND APPROVAL.</p>										

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 role of the LEPCs.
2	All HMEP courses could be (or are) considered to involve a cost-share component since student wages are not considered a reimbursable expense. However, if contributions are greater than the student wages, the specific details regarding the cost-share are reflected in the course expense descriptions identified below.
3	The projected cost for the on-line 16-Hr. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Ground School (i.e. Drone Course) for Hernando County is \$3,500.00, inclusive of acquisition of the students’ corresponding FAA licenses [i.e. \$1,791.00 Course Registration (\$199 X 9 Students) + \$1,485 FAA Licenses (\$165 X 9 students) + \$224.00/CM fee].
4	The projected cost for the 160-Hr. Hazmat Technician Certification course for 3 students from Hernando County is \$2,850.00 [i.e. \$2,370.00 Course Registration (\$790 X 3 Students) + \$132 Pearson Vue Testing Center Fees (\$44 X 3 students) + \$90 State Test Application Fees (\$30 X 3 Student) + \$258.00/CM fee].
5	The projected cost for the 160-Hr. Hazmat Technician Certification course for 1 student from Hernando County is \$1,000.00 [i.e. \$3,160.00 Course Registration (\$790 X 1 Student) + \$44 Pearson Vue Testing Center Fees (\$44 X 1 Student) + \$30 State Test Application Fees (\$30 X 1 Student) + \$136.00/CM fee].
6	The projected cost to the Tampa Bay LEPC for the 40-Hr. Hazmat Medic course for Pinellas County is \$9,450.00 (i.e. \$8,600.00 for portion of Instructors + \$850.00 Course Management Fee). The remaining \$5,900 in Vendor Fees are to be paid by Pinellas County.

7	The projected cost to the Tampa Bay LEPC for the 160-Hr. Hazmat Technician Certification course for 20 students from Pinellas County is \$21,000.00 [i.e. \$20,000 for portion of Course Fees + \$1,000.00/CM fee]. The remaining \$8,000 in Course Fees will be paid by Pinellas County.
8	The projected cost for the 160-Hr. Hazmat Technician Certification course for 15 students from Pasco County is \$14,000.00 [i.e. \$11,850.00 Course Registration (\$790 X 15 Students) + \$660.00 Pearson Vue Testing Center Fees (\$44 X 15 students) + \$450.00 State Test Application Fees (\$30 X 15 Student) + \$1,040.00/CM fee].
9	The projected cost for <u>one</u> 8-Hr. Hazmat IQ - Above-the-Line/Below-the-Line® Course primarily for members of the Pinellas County Hazmat Team is \$6,300.00 [i.e. \$5,950.00 for Vendor + \$350.00/CM fee]. This proposal will constitute the chemistry component of the concurrent 160-Hr. Hazmat Technician Certification course listed under Footnote #7 above. It is anticipated that the attendance for the course will be maximized at 30 students. To the extent vacancies exist, other local Hazmat agencies will be invited and encouraged to fill the vacancies.
10	The projected cost to the Tampa Bay LEPC for acquisition of FAA Licenses for 15 members of the Pinellas County Hazmat Team following conduct of the County-funded Drone course is \$2,700.00 [i.e. \$2,475 FAA Licenses (\$165 X 15 students) + \$225.00/CM fee]. As previously stated Pinellas County will be funding the entirety of the Drone course cost.
11	The projected cost for three 8-Hr. Hazmat IQ - Above-the-Line/Below-the-Line® Course is \$17,000.00 [i.e. \$16,300.00 for Vendor + \$700.00/CM fee]. It is envisioned that the course will be held at the Hillsborough County Public Safety Complex. While Hillsborough County Fire Rescue intends to provide the training for ten of their personnel per day, the remaining vacancies will be promoted to the other local Hazmat agencies. It is fully anticipated the limit of 30 students per day for this training will be achieved.
12	The projected cost for three 8-Hr. Hazmat Chemistry Courses is \$10,500.00 [i.e. \$10,000.00 for Vendor + \$500.00/CM fee]. It is envisioned that the course will be held in Manatee County on the first day, Pinellas County on the second day and Pasco County on the third consecutive day. That way, the training opportunity is shared across the LEPC District. It is anticipated the course capacity will be limited to 30 students per day which is likely to be achieved.

Italicized dollar amounts signify estimated course costs. These estimates will be refined and replaced with actual costs, once determined.

TRAINING, WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES - Chair Bassett advised that the SERT TRAC training calendars for FDEM Region 4 & Region 6 was included in the LEPC Agenda materials for the period of February - May 2021 was obtained on February 1st.

In response to Chair Bassett’s inquiry of additional training opportunities, Mr. Gary Frank mentioned that Radiological training will be provided at the Florida National Guard’s 48th Civil Support Team in early April. The training is primarily intended for Law Enforcement and Hazmat Team members.

TAMPA BAY LEPC HAZMAT EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN/2021 UPDATE - Mr. Meyer announced that the 2020 update of the *Tampa Bay LEPC Hazmat Emergency Response Plan* was approved in association with the November 19th SERC meeting. LEPC staff subsequently e-mailed the updated document to all required entities and promptly posted it to the LEPC website. The 2021 update is required to be submitted on (or before) June 30, 2021. Shortly following this meeting, Tampa Bay LEPC staff will embark on coordinating with County Emergency Management agencies, fire departments and others that may offer to assist with the update and/or verification of various sections of the Plan. All revisions will ultimately be incorporated into one unified/revised document. A motion and a second will be solicited at the next LEPC meeting (i.e. May 26, 2021) to authorize the LEPC Chair to transmit the revised Plan to the Florida Division of Emergency Management upon completion, in accordance with the Contract requirement and within the required timeline.

2021 EPCRA HOW-TO-COMPLY/E-PLAN GUIDANCE WORKSHOPS. Mr. Meyer affirmed that the annual EPCRA Workshops were again jointly hosted by Tampa Bay LEPC and FDEM staff on February 10 & 11, 2021, although this year they were conducted virtually. With facility contact information obtained from E-Plan for facilities in the Tampa Bay LEPC District, more than 1,600 individuals were invited to attend the Workshops this year. This year’s Workshops did yield 41 attendees representing 34 different companies, agencies and/or facilities. As customary, the PowerPoint presentations were combined and subsequently e-mailed to all those attended the Workshops as well as posted to the Tampa Bay LEPC website.

Capt. Mike Bloski inquired when the next EPCRA Workshops will be conducted. Mr. Meyer identified that they will be held in February 2022. The dates do coincide with the annual March 1st hazardous materials reporting deadline.

RECENT HAZMAT INCIDENTS IN THE TAMPA BAY LEPC DISTRICT- Mr. Meyer recognized that the LEPC Agenda materials included a listing of the 105 hazardous materials incidents which occurred in the Tampa Bay LEPC District and were reported to the State Watch Office between September 1, 2020 and January 23, 2021. These incidents have been sorted by County and further by date.

LEPC MEMBER COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS - Chair Bassett inquired whether there were any comments from LEPC members and/or items to be brought before the LEPC.

Mr. Gary Frank indicated that radiological monitoring was implemented by the partnership of various agencies in association with the 2021 Super Bowl held at Raymond James Stadium on February 7, 2021.

No other activities or items were identified by any other LEPC member.

TAMPA BAY LEPC LOGO SHIRTS - Chair Bassett informed members to contact John Meyer if interested in acquiring a LEPC shirt. Mr. Meyer would put you in touch with their apparel vendor to select the shirt style, color and size you desire and the vendor would embroider the LEPC logo at reasonable rates.

NEXT MEETING - Chair Bassett announced that the next meeting of the Tampa Bay LEPC is set for May 26th. It is uncertain at this time whether the meeting can and will be held virtually. Allowance for the potential continuation of virtual meetings will ultimately need to be authorized by the Florida Division of Emergency Management as the administrator of the annual *LEPC Staff Services Contract*. The ability to ensure the safety of LEPC members and guests will be paramount in their decision. Mr. Meyer will advise LEPC members and guests of their decision in advance of our next scheduled meeting.

ADJOURNMENT - Upon a motion made by LEPC member Gary Doyen and a second by Steve Litschauer, Chair Bassett closed the LEPC meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted and signed this 26th day of May, 2021

John Meyer, Coordinator

Robert Bassett, Chair