



# LEPC Minutes

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## TAMPA BAY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

### AUGUST 28, 2019 MEETING

#### Committee Members/ Alternates in Attendance

Aleguas, Alfred  
Arleo, Jamie  
Bassett, Robert  
Bloski, Mike (A)  
DeForge, Daniel  
**Ehlers, Scott**  
Ellis, Brian (A)  
Johnston, James  
Jordan, Bobby  
Kahle, Randall (AA)  
Lofgren, Col. Bill  
Moravchik, David  
Morse, Wes  
Walker Richard  
White, Lawrence  
Wildes, Courtney (AA)  
Wilson, Brant (A)

#### Representing

Tampa General Hospital/Florida Poison Information Center  
FDEP/Office of Emergency Response  
St. Petersburg Fire Rescue  
Southern Manatee Fire Rescue  
Florida Department of Transportation/District 7  
**Clearwater Fire Rescue**  
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council  
Pasco County Emergency Management  
Citrus County Emergency Management  
St. Petersburg Fire Rescue  
Interested Citizen  
Port Manatee  
Port Tampa Bay  
Pinellas County Emergency Management  
Citrus County Fire Rescue  
Pasco County Emergency Management  
Brenntag Mid South

A = Alternate member with voting standing.

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

AAA= Pending Primary/Alternate attended without voting standing.

**Red** text signifies meeting Chair.

**Due to pre-planning for and uncertainty associated with the path and intensity of the looming Tropical Storm/Hurricane Dorian, compounded by the traffic accidents which significantly impacting southbound travel on the Howard Frankland Bridge and westbound travel on the Gandy Bridge, the Tampa Bay LEPC Coordinator has taken the liberty of denoting ALL of the absences to the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Tampa Bay LEPC as "excused," whether notified of the absence of the meeting in advance, after the meeting or neither. However, in the future, please notify the LEPC Coordinator in advance of your absences so that they can and will be denoted as "excused."**

#### Members Absent Without Alternates in Attendance

Atherton, Chris (Excused)  
Bogush, Mark (Excused)  
Brooking, Sandra (Excused)  
Brown, Geoffrey (Excused)  
Buck, Sarah (Excused)  
Burnett, David (Excused)  
Casey, Patrick (Excused)  
Castonguay, Steve (Excused)  
Collins, Robert (Excused)  
Connors, Lance (Excused)  
Crowe, Stephen (Excused)

#### Representing

Florida National Guard/48<sup>th</sup> CST  
Tampa Fire Rescue  
Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration  
Allstate Center - St. Petersburg College  
Mosaic/Port & Terminal Operations  
Plant City Fire Rescue  
Southwest Florida Water Management District  
Hillsborough County Health Department  
Hillsborough County Fire Rescue  
Interested Citizen  
Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office

Cullison, Amanda (Excused)	American Red Cross/Tampa Bay Chapter
Dabrowski, Peter (Excused)	Interested Citizen
DeFrancesco, Frank (Excused)	Florida Association of Hazmat Responders
DiSabatino, Robin (Excused)	Interested Citizen
Frank, Gary (Excused)	Interested Citizen
Griffiths, Larry (Excused)	Duke Energy
Kemp, Jonathan (Excused)	Tampa Bay Times
Kinley, Ed (Excused)	United Environmental Solutions
Lingo, William (Excused)	Pasco County Fire Rescue
Litschauer, Steve (Excused)	Manatee County Emergency Management
Lopez, Alex (Excused)	Hernando County Fire Rescue
Martinez, Mark (Excused)	MacDill Air Force Base
Mastandrea, Joe (Excused)	Hillsborough County Emergency Management
Meral, Matthew (Excused)	U.S. Coast Guard/Sector St. Petersburg
Mettinger, Stan (Excused)	Brooksville Fire Department
Rowe, Charles (Excused)	Yara North America, Inc.
Russell, Richard (Excused)	Hernando County Emergency Management
Watson, Alain (Excused)	Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County
Williams, Wesley (Excused)	Mosaic/Plant Operations

Staff Coordinator

Representing

Meyer, John Tampa Bay LEPC

Guests

Representing

Blakeslee, Shawn	Florida Chemical Supply
Butterfield, Sally	FDEP/Office of Emergency Response
Desai, Nakul	Florida Poison Control Center
Gempler, Hannah	Florida Poison Information Center
Greif, William	Southern Agricultural Insecticides
Hendricks, Terri	Hillsborough County Risk & Safety
Herrick, Nathan	Gordon Food Service
Hume II, Brent	Gordon Food Service
McCurdy, Dana	Lincare
Rodriguez, Pedro	Lincare
Stevens, Elaine	American Red Cross
Tobergte, Jeff	Catalyst Air Management
Weedon, Warren	U.S. Coast Guard/Sector St. Petersburg

**CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Scott Ehlers called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. Following the welcoming and a reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, self introductions of LEPC members and the attending public were provided. With 17 Primary members and/or their Alternates present, it was announced that a quorum was present (nine members constitute a quorum). Chair Ehlers welcomed the LEPC members as well as the 13 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 22, 2019 LEPC meeting. Hearing none, the Chair asked for a motion

to approve the *Minutes*. **Rick Walker initiated and Bill Lofgren 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. Unfortunately, that is the case for two of our members.

However, there are no former members to be recognized this quarter.

**REQUEST FOR THOMAS YATABE AWARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2019** - Mr. John Meyer announced that a request for nominations associated with the 2019 Thomas Yatabe Awards was transmitted to LEPC members on August 6<sup>th</sup> and again on August 21<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for all nominations this year will be Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 *Thomas Yatabe Award* for each District, all others will be presented *Certificates of Appreciation*.

**TAMPA BAY LEPC MEMBERSHIP CHANGES** - Mr. Meyer acknowledged the following membership changes approved in association with the July 2019 SERC meetings:

MEMBERSHIP TYPE		MEMBER NAME	AGENCY/COMPANY	MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY
PRIMARY	ALTERNATE			
✓		Jamie Arleo	FDEP/Office of Emergency Response	<i>Local Environmental</i>
	✓	Lindsay Brantley		
✓		Jeff Tobergte		
	✓	Jamie Arleo		
✓		Robert Bassett	St. Petersburg Fire Rescue	<i>Firefighting</i>
	✓	Randall Kahle		
✓		Brett Schlatterer		
	✓	Richard Ganci		
✓		Scott Fryberger	FDOH/Pinellas County	<i>Health</i>
	✓	Ashley Hoskins		
✓		Gary Frank		
	✓	Ashley Hoskins		
✓		Matthew Merial		
	✓	Darrina Willis		
✓		Cory Pray		
	✓	Jane Sarnecky		

MEMBERSHIP TYPE		MEMBER NAME	AGENCY/COMPANY	MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY
PRIMARY	ALTERNATE			
✓		Stephen Crowe	Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement
	✓	William "Marty" Prickett		
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	✓	Robert Bateman		
	✓	Jeff Gentner	Yara North America	Facility Owner/Operator
	✓	Kris Kinnison		
✓		Gary Frank	----	Interested Citizen
✓		Charles Crowther	----	Interested Citizen

**FOOTNOTES:**

- Member(s) Added (Highlighted in Pale Yellow)
- Member(s) Removed (Highlighted in Gray)

NET CHANGE IN TAMPA BAY LEPC MEMBERSHIP THIS QUARTER = +0

TOTAL TAMPA BAY LEPC MEMBERSHIP = 46

Mr. Meyer did additionally acknowledge that the following membership changes will be facilitated in association with the October 2019 SERC meetings, at minimum:

MEMBERSHIP TYPE		MEMBER NAME	AGENCY/COMPANY	MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY
PRIMARY	ALTERNATE			
✓		Kaila Yeager	FDOH/Pinellas County	Health
	✓	Ashley Hoskins		
✓		Scott Fryberger		
	✓	Ashley Hoskins		
	✓	Clayton Parrott	Pinellas County Emergency Management	Emergency Management
	✓	Stephanie Hendrix		

**INTEGRATION OF U.S. COAST GUARD & LOCAL HAZMAT TEAMS IN FUTURE OFFSHORE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSES**

Chair Ehlers announced that our scheduled presenter (Forest Willis) from the U.S. Coast Guard/Sector Miami is unable to join us today for the presentation due to preparations associated with the potential arrival of Tropical Storm/Hurricane Dorian, which is currently threatening the east coast (and other parts) of Florida. Mr. Willis has led an initiative designed to allow integration of the U.S. Coast Guard with the local Hazmat Teams in response to future "significantly offshore" hazardous materials incidents. Managing standards, expectations and accurately assessing capabilities & resources of each will be critical in the success of this effort. Marco Island Fire Chief Mike Murphy (SERC member) is also integrally involved in achieving this objective.

**WITHOUT SAFEGUARDS, PRESSURE VESSELS CAN BE DEADLY (CSB VIDEO)** - Mr. Meyer announced that the U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) produced a Video Safety Message entitled “*Without Safeguards, Pressure Vessels can be Deadly*” in 2008 to highlight the dangers associated with Pressure Vessels. While the video is nearly 10 years old, the identified concerns remain valid given the prevalence and use of these type of chemical storage containers both nationally and internationally. Improperly installed or modified pressure vessels have led to a number of serious chemical accidents. As of 2008, 11 states hadn’t required adherence to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) pressure vessel code. The CSB did recommend that all states and localities adopt this code and related boiler standards in an effort to save lives. The current status of compliance with the recommendation for the referenced 11 states is currently unknown.

The video is viewable from the following link:



[www.youtube.com/watch?v=xI2YuLdHZzg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xI2YuLdHZzg)

**RECAP OF JULY 19, 2019 QUARTERLY SERC MEETING** - Chair Ehlers identified that a comprehensive summary of the July 19, 2019 SERC meeting, held at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota in Sarasota, was included in the Agenda materials transmitted to all LEPC members and additionally available on the LEPC website.

Chair Ehlers mentioned that Mr. Meyer will provide other highlights from the meetings. Mr. Meyer proceeded to additionally acknowledge the following:

- **STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES (SOGs)/STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOPs)** - Frank DeFrancesco did advise that the following SOPs/SOGs were recently finalized with vetting performed by Subject Matter Experts and will be considered for approval to distribute at the next SERC meeting:

- *Gas Cylinders & Containers*
- *Radiological*
- *Safety & Health for Hazmat*
- *Emergencies involving Corrosives*

At last word, Capt. DeFrancesco was cautiously optimistic that the final seven topics will also be completed and vetted by the corresponding SMEs in order to be additionally considered for approval at the October SERC meeting.

The initial six topics were completed and previously approved for distribution by SERC. Those topics were:

- *Hazmat Medical Support*
- *Field Analysis of unidentified potentially Hazardous Mats.*
- *Flaring of Liquefied Petroleum Gases (LPG)*
- *Toxic Materials, Poisons & Pesticides*
- *Drums & Abandoned Containers*
- *Biomedical & Biological Waste*

- **POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** New legal counsel for FDEM advised that they are currently working with the Commission on Ethics to evaluate the potential appearance of a Conflict of Interest that may be posed by Training Task Force members additionally serving as paid Instructors for some hazmat training courses. Legal Counsel was advised that the TTF typically does not approve anything and primarily serves solely at the discretion of the SERC, mostly completing research or task-oriented assignments. All TTF members may be required to complete a *Financial Disclosure Statement* to determine any potential conflict. Similarly, a determination on potential conflicts associated with some LEPC memberships may also need to be evaluated.
- **FUTURE MARINE FIREFIGHTING TRAINING.** The SERC recently sent a letter to NOVA Southeastern University (in Ft. Lauderdale) suggesting that they solicit additional grant funding to develop and offer a maritime curriculum/program for the hazmat responders in the State of Florida.
- **EPA's "LIST OF LISTS".** It was identified that EPA's *List of Lists* has been updated for the first time since 2015. The document consists of a list of more than 500,000 chemicals and thresholds of each which can be sorted alphabetically or by CAS number. The List of Lists is available on-line and will be added to the State's How-to-Comply Manual. Additionally, Mr. Bert McKee of SERC's TTF did subsequently compile a six-page document simply identifying the requirements and thresholds associated with pesticides only for use by the pesticide application industry. For simplicity, it included the slang terms for most chemicals.
- **HAZMAT SUPPLY CHAIN TRENDS.** Mr. David Willauer of Cambridge Systematics provided an overview of a recently completed Study involving the location and transportation method of all RMP, TRI & Tier II facilities in the State of Nevada. The primary purpose of the Study was to evaluate the percentage of these facilities transporting their products by truck and to determine the resulting most vulnerable roadway segments.
- Other discussion items did occur and are thoroughly documented in the detailed LEPC Agenda materials.

**OPERATION CLEANSWEEP PROGRAM** - Mr. Meyer indicated that, in conjunction with various agencies, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services developed a program whereby they will arrange to pick up unused or unwanted pesticides from farmers, grove owners, nurseries, golf courses and/or pest control service companies. Copies of the program Flyer have been placed on the back table and included in the detailed LEPC Agenda materials. More information on the program can additionally be attained from their website: [www.freshfromflorida.com](http://www.freshfromflorida.com).

**HMEP PLANNING PROGRAM/FACILITY DISASTER PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE (FDPS)** - Mr. Meyer mentioned that the FDPS did not meet on July 24th, as tentatively scheduled. The pending initiative of the FDPS was to solicit presentations by the Pinellas & Hillsborough Sheriff's Offices as well as Tampa Police Department in order to determine commonality of any of potential Universal Badging and Credentialing that would enable critical facility personnel to promptly respond to their potentially impacted hazardous materials facilities following a disaster. While PCSO & TPD did previously provide presentations, written plans were received from HCSO. Mr. Meyer proceeded to prepare a summary of which that was transmitted to Subcommittee members. Mr. Meyer also revealed that the Tampa Police Department & Emergency Management did develop an on-line pre-registration program for facilities to identify key individuals. With the above already occurring, Mr. Meyer has now deemed this initiative complete and thanked all those involved with the initiative. Until another initiative is identified or determined, the FDPS will no longer hold regularly scheduled meetings.



**HMEP TRAINING PROGRAM** - HMEP Training Subcommittee Chair James Johnston reported that Tampa Bay LEPC's HMEP Training Subcommittee did meet earlier this morning and provided the following overview of the discussions:

- There is approximately \$6,000 in HMEP funds remaining for FY 2018-19. The Subcommittee is currently contemplating acquisition of a DOT-406 Rollover Dome Tank Simulator as a regional asset to be used as a training apparatus and stored on the LEPC's training equipment trailer at Hillsborough County Fire Rescue.
- Tampa Bay LEPC staff has recently conducted or will be conducting the following courses during the fourth quarter of the FY 2018-19 HMEP Contract:
  - ✓ Three 8-Hr. *Hazmat Technician Capability Evaluation* courses, Manatee County, 7/29 - 7/31
  - ✓ One 40-Hr. *Hazmat Medic* course, Pinellas County, 8/19 - 8/23
  - ✓ Three 8-Hr. *Hazmat Technician Capability Evaluation* courses, Pinellas County, 8/27 - 8/29
  - ✓ Six 4-Hr. *Air Monitoring Strategies & Tactics*, Manatee County and City of Tampa, 9/23 - 9/25
- The Subcommittee tentatively identified the following training initiatives for FY 2019-20, although this listing is clearly subject to change(s) as training needs are further identified, clarified or re-prioritized:
  - ✓ Participation in the 2020 *Hazmat Symposium*. Anticipated participation levels are as follows: 4-CCFR, 4-HeCFR, 4-HiCFR, 4-SMFR, 6-PaCFR, 8 (Total)- Pinellas County Hazmat Team, 2 (to 4)-Tampa & 2-Florida National Guard.
  - ✓ 40-Hr. *Hazmat Medic* courses (Hillsborough/Tampa and Pinellas)
  - ✓ 40-Hr. *Marine Firefighting* course (Hillsborough/Tampa)
  - ✓ "Hybrid" 160-Hr. *Hazmat Technician Certification* course (Manatee/Pasco/Pinellas/Hillsborough/Tampa)
  - ✓ 16-Hr. *Assistant Safety Officer* (Hernando/Manatee)
  - ✓ Three 8-Hr. *Hazmat Technician Capability Evaluation* courses for remaining jurisdictions (i.e. Tampa/Hillsborough/Citrus)
  - ✓ Drone courses (Hernando & Others)
  - ✓ Three 8-Hr. *Water Injection for Propane Incidents* (Manatee)
- James "JJ" Johnston announced his retirement from the HMEP Training Subcommittee, the Tampa Bay LEPC and Pasco County effective October 30, 2019. We will need to elect/designate a new Subcommittee Chair in conjunction with our next meeting. Capt. Mike Bloski (SMFR) has agreed to assume the position on an Interim basis until the position has been filled.
- LEPC Staff will solicit additional funding to potentially acquire a *DOT-406 Rollover Tank Simulator* as a regional asset to be stored within the LEPC Training trailer located at Hillsborough County Fire Rescue and available to borrow by any local team(s) with all remaining FY 2018-19 HMEP funds. This must occur by the end of the Contract period (i.e. September 30, 2019).

The following constitute the current expenditures associated with the LEPC's FY 2018-19 HMEP Program:

QUAR-TER	DATE(S)	#	HO-URS	COURSE NAME	LOCATION	STUD-ENTS	EXPENSES	CUMULA-TIVE \$	REMAIN-ING \$	PROJ-ECT #
<b>1</b> (10/01 - 12/31/18)	NO TRAINING PROVIDED						\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$77,719.80	-----
<b>2</b> (1/01 - 3/31/19)	1/22-1/25	1	28	2019 Hazmat Symposium	All Counties Districtwide & Tampa	32	\$16,291.52 <sup>1/2/3</sup>	\$16,291.52	\$61,428.28	144010
<b>3</b> (4/01 - 6/30/19)	2/11-4/01	1	160	Hazmat Tech. Certification Course + Fees	Hernando	4	\$ 3,177.96 <sup>1/2/7</sup>	\$19,469.48	\$58,250.32	144011
	6/10-6/14	1	40	Marine Firefighting for Land-Based Firefighters (Registration Fees Only)	Hills./Ft. Lauderdale	10	\$14,799.59 <sup>1/2/6</sup>	\$34,269.07	\$43,450.73	144015
<b>4</b> (7/01 - 9/30/19)	7/29-7/31	3	8	Hazmat Tech. Capabilities Eval. Courses	MA/PA/HI	25	\$ 8,520.00 <sup>1/2/8</sup>	\$42,789.07	\$34,930.73	144012
	8/19-8/23	1	40	Hazmat Medic Course	Pinellas	17	\$ 9,450.00 <sup>1/2/5</sup>	\$52,239.07	\$25,480.73	144014
	8/27-8/29	3	8	Hazmat Tech. Capabilities Eval. Courses	Pinellas	91	\$10,316.00 <sup>1/2/4</sup>	\$62,555.07	\$15,164.73	144013
	9/23-9/25	6	4	Air Monitoring Strategies & Tactics	Man./Tampa	135	\$ 9,200.00 <sup>1/2/9</sup>	\$71,755.07	\$ 5,964.73	144016
	TBD	-	-	Acquisition of DOT-406 Tank Truck Rollover Simulator			\$ 8,195.00 <sup>10</sup>	\$79,950.07	-\$ 2,230.27	TBD
	<b>ORANGE HIGHLIGHTED TEXT SIGNIFIES THAT THE TRAINING WAS APPROVED FOR CONDUCT BY FDEM/USDOT AND THE TRAINING HAS ALREADY BEEN CONDUCTED/COMPLETED.</b>									
	<b>YELLOW HIGHLIGHTED TEXT SIGNIFIES THAT THE TRAINING PROPOSAL WAS APPROVED FOR CONDUCT BY FDEM/USDOT BUT THE TRAINING HAS NOT YET BEEN CONDUCTED/COMPLETED.</b>									
	<b>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.</b>									
	<b>GREEN HIGHLIGHTED TEXT, IF/WHERE APPLICABLE, SIGNIFIES THAT THE TRAINING PROPOSAL REMAINS TENTATIVE ONLY AND/OR SUBJECT TO FUTURE CONSIDERATION AND/OR PURSUIT.</b>									

**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. The Tampa Bay LEPC has invoked a cost-share with the agency making the particular training request. Details regarding the cost-share are included in the course expenses description identified below.
3. The actual cost for the 28-Hr. **2019 Hazmat Symposium** was \$16,291.52 [\$6,240.00/Registration (\$195 X 32 Attendees) + \$9,071.20 Lodging (16 Double-Occupancy Rooms X ≥4 Nights X ≥ \$150/night) + \$980.32/CM fee].
4. The projected cost for the three 8-Hr. **Hazmat Technician Capabilities Evaluation** course for Pinellas County is \$10,316 (i.e. \$9,716 for course instructed three days + \$600 CM Fee).
5. The projected cost of the 40-Hr. **Hazmat Medic** course instruction is \$14,500 for ≥30 students, exclusive of the CM Fee. The Tampa Bay LEPC will agree to cover \$8,600 of the course cost plus the entirety of the CM Fee. The projected cost to the Tampa Bay LEPC is \$9,450 (i.e. \$8,600 + \$850 CM Fee). The remaining balance of \$5,900 of the course instruction will be paid by Pinellas County.
6. The actual cost for the 40-Hr. **Marine Firefighting for Land-Based Firefighters** course was \$14,799.59 [i.e. \$14,000 Course Registration Fee (\$1,400 X 10 students) + \$799.59 CM Fee]. Six students were from Hillsborough County Fire Rescue (HCFR) & four from Tampa Fire Rescue (TFR). HCFR & TFR were responsible for all other expenses, including Instructor travel (for 3 days of local classroom instruction in Tampa) and student travel expenses to Ft. Lauderdale.
7. The actual cost for the 160-Hr. **Hazmat Technician Certification** course for Hernando County was \$3,177.96 [i.e. \$2,760.00 Course Registration (\$690 X 4 Students) + \$176 Exam Registration Fees (\$44 X 4 students) + \$30 Exam Certification Fee (\$30 X 1 Student) + \$211.96/CM fee]. It is hereby stated that Exam Certification Fee receipts for the other three students were not provided. All four students are from Hernando County Fire Rescue.
8. The projected cost for the three 8-Hr. **Hazmat Technician Capabilities Evaluation** course for Manatee/Pasco/Hillsborough County is \$8,520 (i.e. \$7,920 for course instructed three days + \$600 CM Fee).
9. The projected cost for the six 4-Hr. **Air Monitoring Strategies & Tactics** courses to be held in Manatee & City of Tampa is \$9,200 (i.e. \$8,600 for course instructed twice daily at two different locations for three consecutive days + \$600 CM Fee).
10. **DOT-406 Tank Truck Rollover Simulator** is \$7,200 + \$895 S/H = \$8,195. No CM Fee will be imposed. TB LEPC solicited additional funding from FDEM for acquisition.

**Italicized dollar amounts signify course cost estimates. These estimates will be replaced with actual costs, once determined.**



**TRAINING, WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES** - Chair Ehlers advised that the SERT TRAC training calendars for Region 4 & Region 6 over the short-term as well as the local training being held for our Tampa Bay LEPC have been included and documented within the Agenda materials.

No other training opportunities were identified by LEPC members or the attending public.

**2020 EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDEBOOKS** - Mr. Meyer mentioned that conversations regarding the publication and distribution of the 2020 *Emergency Response Guidebooks* (ERGs) have recently transpired. The ERGs are expected to be printed in late 2019/early 2020 and delivered in (or around) April 2020. All Florida-bound copies will be delivered to the State Logistics Resource Center (SLRC) in Orlando. FDEM staff will attempt to make arrangements for further delivery to LEPC- defined local distribution site(s), similar to the procedures implemented when last published in 2016. It is anticipated that, at minimum, the Tampa Bay LEPC Counties will receive a “comparable” number of hard copies to those provided in 2016. Requested increases in the number of printed copies to be received cannot be guaranteed due to U.S. Department of Transportation's trend of printing fewer copies in favor of distribution through electronic means (i.e. download of the apps for smart phones, tablets and computers). Mr. Meyer acknowledged that he will continue to apprise LEPC members and local response agencies on the progress of the 2020 ERGs until they are released & published.

Mr. Meyer suggested seeing him after the meeting or contacting him if interested in the very few remaining 2016 ERGs and/or a larger amount of 2012 ERGs.

**RECENT HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INCIDENTS IN THE TAMPA BAY LEPC DISTRICT** - Chair Ehlers announced that the LEPC Agenda materials included a description of four incidents identified by the State Watch Office over the past quarter. LEPC staff will continue to provide a comparable level of information in future LEPC Agenda materials regarding incidents reported to the State Watch Office as they may occur in Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco & Pinellas Counties.

#### **LEPC MEMBER COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Ehlers identified the following:

- Chair Ehlers advised all attendees to continue to monitor the weather and to be prepared in association with the looming Tropical Storm/Hurricane Dorian. *“Have a Plan.”*
- Chair Ehlers announced that James “JJ” Johnston has recently submitted his retirement/resignation from the Tampa Bay LEPC and Pasco County effective October 30, 2019. Mr. Johnston has served on the Tampa Bay LEPC since 2006, served as the agency’s Vice Chair since 2014, served as the HMEP Training Subcommittee for the past five years, been with Pasco County Emergency Management for the past 17 years and was with the Fire Service for the 23 years prior. While we will miss JJ, we will need to solicit a member to serve as Vice Chair to complete his term (i.e. through August 2020). We will do that in conjunction with the next meeting of the Tampa Bay LEPC.
- Mr. Bill Lofgren added that Mr. Johnston and recently-retired Jeff Tobergte have been tremendous assets to our organization, offering to assist in any way they can, including participation and coordination of numerous exercises administered by or on behalf of the Tampa Bay LEPC over the years.

- Mr. Meyer indicated that Tampa Bay LEPC staff did complete and submitted the 2019 update of the *Tampa Bay LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan* in advance of the June 30, 2019 deadline. Subsequently, FDEM staff has review and approved the update subject to concurrence/ratification by the State Emergency Response Committee in conjunction with their October 2019 meeting. Following such approval, Mr. Meyer acknowledged that he would provide electronic copies to all required agencies and will arrange for the prompt posting of the updated Plan to the Tampa Bay LEPC website.

Chair Ehlers inquired whether there are any other LEPC member comments or additional business to be brought before the LEPC. No other comments were provided nor was other business identified.

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

**MEETING** - Chair Ehlers announced that the next LEPC meeting date is Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 10:30 A.M. at the office of the Tampa Bay LEPC/Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Hearing no more business to be brought before the LEPC and upon a motion made by LEPC member Rick Walker and a second by Mike Bloski, Chair Ehlers closed the LEPC meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted and signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019

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John Meyer, Coordinator

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Scott Ehlers, Chair