



LEPC Minutes

TAMPA BAY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) AUGUST 25, 2021 MEETING (VIRTUAL)

Committee Members/ Alternates in Attendance

Representing

Bassett, Robert

Bloski, Mike (AA)
Brown, Geoffrey
Connors, Lance
DeForge, Daniel
Doyen, Gary
Ellis, Brian (A)
Frank, Gary
Garcia, Nicole (AA)
Gould, Chris
Kemp, Jonathan
Kiffner, Vincent (A)
Kinley, Ed
Lingo, William
Litschauer, Steve
Long, Carleigh (AAA)
Mastandrea, Joe
Morse, Wes
Perez, Anthony (AA)
Smith, Steven (A)
Tripp, Barbara
Walker, Richard
Wannen, Kenneth
Watson, Alain
Willis, Darrina (A)
Yeager, Kaila

St. Petersburg Fire Rescue
Southern Manatee Fire Rescue
Allstate Center - St. Petersburg College
Interested Citizen
Florida Department of Transportation/District 7
Mosaic/Plant Operations
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
Interested Citizen
Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County
Southern Manatee Fire Rescue
Tampa Bay Times
Plant City Fire Rescue
Universal Environmental Solutions
Pasco County Fire Rescue
Manatee County Emergency Management
U.S. Coast Guard/Sector St. Petersburg
Hillsborough County Emergency Management
Port Tampa Bay
Tampa Fire Rescue
Pasco County Emergency Management
Tampa Fire Rescue
Pinellas County Emergency Management
Hernando County Fire Rescue
Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County
U.S. Coast Guard/Sector St. Petersburg
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

Aleguas, Alfred
Bailes, Justin
Brooking, Sandra (Excused)
Buck, Sarah
Casey, Patrick
Castonguay, Steve (Excused)
Collins, Robert (Excused)
Crowe, Stephen
Cullison, Amanda
Dabrowski, Peter

TGH/Florida Poison Control Center
Florida National Guard/48th CST
Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration
Mosaic/Port & Terminal Operations
Southwest Florida Water Management District
Hillsborough County Health Department
Hillsborough County Fire Rescue
Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office
American Red Cross
Interested Citizen

DeFrancesco, Frank	Florida Association of Hazmat Responders
Ehlers, Scott	Clearwater Fire Rescue
Fletcher, Thomas	Citrus County Fire Rescue
Griffiths, Larry	Duke Energy
Hess, Troy (Excused)	Citrus County Emergency Management
Lofgren, Col. Bill (Excused)	Interested Citizen
Luscier, Jordan	FDEP/Office of Emergency Response
Martinez, Mark	MacDill Air Force Base
Mettinger, Stan	Brooksville Fire Department
Moravchik, David "Moe"	Port Manatee
Rowe, Charles (Excused)	Yara North America Inc.
Servia, Misty	Manatee County Board of County Commissioners
Thomas, Erin (A)	Hernando County Emergency Management
Wilson, Brant	Brenntag Mid-South

Staff Coordinator

Representing

Meyer, John	Tampa Bay LEPC
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Guests

Representing

Boer, Kate	Treasure Coast LEPC
Corey, Drew	Saputo Dairy Foods USA
Franks, Freddie	Univar Solutions
Gomez, Mario	Gulf Sulphur Services
Hume, Brent	Gordon Flood Service
Kubasik, Katelyn	Southwest Florida LEPC
Lang, Steve	U.S. Coast Guard
McMahon, Jason	South Florida LEPC
Moore, Paul	Hulls Environmental
Vitale, Sarah	Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
Wade, Holley	Recently Retired LEPC Member

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 sixth consecutive virtual LEPC meeting conducted by the Tampa Bay LEPC, signifying a period of 18 months. We have continued to get better at conducting virtual meetings although the continued allowance of virtual meetings remains uncertain and subject to consent of the Florida Division of Emergency Management as Contract Manager of the annual LEPC Staff Services Agreement.

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

With 26 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 11 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 26, 2021 LEPC meeting. Hearing none, the Chair asked for a motion to approve the *Minutes*. Jonathan Kemp initiated and Gary Doyen seconded the motion. By not hearing any opposition upon solicitation, the *Minutes* were approved unanimously on voice vote.

FORMER LEPC MEMBERS - RECOGNITION OF SERVICE - Mr. Meyer mentioned that this particular Agenda item is devoted to recognize select members for their lengthy service to the Tampa Bay LEPC upon their retirement or departure from the LEPC. This recognition is in the form of issuance of a *Certificate of Appreciation* (COA). Unfortunately, it is time to recognize Ms. Holley Wade. According to LEPC records, Ms. Wade had represented both Hillsborough County Emergency Management and Hillsborough County Fire Rescue over her two stints on the Tampa Bay LEPC. Her COA read as follows: *“With deepest gratitude for your tireless leadership and dedicated, enthusiastic support of the men and women of the Tampa Bay LEPC representing Hillsborough County Emergency Management & Hillsborough County Fire Rescue (2007-2014 & 2017-2021, respectively).”*

Mr. Meyer personally thanked Ms. Wade for her years of service as well as her assistance with multiple updates to the *Tampa Bay LEPC Hazmat Plan*, participation in numerous hazmat exercises, her assistance with Business Continuity Planning matters as well as her uncanny ability to track down appropriate County personnel during her tenure and for simply being a friend.

Ms. Wade responded by thanking the LEPC for the recognition and mentioned that she was proud of being a member of the LEPC and *“all that we have accomplished.”*

THOMAS YATABE AWARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2021 - Mr. Meyer indicated that requests for 2021 *Thomas Yatabe Award* nominations were e-mailed to the LEPC membership on August 3rd and again on August 20th. The transmittal included a nomination form as well as an overview of the Award and associated procedures. A deadline of Thursday, September 9th was specified for receipt of any/all nominations. 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 annually from each LEPC District, all “Runners-Up” will be presented a *Certificate of Appreciation*.

TAMPA BAY LEPC MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - Mr. Meyer advised that many LEPC membership changes were initially requested in association with the January 2021 SERC meeting and then again their April meeting. However, since these meetings were subsequently cancelled and postponed respectively, the following membership changes were ultimately approved in association with their May 26th meeting:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	AGENCY/COMPANY	MEMBER NAME	
		PRIMARY	ALTERNATE
Local Environmental	FDEP/Office of Emergency Response	Jordan Luscier	Trevor Wavelet
		Lindsay Brantley	Jordan Luscier
Emergency Management	Hernando County Emergency Management	Troy Hess	TBD
		Bretlee “Bobby” Jordan	Christopher Evan

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	AGENCY/COMPANY	MEMBER NAME	
		PRIMARY	ALTERNATE
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

PROTECTING COMMUNITIES FROM CHEMICAL ACCIDENTS: EMERGENCY PLANNING & COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT (Video) - Albeit nearly 25 minutes in the length, Mr. Meyer played a video recently produced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to characterize the justification for and various provisions of the Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know Act. Mr. Meyer characterized the video by stating that it provides answers to many of the who, what, when, where and why questions associated with hazardous materials reporting as well as identifies some of the roles, responsibilities and functions of Local Emergency Planning Committees.

The video is viewable from the following link:



www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQlwXSIJRgQ

RECAP OF QUARTERLY SERC MEETINGS - Mr. Meyer reminded attendees that the last State Emergency Response Commission meeting was held concurrent to our last LEPC meeting on May 26, 2021. Noting the conflict, Chair Bassett & Mr. Meyer were not able to be present for the virtual meeting. However, a recording was provided in which to prepare the meeting *Minutes/Recap*. While more comprehensive details are available in the LEPC Agenda materials for this meeting, the following meeting highlights were encapsulated by Mr. Meyer:

- FDEM Director/SERC Chair Kevin Guthrie announced that he has recently appointed Steven Hynes to serve as the FDEM Deputy Director. Mr Hynes' prior experience included working for the City of Delray Beach Police Department for more than 20 years in a variety of roles including Emergency Management Director.
- All LEPC Membership modifications requested statewide were approved. Those include the six new members to the Tampa Bay LEPC already recognized in a prior Agenda item.
- Now staffed with two teams of two persons devoted to administering the Risk Management Plan Audit/Inspection Program, SERC approved FDEM's proposed RMP schedule to assess 48 facilities statewide in FY 2021-22, nine of which are located here in the Tampa Bay area. The particular local facilities will be identified as part of an upcoming Agenda Item. RMP facilities are those that exceed

established thresholds of designated Section 302 chemicals. The Inspection process essentially involves observing the path of the particular hazardous material commodity “from receiver to endpoint” at each site as well as review and evaluate the facility’s Emergency Response Plans and other company records.

- FDEM staff has projected a shortfall in the Operating Trust Fund for FY 2021-22. The Fund, which was created under Statute, is utilized to cover all FDEM expenses including wages, building expenses, operating costs et al. FDEM has no other source(s) of income, revenue or funding. FDEM staff did identify several potential cost savings measures, two of which are being implemented in FY 2021-22. Those were \$10,000 reductions in the annual LEPC Contracts for each LEPC statewide and to eliminate sulfuric acid battery sites from the Hazards Analyses process beyond the first year.

RECAP OF LEPC CHAIRS/COORDINATORS MEETING - Mr. Meyer advised that a virtual meeting of the ten LEPC Coordinators and their respective Chairs was held on August 10th and summarized within the Agenda materials. The meeting was administered by LEPC “Chair of Chairs” Richard Delp of Emerald Coast LEPC & FDEM staff. The following constitute the highlights of the meeting as were identified by Mr. Meyer:

- FDEM staff did identify that even with the recent surge in statewide COVID cases, the State EOC is currently at a “Level 3” activation. While ramping up of the activation level is expected in association with threatening tropical weather, the responsibility of COVID coordination has been turned over to the DOH.
- Chief Jonathan Lamm announced that Plans are moving forward with the 2022 Hazmat Symposium at this time but contingency plans have been formulated in the event COVID cases worsen or the safety of event instructors and attendees cannot be ensured. Presently, the annual Hazardous Materials Response Teams competition is also proceeding.
- FDEM is in the process of converting to a new platform known as “Salesforce”. It is envisioned that this new platform will streamline the grant programs by allowing for the uploading, downloading and exchanging of files, documents and deliverables between their agency and Contract sub-recipients. Although similar to their current “portal”, the new platform will go into effect and its use will be mandated once implemented in association with the FY 2021-22 grant cycle.
- Due to the recent surge in COVID cases experienced in Florida and the potential need to cancel certain hazardous materials training events, FDEM staff did identify that the U.S. Department of Transportation has authorized a “rollover” of remaining FY 2020-21 HMEP funding to FY 2021-22. However, ultimately being part of a three-year Contract, further extensions can not nor will not be granted.

RECAP OF SERC’S TRAINING FORCE MEETING - Mr. Meyer identified that a virtual meeting of SERC’s Training Task Force was held on August 12th and summarized more extensively within the Agenda materials. However, Mr. Meyer did provide the following highlights of the meeting:

- FDEM staff recognized that this is the first meeting for newly-appointed Chief Jonathan Lamm of the Cocoa Fire Department serving as Training Task Force Chair.

- Chair Lamm mentioned that the last meeting date of the Training Task Force was held more than 19 months prior, on January 21, 2020, and looks forward to facilitating the Task Force’s upcoming achievements and accomplishments.
- Ms. Teresa Newsome (Emergency Response Consultants & Educators) did advise that the Hazmat Operations & Awareness Project is nearly complete, subject only to subject incorporation of some final edits. The project is simply a necessary update to the training curriculum to meet today's standards and be in compliance with NFPA 472 & 473. The updated materials will be e-mailed to FDEM staff for further dissemination as well as posting to their website.
- FDEM staff did state that Offshore Hazmat Response Project is proceeding. The initiative involves the potential integration of select hazmat teams with marine capabilities with the U.S. Coast Guard in response to offshore hazmat incidents. FDEM & the USCG was been communicating and coordinating with Subject Matter Experts on the development of response training curriculum and criteria to be administered by NOVA Southeast University. Training is likely to be initiated as early as the beginning of 2022. It is anticipated that the training will be brought to the respective local hazmat teams, primarily adjacent to Florida's Ports and/or those with marine capabilities.

HMEP PLANNING PROGRAM/FACILITY DISASTER PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE (FDPS) - Mr. Meyer indicated 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 - John Meyer 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 across Tampa Bay LEPC’s six County District. This year’s funding has been fully allocated with today’s conduct of the final day of three 8-Hr. *Hazmat Chemistry* courses hosted on consecutive days in three different Counties. The HMEP Program is ultimately funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation and all courses must include at least a transportation component or nexus.

Mr. Meyer additionally mentioned that the HMEP Training Subcommittee met earlier this morning and solicited initial training proposals to be considered under the Tampa Bay LEPC’s anticipated FY 2021-22 HMEP Program.

The following training proposals were identified and tentatively approved for funding:

- Capt. Mike Bloski requested authorization to sponsor the *2022 Hazmat Symposium* at the identical level as was last sponsored in 2020. That level was:

AGENCY	ATTEN-DEES	LODGING (# OF ROOMS/NIGHTS)
Citrus County Fire Rescue	4	2 Rooms x 4 Nights
Hernando County Fire Rescue	4	2 Rooms x 4 Nights
Hillsborough Co. Fire Rescue	4	2 Rooms x 4 Nights
Southern Manatee Fire Rescue	4	2 Rooms x 4 Nights
Pasco County Fire Rescue	6	3 Rooms x 4 Nights
Pinellas County Hazmat Team	8	4 Rooms x 4 Nights
Tampa Fire Rescue	4	2 Rooms x 4 Nights
FL National Guard/48 th CST	2	1 Room X 4 Nights
FL Professional FF/SERC Member	1	0 Rooms X 0 Nights
	37	18 Rooms X 4 Nights

The lodging component does/did involve a maximum of \$150/night/room, up to four nights, but did mandate double-occupancy rooms and the need to utilize their agency's tax exempt status in association with payment. Approved attendees will be tasked with self registering for the conference but requested not to pay the registration cost. Alternatively, registration costs of all approved Tampa Bay attendees will be issued in the form of a single check issued by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council/Tampa Bay LEPC in advance of the event. Lodging payments will be issued in the form of reimbursements upon submittal of sufficient documentation and subject to the lodging terms referenced above. As proposed, the *2022 Hazmat Symposium* results in a projected cost of approximately \$19,000, inclusive of the imposition of a *Course Management Fee*.

- Chief Kenneth Wannan requested authorization to fund nine Hernando County Fire Rescue personnel to attend a 160-Hr. Hazmat Technician Certification Course to be held at the Florida State Fire College/Marion Technical College. Inclusive of payment of Certification Fees and a Course Management Fee to be imposed, the proposal was estimated to cost ~ \$8,000.
- Capt. Mike Bloski requested authorization to fund an “in-house” 160-Hr. *Hazmat Technician Certification Course* for 12 Southern Manatee Fire Rescue personnel to be held at their facility. Inclusive of course materials, Certification Fees, a Course Management Fee and all other expenses, the proposal was estimated to cost about \$11,000.
- Chief Robert Bassett (St. Petersburg Fire Rescue) identified the Pinellas County Hazmat Team is interested in seeking *Drone Training Course(s)* to be held for a unidentified number of Hazmat Team personnel. Also not identified was an estimated cost and whether the referenced training would be on-line or in-person.
- Capt. Bloski mentioned that he will research the possibility and cost associated with obtaining “quality” *Class B Foam* training courses for the benefit of the entire District.
- Chief Anthony Perez (Tampa Fire Rescue) mentioned he will communicate amongst their staff to determine potential courses that would be most beneficial to them in FY 2021-22. Mr. Meyer reminded Chief Perez that any/all HMEP-funded courses must, at minimum, include a transportation component.
- Sandy Brooking (Pinellas County EMS/Fire Administration & Support to the Pinellas County Hazmat Team) was unable to attend the Subcommittee meeting. Pinellas County does typically requests various training courses annually, most involving a cost-share component with the LEPC. It is anticipated that Ms. Brooking will identify the training courses being requested by the Pinellas County Hazmat Team in FY 2021-22 in conjunction with our next HMEP meeting (i.e. November 17th), if not earlier.

The following constitute a current listing of TB LEPC's FY 2020-21 HMEP Training Program expenditures:

QUAR-TER	DATE(S)	#	HO-URS	COURSE NAME	LOCATION	STUD-ENTS	EXPENSES	CUMULA-TIVE \$	REMAIN-ING \$	PROJ-ECT #
INITIAL FY 2020-21 GRANT AMOUNT → \$75,880.21 (BASE CONTRACT) + \$15,947.21 (CARRYOVER FROM FY 2019-20) = \$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)	3/01-3/05	1	16	<i>Drone Part 107 Training Course</i>	Pinellas	15	\$4,211.92 ^{1/2/10}	\$ 4,211.92	\$ 87,615.50	146017

TR	DATE(S)	#	URS	COURSE NAME	LOCATION	ENTS	EXPENSES	TIVE \$	ING \$	ECT #
3 (4/01 - 6/30/21)	2/15-4/12	1	160	Hazmat Technician Certification Course	Hernando	3	\$ 2,785.86 ^{1/2/4}	\$ 6997.78	\$ 84,829.64	146010
	4/21	1	8	Hazmat IQ: Above/Below-the-Line®	Pinellas	23	\$ 6,305.40 ^{1/2/4}	\$13,303.18	\$ 78,524.24	146016
	[Various] 5/21-6/10	1	16	Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Ground School (ON-LINE Drone Training) & FAA Licenses	Hernando	9	\$ 3,500.31 ^{1/2/3}	\$16,803.49	\$ 75,023.93	146012
	6/14-6/16	3	8	Hazmat IQ: Above/Below-the-Line®	Hillsborough & Others	87	\$16,976.19 ^{1/2/11}	\$33,779.68	\$ 58,047.74	146018
	3/15-6/18	1	160	Hazmat Technician Certification Course	Pinellas	20	\$21,000.00 ^{1/2/7}	\$54,779.68	\$ 37,047.74	146014
4 (7/01 - 9/30/21)	7/19-7/23	1	40	Hazmat Medic® Course	Pinellas	30	\$ 9,100.00 ^{1/2/6}	\$63,879.68	\$ 27,947.74	146013
	6/14-8/09	1	160	Hazmat Technician Certification Course	Hernando	1	\$ 1,000.00 ^{1/2/5}	\$64,879.68	\$ 26,947.74	146011
	6/14-8/09	1	160	Hazmat Technician Certification Course	Pasco	20	\$18,320.00 ^{1/2/1}	\$82,199.68	\$ 8,627.74	146015
	8/23-8/25	3	8	Chemistry for Fire Responder: Understanding for Better Tactical Advantage	Manatee, Pinellas & Pasco	90	\$9,000.00 ^{1/2/12}	\$91,199.68	[\$ 372.26]	146019

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 AND THE FINAL COSTS ARE REFLECTED.

BLUE HIGHLIGHTED TEXT, IF/WHERE APPLICABLE, SIGNIFIES THAT THE TRAINING PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED AND APPROVED FOR CONDUCT BY FDEM/USDOT. THE TRAINING WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONDUCTED/COMPLETED BUT FINAL COSTS HAVE NOT BEEN TABULATED/REFLECTED.

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.

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.

GREEN HIGHLIGHTED TEXT, IF/WHERE APPLICABLE, SIGNIFIES THAT THE TRAINING PROPOSAL REMAINS TENTATIVE ONLY AND/OR SUBJECT TO FUTURE PURSUIT AND APPROVAL.

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/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 actual cost for the on-line 16-Hr. <i>Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Ground School</i> (i.e. Drone Course) for Hernando County was \$3,500.31 inclusive of acquisition of the students’ corresponding FAA licenses [i.e. \$1,791.00 Course Registration (\$199 X 9 Students) + \$1,557 FAA Licenses (\$173 X 9 students) + \$152.31/CM fee].
4	The actual cost for the 160-Hr. <i>Hazmat Technician Certification</i> course for 3 students from Hernando County was \$2,785.86 [i.e. \$2,370.00 Course Registration (\$790 X 3 Students) + \$132 Pearson Vue Testing Center Fees (\$44 X 3 students) + \$30 State Test Application Fees (\$31 X 3 Student) + \$253.86/CM fee].
5	The projected cost for the 160-Hr. <i>Hazmat Technician Certification</i> 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. <i>Hazmat Medic</i> 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. <i>Hazmat Technician Certification</i> course for 20 students from Pinellas County is \$22,500.00 [i.e. \$21,500 for portion of Course Fees + \$1,000.00/CM fee]. The remaining \$6,500.00 in Course Fees will be paid by Pinellas County as well as any/all Pearson Vue Testing Center Fees and/or State Test Application Fees that may be applicable.
8	The projected cost for the 160-Hr. <i>Hazmat Technician Certification</i> course for 20 students from Pasco County is \$18,320.00 [i.e. \$15,800.00 Course Registration (\$790 X 20 Students) + \$880.00 Pearson Vue Testing Center Fees (\$44 X 20 students) + \$600.00 State Test Application Fees (\$30 X 20 Student) + \$1,040.00/CM fee].
9	The actual cost for one 8-Hr. <i>Hazmat IQ: Above-the-Line/Below-the-Line®</i> Course primarily for members of the Pinellas County Hazmat Team was \$6,305.40 [i.e. \$5,950.00 for Vendor + \$355.40/CM fee]. This proposal constituted the chemistry component of the concurrent 160-Hr. <i>Hazmat Technician Certification</i> course listed under Footnote #7 above.

10	The actual cost to the Tampa Bay LEPC for the 40-Hr. <i>Drone Part 107 Training</i> course for Pinellas County was \$4,211.92 (i.e. \$3,975 for portion of Instructors + \$236.92 Course Management Fee). The remaining \$3,555.00 in Vendor Fees are being paid by Pinellas County as well as the costs associated with acquisition of the FAA Licenses for each of the 15 Students.
11	The actual cost for three 8-Hr. <i>Hazmat IQ: Above-the-Line/Below-the-Line®</i> Course was \$16,976.19 [i.e. \$16,350.00 for Vendor + \$626.19/CM fee]. It is envisioned that the course will be held at the Hillsborough County Public Safety Complex. It is fully anticipated the limit of 30 students per day for this training will be achieved.
12	The <i>projected</i> cost for three 8-Hr. <i>Chemistry for Fire Responder: Understanding for Better Tactical Advantage</i> Courses is \$9,000.00 [i.e. \$8,400 for Vendor + \$600.00/CM fee]. The courses would be held on three consecutive days, with the first day occurring in Manatee County, the second day in Pinellas County and the third day in Pasco County. That way the training opportunity could/would be shared across the LEPC District. Attendance is limited to 30 students per day, which is achievable.

Italicized dollar amounts (in Table above) signify estimated/projected course costs. These estimates will be replaced with actual costs, once determined/tabulated.

TRAINING, WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES - Chair Bassett advised that the SERT TRAC training calendars for FDEM Region 4 & Region 6 were included in the LEPC Agenda materials for the period of August - November 2021 as was obtained on August 3rd. Chair Bassett proceeded to solicit any additional training opportunities.

Ms. Kate Boer (Treasure Coast LEPC Coordinator) identified that their agency will be funding a “406 Tanker” course on September 13-14, 2021 in Stuart, FL. Presently, there are two vacancies for the course. While there would be no cost to attend other than travel expenses, the openings will/would be filled on a “first-come/first-serve” basis. There would be no cost to attend the training aside from the associated travel expenses. If interested, please e-mail Ms. Boer at kboer@tcrpc.org.

Mr. Gary Frank mentioned that Radiological training was provided to the Pinellas County Hazmat Team in June 2021. Mr. Frank also acknowledged that he serves as an Adjunct Professor for the Florida State Fire College and can provide similar training in other counties.

No additional training opportunities were identified by the attendees.

TAMPA BAY LEPC HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN/2021 UPDATE - Mr. Meyer advised that LEPC staff did complete and submit the 2021 update of the *Tampa Bay LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan* in accordance with FDEM Contract requirements. Such update will be evaluated by FDEM staff and submitted for approval by the SERC, typically in conjunction with their October meetings. Shortly following the granting of such approval, LEPC staff will provide electronic copies of the updated Plan to all required agencies and will promptly post the updated document to the Tampa Bay LEPC website.

FY 2020-21 RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN AUDIT/INSPECTION SCHEDULE. Mr. Meyer reminded attendees that the SERC approved the FY 2021-22 Risk Management Plan Schedule proposed by FDEM. In order to compensate for those inspections which were cancelled in FY 2020-21 on account of COVID, the schedule is quite ambitious with an average of four facilities being assessed each month, for a total of 48. This year, there were nine facilities to be evaluated in the Tampa Bay Area, all within Hillsborough County or its affiliated municipalities. Those facilities are/were:

- Port Sutton Ammonia Terminal (a/k/a “Yara”);
- Tampa Port Services - Port Sutton (a/k/a “Mosaic”)
- Western International Gas
- David L. Tippin Water Treatment Facility
- Yuengling Brewery Company of Tampa
- Buckeye Tampa Butane Rail
- ~~Annuvia/Mosaic – Plant City Facility~~ [To be Rescheduled]
- ~~Saputo Dairy Farms USA~~ [To be Rescheduled]
- ~~Americold Logistics~~ [To be Rescheduled]

However, the latter three were postponed on account of an incident which came up with one of the two FDEM assessment teams which precluded their facilitation of those particular July 2021 assessments of which the audits/inspections have yet to be rescheduled.

2021 ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON PROJECTION UPDATE - Mr. Meyer stated that meteorologists from Colorado State University have updated their forecasts of the 2021 Atlantic Hurricane Season in July 2021 from their initial projections made in April 2021. In summary, the number of projected Named Storms in 2021 has increased from 17 to 20, the number of projected Hurricanes has increased from 8 to 9 and the number of Major Hurricane has remained constant at 4. It is believed that these increases are primarily attributable to the heightened tropical activity that has transpired early in the 2021 season.

RECENT HAZMAT INCIDENTS IN THE TAMPA BAY LEPC DISTRICT- Chair Bassett recognized that the LEPC Agenda materials included a listing of the 91 hazardous materials incidents which occurred in the Tampa Bay LEPC District and were reported to the State Watch Office between May 1 - July 31, 2021. Those incidents were sorted by County.

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.

LEPC member Lance Connors congratulated Barbara Tripp to her new position as Fire Chief of Tampa Fire Rescue. He additionally welcomed her and her associate (Chief Anthony Perez) to the LEPC.

No other business or comments were identified by members in attendance.

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 November 17th. In addition, it has not been formally determined, at this point, whether this meeting will be held in person, virtual or some sort of combination of the two. Given the recent surge in COVID cases being experienced in the Tampa Bay area, the State and the Nation, the safety of LEPC members and guests will be paramount in ultimately determining the meeting format for the next and future meetings. Any decision to continue with conduct of virtual meetings would also need to be authorized by the Florida Division of Emergency Management as Contract Manager of the annual LEPC Staff Services Contract. Mr. Meyer will advise LEPC members and guests of the decision sufficiently in advance of our next scheduled meeting.

ADJOURNMENT - Upon a motion made by LEPC member Wes Morse and a second by Joe Mastandrea, Chair Bassett closed the LEPC meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted and signed this 17th day of November, 2021



John Meyer, Coordinator



Robert Bassett, Chair