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**MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT 10 LOCAL EMERGENCY  
PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**  
*August 2, 2012*

**Committee Members**

Carberry, Edward  
Dunn, Cheryl  
Dunne, Cheryl  
Engel, Norm  
Gannon, Ana  
Graff, Steven  
Guertin, Stephanie (Alternate)  
Holland, Joseph (Alternate)  
Holman, John  
LoPresti, Etta  
Nelson, Joe (Alternate)  
Perkins, Richard  
Seldes, Paul  
Sisilli, Alane (Alternate)  
Valle, Carlos  
Vogt, Charles  
Waite, Sally  
Zabel, Dennis

**Members Absent**

Anderson, Mark  
Bushman, Chris, Chairman  
DiFruscio, Anthony  
Laryea, Nicholas  
Lasaga, Frank  
Lux, Harry  
McCartt, Jack  
McCaughy, Debra  
Meding, Paul  
Norris, Peter  
Passanesi, Joseph  
Peterson, Vince  
Phillips, Tom  
Rawicz, Dave  
Sperber, Clint  
Stewart, Barry

**Occupational Category**

Transportation (Sysco Southeast Florida, LLC)  
Health (Indian River County Health Department)  
Facility Operator (Syngenta Crop Protection)  
Firefighting (City of Boca Raton Fire Rescue)  
Local Environmental (Department of Environmental Protection)  
Law Enforcement (City of Stuart Police Department)  
Health (Martin Memorial Health Systems)  
Facility Operator (Syngenta Crop Protection)  
Law Enforcement (City of Port St. Lucie Police Department)  
Emergency Management (Indian River County)  
Firefighting (Palm Beach County Fire Rescue)  
Facility Operator (City of Port St. Lucie Utility Systems)  
Interested Citizen (ntb Group, LLC)  
Facility Operator (City of Port St. Lucie Utility Systems)  
Firefighting (Pratt & Whitney – Rocketdyne)  
Health (Indian River County Health Department)  
Emergency Management (Palm Beach County)  
Local Environmental (Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute)

**Occupational Category**

Firefighting (Palm Beach County Fire Rescue)  
Firefighting (St. Lucie County Fire District)  
Health (Martin Memorial Health Systems)  
Facility Operator (Indiantown Cogeneration L.P.)  
Emergency Management (City of Stuart)  
Interested Citizen (Hazmat & Safety Solutions, Inc.)  
Interested Citizen  
Emergency Management (Martin County)  
Facility Operator (Cliff Berry, Incorporated)  
Facility Owner and Operator (Scripps Research Institute)  
Law Enforcement (Martin County Sheriff's Office)  
Emergency Management (Tropicana Products, Inc.)  
Interested Citizen  
Facility Operator (Cheney Brothers, Inc.)  
Health (St. Lucie County Health Department)  
Local Environmental (Hazardous Waste Services)

Thompson, Greg  
Wilson-Davis, Lisa  
Wouters, Dan

Interested Citizen (Sun Sentinel)  
Non-Elected Local Official (City of Boca Raton)  
Firefighting (Martin County Fire Rescue)

**Staff**

Kathryn Boer  
Penny Myszkowski

TCRPC/LEPC District 10, Coordinator  
TCRPC/LEPC District 10, Staff

**Visitors**

Kenton L. Brown

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

***APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF AUGUST 2, 2012 MEETING***

Officer Steven Graff moved approval of the August 2, 2012 agenda. Ms. Etta LoPresti seconded **Motion** the motion, which carried unanimously.

***APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – MAY 24, 2012***

Sergeant John Holman moved approval of the May 24, 2012 minutes. Chief Norman Engel **Motion** seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

***NEW BUSINESS***

**State Emergency Response Commission Meeting**

Staff reported the last State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) meeting was held in Jacksonville on July 13, 2012. The SERC Training Task Force (TTF) meeting was held on July 12th and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Chairs and Staff meeting was held July 12<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Boer briefed the District 10 LEPC on the following new business:

**2012 District 10 Biennial Appointments**

Staff submitted the District 10 LEPC membership roster to the SERC for re-appointment of members to serve for the next two year term. The roster was approved and members were re-appointed to serve. Staff noted that there are some empty spots in our LEPC that have been difficult to fill, i.e. media. Staff welcomes suggestions to fill this spot.

**Hazardous Materials and Explosive Ordinance Teams Integration Protocol**

Captain Nelson said the State TTF is working to develop guidance protocol for hazmat teams and bomb disposal teams to work together during response. Each team has specialty knowledge that can help the other. The fire department does medical monitoring, rescue work, and technical support and the Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) teams provide chemical expertise. Captain Nelson said that Orlando is one of the places that the fire department is the EOD team but in most places it is a law enforcement function.

A draft document of the Special Operations Guideline for Bomb Threats/Suspicious Package/Device in Possession and Post Blast is included in the meeting agenda package.

### **Hazardous Materials Incident Reports**

Tables 1, 2, and 3 list incidents for the period of March 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012. Table 1 lists hazardous materials incidents that are potential Section 304 investigations. Currently there are none for the Treasure Coast region. Table 2 lists fixed facility hazardous materials incidents with evacuations, injuries and deaths. Table 3 is transportation incidents with evacuations, injuries, and death. There were no Potential Section 304 Investigations for the Treasure Coast region listed on Table 1. Staff reported that there was a fatality that resulted from a chlorine gas release at Coastal Chemical in Palm Beach County and the State and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are working with the facility to ensure EPCRA compliance. A site visit will be conducted on August 29, 2012. Staff will attend.

Graphs I and II provided information on hazardous materials incident reports from January 1, 2000 through May 31, 2012. Graph II compares incidents that occurred at fixed facilities to those involving transportation related incidents during the same time period. The full report is on the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) website under SERC Agenda.

### **Local Emergency Planning Committee Chairs Meeting Update**

Captain Nelson attended the LEPC Chairs and Staff meeting on July 12, 2012 in Jacksonville. He said the unofficial retirement of the Chair of Chairs, Mr. George Danz, took place with no quorum present to accept Mr. Danz's resignation. Mr. Danz has moved to the west coast of Florida. Ms. Jennifer Hobbs, Chair of the District 6 LEPC, was elected the new Chair of Chairs by the staff and chairs to serve as the Statewide Chair of the LEPC's and a new SERC member.

Captain Nelson noted that Fire Rescue East is a forum that takes place in Daytona annually. This next year the forum will include training classes on hazardous materials. Captain Nelson said that most of the instructors who will be at the Fire Rescue East Forum are volunteering their time and asking only for assistance with travel.

Staff welcomed Kenton Brown who is the new Supervisor at Florida Department of Environmental protection (FDEP). He was formerly an integral part of the District 4 LEPC and will be nominated for District 10. Ms. Gannon inquired about Mr. Kenton becoming the primary LEPC member with her as his alternate member. Ms. Gannon will forward a letter to staff requesting the change.

### **State Training Task Force Update – Captain Nelson**

The State TTF met on July 12, 2012 in Jacksonville. Captain Nelson attended and reported that Roger Rankin, radiological preparedness planner for FDEM, is a new member of the TTF. Staff said that so far she has not been able spend Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) dollars on classes that are not transportation related or extremely hazardous substance related. There have been requests for radiological training.

Captain Nelson reported that the TRANSCAER Initiative covers moving hazardous materials by rail car. Mr. Paul Witherspoon, FDEM, has become the coordinator for state training on chlorine

and ethanol. He hopes to have grant funding available to cover cost of travel and back fill for attendees. Staff said that LEPC members and alternates may be able to utilize HMEP funds for travel to training.

Captain Nelson said there was a petition to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to change the emergency planning zones from 10 miles to 25 miles and expand the emergency response zone of 50 miles to 100 miles.

He also reported that the Drug Enforcement Agency is cutting back response to methamphetamine labs and collecting and storing of samples. Chief Engel suggested joint training with hazmat and EOD might be a possibility. Mr. Brown told the committee about a program that offers training and actually shows the participants how these methamphetamine labs operate. The training is based in St. Petersburg but he can come to a facility. He will send information regarding the course and contact information to staff. Ms. Dunn suggested we wait until after the election for the new sheriff in November to hold the training. Staff said a Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Emergency Response Team exercise was conducted in 2010 that dealt with biological sampling and evidence collection. The next exercise will be held in Tallahassee in 2013. Staff said a division of the FDEP, the Emergency Response Team will exercise sampling and evidence collection protocols.

#### **Presentation – Region 5 Combined Strike Team Exercise – Ms. Cheryl Dunn**

Cheryl Dunn presented a powerpoint on the 2012 Regional Domestic Security Task Force (RDSTF) Environmental Health Strike Team exercise that was held in Indian River County. The Region 5 RDSTF and Department of Health (DOH) support two teams, one for the northern counties and one for the southern counties. The nine counties include Volusia, Lake, Seminole, Orange, Osceola, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, and Martin. Ms. Dunn is the DOH Strike Team leader for the south area. Thirty six trained environmental health professionals serve as volunteers and seven as site team leaders. Ms. Dunn said that this region is the only one in the state that has two fully trained members with backup and is considered a Type 2 Team with a number of specialized teams. They have an assessment form for environmental health in gathering data in the field and trained radiological workers and kits. In 2008 they were part of a team deployed to the Iowa floods to check for mold, carbon monoxide, etc.

Ms. Dunn said they conduct training and exercises during the year. In 2011 there was a tabletop exercise in Volusia County and a functional radiological health exercise at Cypress Creek High School last July. In January, 2012 they participated in an online joint Environmental Health/Epidemiology EH/EPI Integrated Strike Team functional national exercise. Food and agricultural safety understanding were examined in a food born outbreak exercise involving an elementary school awards banquet at a local restaurant. The teams had a chance to work together and exercise the state's plans and resources. Ms. Dunn said there are seven different regulatory food service agencies in the state. Staff requested a copy of the After Action Report from the exercise.

## ***REPORTS***

### **Planning Subcommittee**

Staff reported that the Planning Subcommittee has updated the District 10 Regional Hazardous Materials Response Plan. The plan was submitted to the FDEM, was approved and is on the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council website under the LEPC section. An exercise will be planned involving a tabletop hybrid functional scenario. Planners and evaluators will be needed for the exercise in the next few months. Staff said an exercise requirement can be coupled with another exercise or training requirement and implemented into the upcoming exercise.

### **Public Information Exchange**

Staff said informational materials relating to hazardous materials from agencies can be forwarded to her to be posted on the District 10 LEPC website. Captain Nelson said that next year's Hazardous Materials Awareness Week will not be a unified theme. Each region can develop their own theme according to their own hazardous materials need. Staff requested ideas from membership.

### **Local Emergency Planning Committee Activities**

A list of the planning activities since the previous meeting of May 24, 2012 was included in the agenda packet. Staff is working on the Post Disaster Redevelopment Plans with St. Lucie and Indian River Counties. Martin County completed their plan in June 2012 and Palm Beach County is working to enhance the current plan. This work includes vulnerability analyses, and long term disaster recovery planning for counties.

### **Contract Activities Update**

#### Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness

The 2011/2012 HMEP grant provides annual funding for hazardous materials-related training to the region's first responders and for specific planning projects. It was requested that any specific training requests be submitted to Staff.

#### *Training*

Staff reported that during the third quarter of the 2011/2012 contract cycle, the District 10 LEPC sponsored one Air Monitoring class in St. Lucie County and an Air Monitoring class in Boca Raton. In addition, a 16-hour Hazardous Materials Incident Commander class was held in Palm Beach County.

Upcoming classes include a 24-hour Hazardous Materials Waste Operations (Hazwoper) for the Responder in late September. Mr. Brown said that a person who wears a respirator for his job requires a 40-hour training, otherwise the 24-hour training is sufficient.

Hazardous Analyses

Staff reported that the St. Lucie County 2011/2012 Hazardous Analysis Agreement has been received from the FDEM on behalf of St. Lucie County. Site visits will begin in October to facilities that store or manufacture Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS's).

**Membership**

On July 13, 2012, the SERC met to consider LEPC district's nominations for membership. The SERC approved and appointed the following new members to the District 10 LEPC:

New Primary Members

New Alternate Members

Chief Norm Engel  
Boca Raton Fire Rescue  
Occupational Category: Firefighting

Chief Michelle Murphy (Chief Engel)  
Boca Raton Fire Rescue  
Occupational Category: Firefighting

Mr. Richard Perkins  
City of Port St. Lucie Utility Systems Dept.  
Occupational Category: Local Option (Safety)

Ms. Alane Sisilli (Mr. Perkins)  
City of Port St. Lucie Utility Systems Dept.  
Occupational Category: Local Option (Safety)

Sergeant John Holman  
City of Port St. Lucie Police Dept.  
Occupational Category: Law Enforcement

Mr. Dominick Mesiti (Sergeant Holman)  
City of Port St. Lucie Police Dept.  
Occupational Category: Law Enforcement

Ms. Debra McCaughey  
Martin County Emergency Management Agency  
Occupational Category: Emergency Management

***COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND STAFF***

None.

***COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

Ms. LoPresti said that on October 9-12, 2012, Indian River County will hold a Planning Section Chief class. For more information, register at [www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org)

Paul Seldes mentioned the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA) basic academy is tentatively scheduling a training for St. Lucie County EOC in the beginning of March, 2013. It is a seven day intensive training session in emergency management. It will replicate an actual deployment working twelve and fourteen hour days and participants will stay overnight in a bunk space. Mr. Seldes will forward final information to staff.

***PUBLIC COMMENTS***

None.

***NEXT MEETING***

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2012, in Boca Raton. The remaining meeting date for 2012 is November 1, 2012. The 2013 dates are listed here for your planning convenience:

February 7, 2013  
May 2, 2013  
August 1, 2013  
November 7, 2013

***ADJOURNMENT***

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.