



**MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT 10 LOCAL EMERGENCY
PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
May 24, 2012**

Committee Members

Carberry, Edward
Dunn, Cheryl
Gannon, Ana
Graff, Steven
Harshburger, Daniel (Alternate)
Holland, Joseph (Alternate)
Holman, John
Lasaga, Frank
Lux, Harry
Meding, Paul
Nelson, Joe (Alternate)
Norris, Peter
Phillips, Tom
Rawicz, Dave
Seldes, Paul
Stewart, Barry
Strock Dianne (Alternate)
Thompson, Greg
Zabel, Dennis

Members Absent

Anderson, Mark
Bushman, Chris, Chairman
DiFruscio, Anthony
Dunne, Cheryl
Laryea, Nicholas
LoPresti, Etta
McCartt, Jack
McCaughy, Debra
Nadeau, Larry
O'Malley, John
Passanesi, Joseph
Peterson, Vince
Sperber, Clint

Occupational Category

Transportation (Sysco Southeast Florida, LLC)
Health (Indian River County Health Department)
Local Environmental (Department of Environmental Protection)
Law Enforcement (City of Stuart Police Department)
Fire Rescue (Martin County Fire Rescue)
Facility Operator (Syngenta Crop Protection)
Law Enforcement (City of Port St. Lucie Police Department)
Emergency Management (City of Stuart)
Interested Citizen (Hazmat & Safety Solutions, Inc.)
Facility Operator (Cliff Berry, Incorporated)
Firefighting (Palm Beach County Fire Rescue)
Facility Owner and Operator (Scripps Research Institute)
Interested Citizen
Facility Operator (Cheney Brothers, Inc.)
Interested Citizen (ntb Group, LLC)
Local Environmental (Hazardous Waste Services)
Health (Palm Beach County Health Department)
Interested Citizen (Sun Sentinel)
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 (Syngenta Crop Protection)
Facility Operator (Indiantown Cogeneration L.P.)
Emergency Management (Indian River County)
Interested Citizen
Emergency Management (Martin County)
Emergency Management (City of Port St. Lucie)
Health (Palm Beach County Health Department)
Law Enforcement (Martin County Sheriff's Office)
Emergency Management (Tropicana Products, Inc.)
Health (St. Lucie County Health Department)

Valle, Carlos
Waite, Sally
Wilson-Davis, Lisa
Wouters, Dan

Firefighting (Pratt & Whitney – Rocketdyne)
Emergency Management (Palm Beach County)
Non-Elected Local Official (City of Boca Raton)
Firefighting (Martin County Fire Rescue)

Staff

Kathryn Boer
Penny Myszkowski
Peter Merritt

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

Visitors

Maura Heffernan
Norm Engel
Michelle Murphy
Craig Barnard
Alane Sisilli
Richard Perkins
Leonard Krezynski

Pratt & Whitney
City of Boca Raton Fire Rescue
City of Boca Raton Fire Rescue
Sysco Foods
City of Port St. Lucie
City of Port St. Lucie
Indian River State College Student

APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF MAY 24, 2012 MEETING

Mr. Greg Thompson moved approval of the May 24, 2012 agenda. Officer Steven Graff seconded **Motion** the motion, which carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2, 2012

Mr. Greg Thompson moved approval of the February 2, 2012 minutes. Mr. Frank Lasaga seconded **Motion** the motion, which carried unanimously. Staff asked if committee members would like to review the draft minutes of the LEPC meeting before the draft is sent to the State for approval. Members agreed they would like to review them.

NEW BUSINESS

State Emergency Response Commission Meeting

Staff reported the last State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) meeting was held in St. Petersburg on April 24, 2012. The SERC Training Task Force (TTF) meeting was held on April 23rd and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Chairs and Staff meeting held April 23rd was coupled with the National Association of Tier II Program Officials Conference. Ms. Boer briefed the District 10 LEPC on the following new business:

Risk Management Planning Program Audit/Inspection Work Plan

The Risk Management Planning Act requires that facilities carrying large inventories of hazardous chemicals update their Risk Management Plan information each year and submit that information to the State. If there is a release above threshold of the inventory chemicals, a site visit might be required. A list of facilities projected for a site visit by the State RMP staff this year is included in

the agenda. No facilities within the District 10 region are listed in the work plan. If a facility wants to request a visit from the State, please notify staff.

Ms. Maura Heffernan said that OSHA can also visit a facility site, do a chemical audit, and work with safety management.

Mr. Edward Carberry said that Ken Johnson with Innovative Refrigeration might be able to make a presentation regarding chemical inventory. He is based in Virginia and there would be a travel cost involved.

State of Florida Executive Order #12-23 – State Emergency Response Commission

In 1986, the State of Florida designated the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) to come into existence placing facility and public and private agency representatives on that commission. The Executive Order reaffirms the existence of the State SERC, the State Training Task Force, and expands the agencies membership categories that serve on those committees.

Captain Nelson said that the Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs was to chair the SERC. Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) is the Chair. The alternate Chair is the Assistant FDEM Director. The Order also added several categories that were missing in membership requirements in the old executive order. There are 27 categories now. Added were Florida Minerals and Chemistry Council, Department of Economic Opportunity, Space Florida, Utility Industry, and Liquefied Petroleum Gas. The other issue was that a lot of these seats are empty right now. FDEM staff to the SERC will try to fill these seats.

Environmental Protection Agency Memorandum of Understanding

Adding to the agenda, staff said the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the FDEM has been finalized. The MOU requests that industry, when they are fined, would now allow for 75% of the paid fine to be used to fund supplemental environmental projects. These projects would include planning, exercise, training, and equipment. The facility will negotiate with the EPA and FDEM as to how the funds will be used and the LEPCs will be consulted as to the application of projects in the regions. The LEPCs would like to know which environmental projects would be most useful as a supplemental project for the region. Eventually projects will be developed that facilities can engage in to benefit their respective regions.

Captain Nelson said that last year there was \$11 million in fines in the State of Florida. He said it is voluntary that the facility does a supplemental project or just pays the fine. Staff said that in the upcoming LEPC Chairs meeting in July, she will try to raise discussions of some parameters of the environmental project ideas.

Statewide Commodity Flow Study

Also adding to the agenda, staff said the Statewide Commodity Flow Study will be conducted this year. Hazardous materials coming in and out of the state by the four busiest Florida ports (Miami, Port Everglades, Tampa, and Jacksonville) will be studied first. Eventually the LEPC will be helping update the study with information from our region. The Regional Commodity Flow Study

Project was chosen as our project this year. Most of the information will be gathered with the Department of Transportation (DOT). Etta LoPresti, Indian River, will be working with staff in observing the trucks going through the weigh stations on the highway. There is a weigh station in Palm City and one on I-95 south of Stuart.

Captain Nelson said that the modeling on a project that the State of North Carolina did generated a map showing where commodities go and how much. It includes rail, roads, and ports to major destinations.

Hazardous Materials Incident Reports

Tables 1, 2, and 3 list incidents for the period of December 1, 2011 through February 29, 2012. Table 1 lists hazardous materials incidents that are potential Section 304 investigations. There is one listed for Martin County and one for Palm Beach County. Table 2 lists a natural gas incident in Palm Beach County and Table 3 is transportation incidents with evacuations, injuries, and death, with none for our region.

Local Emergency Planning Committee Chairs Meeting Update

Staff said the LEPC Chairs and Staff meeting was held April 23, 2012 in St. Petersburg. The supplemental environmental project from the EPA Memorandum of Understanding was discussed. The training calendar for FDEM was also discussed. LEPC coordinators and planners will be given the administrative rights to the new training calendar that the state has developed. It will be advertised statewide for the eleven regions. It will generate rosters, sign-in sheets, classes, and certificates. The upcoming Air Monitoring class will be advertised on the new calendar.

State Training Task Force Update – Captain Nelson

The State (TTF) met on April 23, 2012 in St. Petersburg. Captain Nelson attended and reported the training symposium for Fire Rescue East is an annual conference the City of Daytona hosted by the Florida Fire Chiefs Association. They would like to partner with the LEPCs and FDEM to have a hazards materials training at the conference. The only cost would be to pay for some instructors for the classes. The list of classes will be available at the July TTF meeting.

Captain Nelson said the TTF discussed Oil Spill Response Training. He reviewed the oil leak incident in the Gulf and said EPA didn't recognize the Florida 160 hour hazmat technician curriculum as being adequate to respond to the cleanup. They required everyone to take a 40 hour Hazardous Waste Operations for Emergency Response training specific to oil cleanup in a marine environment. The SERC requested OSHA to make available a 4 hour on-line training module for state certified hazmat materials technicians.

Captain Nelson said the members discussed expanding the membership of the TTF to include someone from the State Radiological Emergency Preparedness program.

Also discussed were hazardous materials teams and explosives disposal teams, or bomb squads. Captain Nelson said that in much of the State, with the exception of Orlando, the bomb disposal is done by the police/sheriff and the hazmat is done by the fire department based response teams. The fire department can provide medical support and technical expertise to the bomb squad and the

bomb squad has specialized knowledge of energetic materials, robots, and tools and training. The TTF is encouraging hazmat and the bomb squads to integrate within the state. An 8-hour curriculum was recommended to be included in the existing 160 hour training curriculum for hazmat technicians

REPORTS

Planning Subcommittee

The Planning Subcommittee is working on organizing the Commodity Flow Study and reviewing staff updates on the Hazardous Materials Response Plan. Staff will make this plan available to members when it is completed.

Public Information Exchange

Staff asked for any informational materials relating to hazardous materials from members' agencies that they would like posted on the District 10 LEPC website.

Mr. Norris said there are plans with the FBI and the Jupiter Police to do a tabletop drill. It will be open to the public. Staff said that the LEPC could provide evaluators for the exercise and any notification of the upcoming exercise.

Cheryl Dunn said they had an exercise for the Region 5 Department of Health. There was an after action report generated. Staff asked if Ms. Dunn would do a presentation on the exercise.

Local Emergency Planning Committee Activities

A list of the planning activities since the previous meeting of February 2, 2011 was included in the agenda packet. Staff is working on the Post Disaster Redevelopment Plans with each county. This work includes vulnerability analyses, land use, and long term disaster recovery planning for counties.

Contract Activities Update

Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness

The 2011/2012 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (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 second quarter of the 2011/2012 contract cycle, the District 10 LEPC sponsored one attendee to the National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials Conference and one Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response class. There is an Air Monitoring class on June 12th in-service delivery in St. Lucie County

Planning

Staff noted that the Commodity Flow Study emphasizing transportation of hazardous materials on major intersections and highways and is in the planning stages.

Hazardous Analyses

Staff reported that the St. Lucie County 2011/2012 Hazardous Analysis was completed and submitted to FDEM. Approval was received. Facilities have been notified by letter that their hazards analysis is available upon request. The hazmat teams and emergency management directors will receive a CAMEO database with this information upon request.

Membership

Captain Nelson welcomed new Primary Member, Mr. Norris, The Scripps Research Institute. Mr. Vogt, Indian River County Health Department, is the new Alternate Member. Staff asked that each primary member try to have an alternate in case they are unable to attend an LEPC meeting.

The SERC also requires that the District 10 LEPC Officers be re-affirmed. Staff said that any changes or additions to membership can be made upon request. In the event Chief Bushman and Captain Nelson are absent, another alternate Vice Chair is needed. Mr. Norris volunteered to be the alternate. Mr. Rawicz motioned that the LEPC establish an alternate Vice Chair position. Ms. Cheryl Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Motion

Motion was made by Mr. Rawicz to nominate Mr. Morris to serve as alternate Vice Chair. Ms. Cheryl Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Motion

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND STAFF

None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2012, at the Indian River Emergency Operations Center. The remaining meeting dates for 2012-2013 are:

August 2, 2012
November 1, 2012

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.