



**MINUTES OF THE TREASURE COAST LOCAL EMERGENCY
PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
November 16, 2017**

Chairman Frank Lasaga welcomed all in attendance, led the pledge of allegiance, and asked for roll call.

Committee Members

Lasaga, Frank, Chairman
Chen, Jauming
Dixel, Louis
*Gantt, Levy "Harrell"
Geier, Mike
Jones, Derrell

Peterson, Vince
Rawicz, Dave

Swete, Carol
Thompson, Gregory
Valle, Carlos
Zabel, Dennis

**denotes Alternate Member*

Occupational Category

Emergency Management (City of Stuart Fire Rescue)
Facility Owner/Operator (St. Lucie County)
Transportation (Florida Department of Transportation)
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Emergency Management (Palm Beach County)
Law Enforcement (Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission)
Emergency Management (Tropicana Products, Inc.)
Facility Owner/Operator (Cheney Brothers, Inc.)
Utility Systems)
Facility Owner/Operator (Scripps Research Institute)
Local Option – Safety (Sysco Southeast Florida, LLC)
Firefighting (Pratt & Whitney)
Local Environmental (Florida Atlantic University)

Absent

Blizzard, Brian
Brennan, David
Dunn, Cheryl

Gojkovich, John
Graff, Steven

Oatley, Aaron
Phillips, Tom
Sanders, Nick
Stewart, Barry
Vilchez, Gustavo
Weaver Sr., Steven M.

Occupational Category

Firefighting (St. Lucie County Fire District)
Owner/Operator (Sysco Southeast Florida, LLC)
Health (Florida Department of Health –
Indian River County)
Local Option/Education (Indian River State College)
Law Enforcement (Jupiter Island Department of Public
Safety)
Firefighting (Boca Raton Fire Rescue)
Local Option – Safety (Palm Beach County)
Hospital (Select Specialty Hospital Palm Beach)
Local Environmental (Zenith Environmental)
Emergency Management (St. Lucie County Public Safety)
Non-Elected Local Official (Realtime Property
Development Services)

Excused

Barrett, Richard
Brown, Kenton

*Burke, Kelley A.
*Duncombe, Wendy

Garfalo, John
Holman, John

Ivey, Rachel
*Koerner, David
Mayer, Timothy

*Mcglynn, Douglas
McKinlay, Melissa, Commissioner
Meding, Paul
Pecci, William
Perkins, Richard

*Rothe, Heather
Rowley, William J.
Seldes, Paul
*Sisilli, Alane
Wolfberg, Steve

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Visitors

Mathew Wallace
Matt Fick
David Dyal
Joey Cudmore

Occupational Category

Facility Owner/Operator (Florida Gas Transmission Co.)
Local Environmental (Florida Department of Environmental Protection)
Elected Official (Palm Beach County)
Health (Florida Department of Health – Palm Beach County)
Facility Owner/Operator (Palm Beach County)
Law Enforcement (City of Port St. Lucie Police Department)
Emergency Management (Indian River County)
Health (Florida Department of Health - St. Lucie County)
Health (Florida Department of Health - Palm Beach County Health)
Firefighting (Palm Beach County Fire Rescue)
Elected Official (Palm Beach County)
Facility Owner/Operator (Cliff Berry, Inc.)
Emergency Management (Martin County)
Facility Owner/Operator (City of Port St. Lucie Utility Systems)
Law Enforcement (City of Stuart Police Department)
Firefighting (Palm Beach County Fire Rescue)
Local Option - Education (ntb Group, LLC)
Facility Owner/Operator (City of Port St. Lucie Hospital (Martin Memorial Health Systems)

Intern, Palm Beach County Emergency Management
City of Delray Beach Fire Rescue
Fire Chief, City of Stuart Fire Rescue
Enforcer One, Incorporated

Staff

Stephanie Heidt
Kim Koho
Thomas J. Lanahan

Intergovernmental/Brownfields Coordinator, TCRPC
Administrative Assistant, TCRPC
Deputy Executive Director, TCRPC

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Lasaga amended the agenda to move the foam demonstration by Joey Cudmore, Enforcer One, Incorporated, to the end of the meeting. Mr. Gregory Thompson moved approval of the November 16, 2017, agenda as amended. Mr. Louis Dixel seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Motion

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 10, 2017

Mr. Thompson moved approval of the August 10, 2017, minutes. Mr. Dixel seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Motion

NEW BUSINESS

State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Meeting

Chairman Lasaga stated the State Emergency Response Commission met on October 27, 2017 in Destin, Florida.

LEPC Regional Response Commission Meeting

Chairman Lasaga said the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) approved the 2017 Treasure Coast Local Emergency Planning Committee's Regional Hazardous Materials Response Plan updates.

2017 Thomas Yatabe Award

Chairman Lasaga said the 2017 Thomas Yatabe Award was given by the SERC to Chief David Dyal, Fire Chief, City of Stuart Fire Rescue.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to Ms. Joan Rivera, Indian River State College; Ms. Lisa Poziomek, Department of Health Martin County; Mr. Thomas Daly, Department of Health St. Lucie County; and Mr. Timothy Mayer, Department of Health Palm Beach County.

Hazardous Materials Incidents Reports

The Florida Division of Emergency Management, State Watch Office provides a quarterly set of tables and graphs to brief regions on Potential Section 304 Investigations; Hazardous Materials & Traffic Incidents with Evacuations, Injuries, and Deaths; Hazardous Materials Incident Reports; and Florida Hazardous Materials Report by Region. Staff includes these tables and graphs in the agenda for membership review of hazardous materials incidents and spills in efforts to enhance notification and awareness of ongoing conditions within the region. The TCLEPC uses several reports to further outreach and education mission aspects of EPCRA. Chairman Lasaga asked if Committee members had questions regarding the tables and graphs, there were no questions or comments.

Local Emergency Planning Committee Chairman and Coordinators Meeting Update

Chairman Lasaga stated that modifications were being made to the competencies of the hazardous materials individual and team assessments. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 472, Standards for Competence of Responders for Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents is the guiding documents for hazmat teams and by opening the rule for Hazardous

Materials Capability Assessment and updating competencies will provide more consistent standards for hazmat individuals and teams.

Chairman Lasaga explained that the State developed a GIS layer for Tier II reporting/302 facilities for Small Quantity Waste Generators and Large Quantity Waste Generators. FDEM staff Robert Deitrich reported at the quarterly Training Task Force meeting that even though there was not enough time for orientation training due to hurricane Irma, the GIS program additional layers worked well. Its development and expansion will be moving forward for use by State hazardous materials teams. Mr. Mike Geier asked if the end use is intended for use at the County level. Chairman Lasaga said that he thought so, at least for Hazards Analysis and emergency management planners since the State GIS data will be layered into local data. He added that as more information is available he will make sure that TCLEPC members are updated.

Chairman Lasaga noted that Mr. Dietrich, FDEM, updated the Statewide LEPCs that personnel changes have been made at FDEM with the new point of contact for LEPC and all Hazards Analyses contracts statewide will be Ms. Donna Ray. He also reported the due to the FDEM personnel reorganization, the new cycle HMEP contracts for training and program management may have been delayed, but will be released soon.

TRAINING TASK FORCE UPDATE – CHAIRMAN FRANK LASAGA

Chairman Lasaga stated that the primary focus of the TTF's discussion centered on NFPA 472, Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents. The language has changed, which needs to be incorporated into the capabilities of the Hazardous Material team assessments along with the individual technician requirements.

Chairman Lasaga said the Opioid response and protective measures recommendations have been approved by the TTF and are in the process of being signed. These recommendations are considered to offer the best guidance in response to opioid hazards focusing on large scale responses that are not always covered in other recommendations being published.

Chairman Lasaga reminded the members that the 2018 Hazmat Symposium and Team Competition deadline for entering a team is December 15, 2017. The Symposium will be held in Daytona Beach, Florida. All attendees are encouraged to register as early as possible on the symposium's website. TCLEPC will pay for the registrations, so please make sure to mark the LEPC sponsorship box when finalizing the Symposium registration. Chairman Lasaga stated that Ms. Boer will email the members with the information regarding the 2018 Hazmat Symposium & Team competition times, dates, and locations. After the Symposium, data will be collected to determine the types of training needed so Florida State Fire College can dedicate funding toward the development and the TCLEPC can offer classes within the region.

PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

Chairman Lasaga asked for any member interested in assisting in the 2018 Tabletop Planning Exercise to contact Ms. Boer. The planning issues will include public notification, shelter-in place/evacuation, hazardous materials identification, and zone modeling. Ms. Boer is currently

updating the Regional Hazardous Materials Response Plan and will forward specific sections of the plan for input and comment.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Chairman Lasaga asked that if anyone had any information that they would like to share with the members to contact Ms. Boer.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Chairman Lasaga stated that TCLEPC staff is currently contracted by St. Lucie County to manage the Small Quantity Waste Generators (SQG) program. This requires annual regulatory compliance site visits for St. Lucie County facilities that generate hazardous waste. Staff is also updating the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) to regional demographics and resources; and reviewing county Comprehensive Emergency Management Response Plans as part of the FDEM review.

CONTRACT ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Chairman Lasaga stated under Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness training, the TCLEPC has sponsored three 160-hr Hazardous Materials Technician Level classes with Delray Beach Fire Rescue, Indian River County Fire Rescue, and St. Lucie County Fire Rescue Departments/Districts in September and October, which included the new hybrid class of 110 hours online and 50 hours hands-on training. He reported that 76 students who completed the classes will sit for the State Hazardous Materials exam. TCLEPC will also sponsor an 8-hr Hazardous Materials Waste Operations for First Responders on December 13, 2017 in Palm Beach County. HMEP 2016/2017 planning project, Response Standard Operating Guidelines for Flammable Liquids Response to Incidents model will be forwarded to regional hazmat teams for review and comments prior to submission to FDEM. TCLEPC staff has completed the first 50 percent of the 2017/2018 Hazards Analysis for St. Lucie County for facilities storing, manufacturing, and/or transporting Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) within the County, which has been submitted to FDEM for review.

MEMBERSHIP

Chairman Lasaga welcomed the following new primary members appointed at the October 27, 2017 SERC meeting: Mr. Jauming Chen, Allied Universal Corporation as a Facility Owner/Operator; and Ms. Carol Swete, Scripps Research Institute, as Local Environmental. Chairman Lasaga then welcomed the alternate members: Mr. Pete Brucall, Allied Universal Corporation was approved as alternate for Mr. Jauming Chen; and Mr. Thomas Carroll, Scripps Research Institute, was approved as alternate for Ms. Carol Swete.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND STAFF

Ms. Stephanie Heidt thanked Florida Department of Transportation for hosting the TCLEPC meeting.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Louis Dixel stated that Mr. Kenton Brown, FDEP, is coordinating a 24-hour Hazwoper Class with FDOT, students attend with no registration fees. Currently 10 persons are signed up but more are needed. The dates will be finalized once the number of attendees needed have registered. The class will be held at FDOT, 7900 Forest Hill Boulevard, West Palm Beach. Please email Mr. Brown as soon as possible to register.

Mr. Geier, Palm Beach County Emergency Management, announced that the Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program (REP) exercise will be February 14, 2018 and will be on a strategic level. It will combine Emergency Operation Centers (EOC) from Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, and Brevard counties and may also include Okeechobee County. Palm Beach County Emergency Management will be conducting a practice exercise on January 17, 2018. Each county will be independently conducting an out-of-sequence field drill with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Chairman Lasaga suggested that he forward the After Action Report to TCLEPC. Mr. Geier explained that FEMA evaluates all off-site participating agencies (those agencies not located at the nuclear power plant) to see how well each Emergency Management Department/Division follows their own plans. Local jurisdictions perform self assessments and therefore the After Action Report does not contain corrective actions. There was additional discussion among members regarding the testing of skills and protocols for different exercises.

Chief Dyal asked if the subjects are sent to the local hospitals once the decontamination section of the exercise is performed so the hospital's responses can be tested. Mr. Geier stated that recently Martin County Emergency Management held its Medical Service Drill (MSD). Bill Pecci and the Martin County Emergency Management team worked with Martin Memorial Hospital on an exercise. The exercise scenario involved a dirty bomb that created moulage injuries including compound fractures. These injuries did not create a trauma code and therefore were transported to a local hospital. Martin Memorial Hospital's control standards, procedures, environmental protection, as well as their PPE's were evaluated. Hospitals are not tested in Palm Beach County because it does not fall into FEMA's responsibility assignment matrix since they are primarily focused on Emergency Operations Center operations, but he is currently trying to include a pool of Palm Beach County's Healthcare Emergency Response Coalition (HERC) into the exercise. Chief Dyal agreed that it would be an interesting opportunity for the HERC members and the Regional Domestic Security Task Force to fund this type of training.

Chairman Lasaga asked if the TCLEPC could provide assistance, Mr. Geier said that 100 volunteers and 50 cars are needed. The volunteers need to drive from the surrounding counties to Okeehelie Park and John Prince Park so that the responders can simulate the monitoring of vehicles and people for radioactive materials and then the people would need to be provided with Potassium Iodine before being released.

Chief Carlos Valle and Chairman Lasaga asked if Mr. Geier could send the dates of the exercise and the contact information to Ms. Boer for distribution to the membership. Chief Valle commented on the great participation from local teams available in the region. Mr. Geier said that he would send the information to Ms. Boer and noted that the registration is done online.

Mr. Dixel said that FDOT was very involved in assisting with cleanup from Hurricane Irma. There were issues with staffing the EOC as specific training is required to be EOC qualified. He asked Mr. Geier when the next EOC training would be available. Mr. Geier said that the training is Web EOC and is offered online only. He directed Chief Valle to contact Mike Resto at 561-712-6400. Chairman Lasaga stated that several more counties will soon be using Web EOC.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Lasaga announced due to the Symposium, the February 1, 2018 meeting will be changed to February 15, 2018. As noted on the agenda, changes in the TCLEPC meeting dates will be scheduled and approved by the membership during each quarterly meeting. If anyone is interested in hosting the next TCLEPC, please let Ms. Boer know, otherwise the meeting can be held at the City of Stuart Fire Rescue Emergency Operations Center and Offices.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lasaga asked for a modified adjournment since the scheduled foam operations presentation is being held outside. Chief Dyal commented on the use of Aqueous Film-Forming Foam Concentrates (AFFF) foam fire retardants made with fluorinated surfactants, a contaminate. Chairman Lasaga stated that chemicals used in AFFFs have been identified along with other contaminants in several Martin County water supply wells, causing closure of the wells. The Committee appreciates the opportunity to look at a cleaner and more environmentally friendly alternative to AFFFs .

Motion

Mr. Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting as modified by Chairman Lasaga. Mr. Dixel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. to attend the presentation.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Cudmore of EnforcerOne, LLC, gave a presentation of FireAde, which are environmentally safe products that use green technology in its manufacturing process and is free from fluorine. FireAde 2000 complies with National Fire Protection Association 18/2006 wetting agent and Underwriters Laboratories 162 foam liquid concentrate. FireAde can be used on all types of fires and was used in the Gulf war because of its cooling capabilities. He explained that water has surface tension and FireAde breaks that tension. It makes the water wetter, so it penetrates the fire more rapidly. FireAde used in water tanks can cool a fire in less time than water or AFFF. FireAde does not corrode, clog or gum tanks or other firefighting equipment. It also creates a blanket of coverage providing protection against fire burn back. He discussed the different types of portable technology and fire

retardant products available. He pointed out that the FireAde's portable extinguisher has a magnetic holder, which makes it easy to transport and provides quick access for responders. Since FireAde does not corrode the holder or the nozzle, it requires no maintenance. Mr. Cudmore concluded his presentation with actual fire demonstrations showing FireAde's capabilities in extinguishing heat and flames.

The meeting officially adjourned at 12:20 p.m.