



**MINUTES OF THE TREASURE COAST LOCAL EMERGENCY
PLANNING COMMITTEE (TCLEPC)
August 9, 2018**

Vice Chair John Garofalo welcomed all in attendance, led the pledge of allegiance, and asked for roll call. Asterisks denote the Alternate is in attendance.

Committee Members

*Burke, Kelley A.
Brown, Kenton

Dixel, Louis
Garofalo, John, Vice Chair
Gantt, Levy "Harrell"
Garzaniti, Jon
Blakeney, Mary
Holman, John
Ivey, Rachel
Mikels, Daniel
*Murphy, Michelle
Pecci, William
Rawicz, Dave
Rothe, Heather
Seldes, Paul
Sisilli, Alane
Valle, Carlos
*Vogt, Charles "CV"

Occupational Category

Elected Official (District 6, Palm Beach County)
Local Environmental (Florida Department of Environmental Protection)
Transportation (Florida Department of Transportation)
Facility Owner/Operator (Palm Beach County)
Transportation (Florida Department of Transportation)
Law Enforcement (Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission)
Emergency Management (Palm Beach County)
Law Enforcement (City of Port St. Lucie Police Department)
Emergency Management (Indian River County)
Firefighting (St. Lucie County Fire Rescue)
Firefighting (City of Boca Raton Fire Rescue)
Emergency Management (Martin County)
Facility Owner/Operator (Cheney Brothers, Inc.)
Law Enforcement (City of Stuart Police Department)
Local Option - Education (ntb Group, LLC)
Facility Owner/Operator (City of Port St. Lucie Utility Systems)
Firefighting (Pratt & Whitney)
Health (Florida Department of Health Indian River County)

Absent

Brennan, David
Chen, Jauming
Gojkovich, John
Graff, Steven
*Koerner, David
Nelson, Joseph

Sanders, Nick
Stewart, Barry
Vilchez, Gustavo
Weaver Sr., Steven M.

Wolfberg, Steve

Occupational Category

Owner/Operator (Sysco Southeast Florida, LLC)
Facility Owner/Operator (St. Lucie County)
Local Option/Education (Indian River State College)
Law Enforcement (Jupiter Island Police Department)
Health (Florida Department of Health - St. Lucie County)
Local Option, Hazmat Special Operations (Palm Beach County Fire Rescue)

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)
Hospital (Martin Health Systems)

Excused

Barrett, Richard
Gonzalez, Jose
King, Matthew
Lasaga, Frank, Chair
Mayer, Timothy
Meding, Paul
Peterson, Vince
Phillips, Tom
Thompson, Gregory
Zabel, Dennis

Occupational Category

Facility Owner/Operator (Florida Gas Transmission Co.)
Firefighting (Palm Beach County Fire Rescue)
Facility Owner/Operator (Tropical Shipping)
Emergency Management (City of Stuart Fire Rescue)
Health (Florida Department of Health Palm Beach County Health)
Facility Owner/Operator (Palmdale Oil Company)
Emergency Management (Tropicana Products, Inc.)
Local Option – Safety (Palm Beach County)
Local Option – Safety (Sysco Southeast Florida, LLC)
Local Environmental (Florida Atlantic University)

Visitors

Dean Beitler
Leanne Cobb
Condell Eastmond

Tropical Shipping
City of Riviera Beach Utility Special District
U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health
Administration
City of Delray Beach Fire Rescue
Diamond R Fertilizer Company
Florida Gas Transmission Company
Martin County Health Department

Matt Fick
Randy Gansert
Mike Laycock
Lisa Poziomek

Staff

Kathryn E. Boer
Kim Koho

TCLEPC Coordinator, TCRPC
Administrative Assistant, TCRPC

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Bill Pecci moved approval of the August 9, 2018, agenda. Mr. Charles Vogt seconded the motion, **Motion** which carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – MAY 24, 2018

Mr. Vogt moved approval of the May 24, 2018 meeting minutes. Vice Chair Garofalo seconded the **Motion** motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

State Emergency Response Commission Meeting

Vice Chair Garofalo noted the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Meeting was held July 13, 2018 in Cocoa Beach, Florida and that he was not able to attend the meeting. He reviewed the meeting notes with the membership. The next meeting is scheduled for October 18 -19, 2018, in Destin, Florida.

Ms. Boer stated that the SERC announced that the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) will be available through the AT&T network. FirstNet was developed to allow public safety agencies and first responders to receive information more quickly.

Hazardous Materials Incidents Report

Ms. Boer stated that the Hazardous Materials incidents reports no longer include data from Hollywood and Fort Lauderdale, only our region's counties. The complete report is available through the Florida Division of Emergency Management, State Watch Office (SWO). She noted to the membership that they can contact the SWO to be included to receive information email notifications or reports, or Ms. Boer will provide a copy upon request.

LEPC Chairs and Coordinators Meeting Update

Vice Chair Garofalo stated the last meeting of the LEPC Chairs and Coordinators meeting was held July 12, 2018 in Cocoa Beach and he reviewed the meeting updates.

Ms. Boer stated that the next SERC meeting is October 18, 2018 in Destin, all new member and alternate membership requests must be submitted to her prior to September 15, 2018 for appointments to be approved at the October 18th meeting.

Ms. Boer said that Ms. LoPresti, Indian River County Emergency Services, represents the TCLEPC as a Hazards Analysis Working Group member. Ms. Boer has requested updates or a brief report from the conference calls and quarterly meetings. The HA Working Group has requested comments on CAMEO issues from users. Ms. Boer will be polling fire rescue departments to see if they are using CAMEO, and what issues they are experiencing. CAMEO should be on fire rescue trucks for first responders to use. Palm Beach County 911/Communications/Dispatch has software they designed is unique in that the system will flag and notify dispatchers of facilities that have hazardous materials present. Ms. Boer can obtain more information for any member that is interested.

Ms. Boer stated that Mr. Michael McClean representing Amtrak provided a presentation on the passenger railway system in relation to emergency response teams and first responders. Ms. Boer said that the presentation is important to the Treasure Coast Region since the Region has FEC and CSX freight rail, Brightline passenger rail, and Amtrak passenger rail and in some cases the tracks for freight and passenger rail run side by side and it is difficult to get after action reports from the rail lines after an incident, so the presentation provided additional insight. Please contact staff if you would like more information about the presentation. If anyone has relationships and/or contact information at FEC or CSX rail line, to please contact her. She would like to invite the rail lines to upcoming exercises.

Chief Carlos Valle stated that he had good contacts for CSX that he would send to Ms. Boer. Ms. Boer stated that since rails are expanding, it will be the topic for the next TCLEPC meeting.

TRAINING TASK FORCE UPDATE

Vice Chair Garofalo stated the last meeting was held July 12, 2018 in Cocoa Beach noting that conference calls are scheduled monthly. The next Quarterly meeting will be October 18, 2018 in Destin, Florida.

Ms. Boer stated that the Hazmat Symposium will be held in Daytona Beach, Florida. Chief Michelle Murphy stated that the dates for the Symposium have been confirmed for January 22 through 25, 2019.

Ms. Boer said that last year TCLEPC sent 52 persons to the symposium which depleted TCLEPC training funds. At the last meeting, it was decided that a cap would be placed on the number of attendee sponsorships. The Committee has always sponsored teams participating at the symposium and the Treasure Coast Region has done exceptionally well in competitions. She asked the Committee for suggestions. Vice Chair Garofalo suggested letting new attendees sign up first. Chief Valle suggested breaking up the number between the four counties for a limited amount of time. After that time, the remaining numbers would be opened up to the region. Ms. Boer said that she would figure out how many teams could be funded and would verify any possible additional FDEM funds that might be available. She will list all the choices on what method we should use to cap the student number for attendance to the Symposium and email the membership.

Ms. Boer stated the TTF project matrix will be available and forwarded to the membership once it has been finalized with the additional projects.

Ms. Boer stated that a Hazardous Materials Safety Officer and Incident Commander training guidelines have been added to the TTF Projects Matrix. LEPCs around the State have been conducting Incident Commander for Hazardous Materials incidents and TCLEPC has held 5-6 classes in the last two years on that training. Ms. Boer stated that the training guidelines for safety officer and incident commander training for hazard materials training is a new project that will be beneficial to everyone since training classes are offered throughout the State of Florida. There will be additional information available regarding cancer and firefighters that she will forward to the membership.

Planning Subcommittee

Ms. Boer stated that the Committee for Operation Road Block Tabletop Exercise for the Palm Beach County – Glades region (Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay) has met for four planning conferences (April 5, June 7, June 26, and August 1). The Committee members have developed the scenario and objectives/tasks. The exercise will be conducted at Pam Beach County Fire Rescue Headquarters in West Palm Beach on August 16, 2018 from 0900 to 1300. If you are able to participate as an evaluator, please contact staff.

The exercise was requested by TCLEPC member and Mayor of Palm Beach County, Ms. Melissa McKinlay to explore the current capabilities and response times for the rural area of the County in the case of a Hazardous materials incident. Planning issues will include public alert & notification, shelter-in-place/evacuation, public safety messaging, and hospital medical surge. The scenario entails a roadway blockage preventing first responder assets from reaching the western area of the County pushing responders to find additional ways of reaching the communities. Methomyl (Lannate), an agricultural pesticide, will be used by an environmental group to contaminate the water supply at a plant in Belle Glade; a crop duster will drop the chemical over two elementary schools, and is spread at the Pahokee Marina creating fish/wildlife kill.

Staff would like to extend many thanks to the following LEPC members who participated in the Planning Committee as stakeholders, but also as subject matter expertise in review and development of

critical elements of the exercise: Louis Dixel (FDOT), Captain Joseph Nelson (PBCFR), Kelley Burke (District 6, Mayor McKinlay), and Mr. Darrell Jones (FFWCC). Each planning committee member is sending their staff to attend the exercise for training.

Public Information Exchange

Please notify the TCLEPC staff/coordinator of information you wish to distribute as public information to the LEPC or wish to post to the webpage. In addition, staff can post exercises, training or planning. Please email the information to staff.

Local Emergency Planning Committee Activities

Ms. Boer conducted an LEPC/EPCRA outreach lecture at the Small Quantity Waste Generator Facility Workshops conducted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Two FDEP/SQG compliance/education workshops were conducted July 30, 2018 for St. Lucie County waste generator facilities. St. Lucie County EHS facilities were also invited to attend as many of these facilities also generate or recycle wastes. Mr. Dixel noted that his staff and many facility staff are in need of cargo manifest training. Ms. Boer said she would request that Mr. Kenton Brown, FDEP and TCLEPC member, provide information on training.

Staff is finalizing the Shelter-In-Place PowerPoint and coordinating with Indian River State College, school superintendents and the Girl and Boy Scouts in the region for training and outreach presentations.

The TCLEPC conducted Operation Road Block tabletop exercise August 16, 2018 at Palm Beach County Fire Rescue headquarters from 0900-1300. One hundred twenty-eight (128) agency personnel plus 12 evaluators, 3 controllers and 2 staff participated in the exercise. Feedback was outstanding. Staff is currently working at pulling the after-action report together, then invitees and staff will be invited to attend a final conference to review the evaluator outcomes. The exercise purpose was to explore response times and deployment of resources to areas outside the urban service area in response to a disaster in rural areas of the County and identify issues that may arise from limited access to the area. Participants were asked to use current response plans and equipment in responding to the scenario and identify strengths and potential improvements; unmet equipment needs and streamline protocols in mass casualty incidents with hazardous materials.

CONTRACT ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Ms. Boer stated that the TCLEPC has received the 2018/2019 Hazards Analysis (HA) grant. The HA grant funds the TCLEPC coordinator to conduct compliance site visits to the facilities that transport, store, manufacture or use Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHSs). Ms. Boer stated that St. Lucie County currently has fifty-six (56) facilities. The Florida Division of Emergency Management requires that 50 percent of the total County facilities be visited each year. Please contact staff if you wish to attend a compliance site visit.

The Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant will be active for funds to sponsor classes etc., as of October 1, 2018. Ms. Boer stated that if members have any particular classes you need in your organization to please contact her. Current training classes requests received include:

Toxicology 8 hours, Hazardous Materials Technician 160 hours (Hybrid online/classroom), two Hazardous Materials Awareness Level and one (1) Chlorine tanker/leak class.

MEMBERSHIP

Ms. Boer welcomed Chief Jose Gonzalez, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, as a new Primary member. She noted that Chief William Rowley, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue will be his alternate. If you do not have an alternate, please consider nominating someone from your agency who may attend meetings in your stead.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COORDINATOR

Ms. Boer noted that Chair Frank Lasaga accepted a position with the Town of Jupiter Island Police Department and is in training at the police academy. He plans to attend the next TCLEPC meeting but will be unavailable to attend the Destin LEPC Chairs and SERC meetings. Mr. Dixel, FDOT, requested he be considered to attend for the Chair. Ms. Boer noted that his meals, lodging and rental vehicle will be funded for his travel.

Ms. Boer suggested that Mr. Eastmond, OSHA, and Mr. Randy Gansert, Diamond R Fertilizer, consider becoming a members. She would forward nomination forms via email.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Boer stated that several Committee members have volunteered to serve as evaluators/controllers for Operation Road Block exercise. She thanked the planning committee members for their expertise in planning and time spent reviewing and editing exercise materials such as maps, ExPlan and Capabilities Target List. She also noted that the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office will be sponsornng a catered lunch to be served during the Hotwash. Palm Beach County Fire Rescue graciously offered their double training room to host participants. Fire rescue also provided coffee, water, ice and coolers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the TCLEPC is scheduled for November 1, 2018 at the City of Stuart Fire Rescue EOC, 800 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Stuart, Florida 34994.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bill Pecci moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Paul Seldes seconded the motion, which carried **Motion** unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.