



LEPC MINUTES

TREASURE COAST LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) DISTRICT 10, MEETING January 27, 2005

Committee Members/Alternates Present

Dave Alberghini
 Bill Amador
 Walter Burns
 Chris Bushman, Chairman
 Cheryl Dunn
 Cheryl Dunne
 Armen Gregorian
 Brian Hanley
 Scott Kiddle
 Wayne Landowski
 Dave Maloney
 Jack McCartt
 Paul Meding
 John O'Malley
 Richard Parham
 John Passanesi
 Bill Pecci
 Bruce Pisani
 Sam Steinhauer
 Greg Thompson
 Lisa Wilson-Davis, Vice-Chairman
 Dan Wouters

Members Absent

Don Daniels
 John Gojkovich
 Steve Huntsberger
 Etta LoPresti
 Debra McCaughey
 Tom Phillips
 Barry Stewart
 Don Widing

Guests

Powell McDonald
 Marty Curran
 Nicholas Laryea
 Jeff Smith
 Michael Wise

Occupational Category

Health (Pratt & Whitney)
 Fire Fighting (Town of Palm Beach)
 Interested Citizen (PBC School District)
 Firefighting (St. Lucie County Fire District)
 Health (IRC Heath Dept.)
 Facility Operator (Syngenta Crop Protection)
 Community Group (American Red Cross)
 Emergency Management (Palm Beach County)
 Hospital (Jupiter Medical Center)
 Health (Florida Atlantic University)
 Transportation (FL Dept. of Transportation)
 Fire Fighting (Boca Raton Fire Rescue)
 Facility Operator (Cliff Berry, Inc.)
 Health (PBC Health Dept.)
 Local Environmental (FL Dept. of Health)
 Law Enforcement (MC Sheriff)
 Law Enforcement (Stuart Police Department)
 Emergency Management (Martin County)
 Hospital (Martin Memorial Health Systems)
 Local Environmental (EMI Corporation)
 Non-Elected Local Official (City of Boca Raton)
 Fire Fighting (Martin County Fire District)

Occupational Category

Emergency Management (St. Lucie County)
 Law Enforcement (Port St. Lucie Police Dept.)
 Interested Citizen (Indian River Comm. College)
 Emergency Management (Indian River County)
 Emergency Management (City of Stuart)
 Fire Fighting (Palm Beach County Fire District)
 Local Environmental (Florida DEP)
 First Aid (Oakland Park Fire Rescue)

Representing

U.S. Department of Labor
 Port St. Lucie Police Department
 National Energy & Gas Transmission
 Cliff Berry, Inc.
 Delray Beach Fire Rescue

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Penny Myszkowski

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Call To Order and Roll Call

Chairman Chris Bushman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., welcomed the guests, and requested that staff call the roll. Quorum present.

Approval of Agenda

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the revised meeting agenda. Bruce Pisani so moved; seconded by Dan Wouters. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Chairman Bushman requested motion to approve the November 18, 2004 District 10 LEPC meeting minutes. Wayne Landowski so moved; seconded by Bill Pecci. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Hazardous Materials Awareness Week

The LEPC passed a resolution at its November 18th meeting designating this week as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week. The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council passed a similar resolution at its December 17th meeting and the State Emergency Response Commission passed a resolution at its January 7th meeting. No special activities were planned this year. An announcement was posted on our website to notify the public that there is hazardous materials information available at the planning council office, as well as provide a link to the Florida Disaster Website.

New Business

SERC/LEPC Quarterly Meeting – Results

Chris Bushman, Dan Wouters, and Terry Hess provided highlights of the SERC and LEPC Quarterly meetings held in Pinellas Park on January 6-7 at the offices of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

Staff reported that the 2004 Emergency Response Guidebooks were distributed throughout the District. DCA informed the LEPCs that there are no more books available at this time. A few copies are still available at the LEPC office.

No date has been set as yet for CAMEO training. EPA has provided sufficient funding to hold the training in two locations, one in North Florida and one in South Florida, possibly in late June.

The Thomas Yatabe Awards were given by the SERC. Don Widing received this award for the District X LEPC. A picture of Don Widing and others at the SERC meeting is posted on our website.

Request from FEC for participation in Presentation on Railway HazMat Incident

Terry Hess reported he received correspondence indicating that the FEC is scheduling a presentation on a simulated railway hazardous materials incident involving a chlorine tank car. Representatives from the Olin Corporation will be participating, with a hands-on rail car demonstration. The FEC has established dates, time and locations for the presentations; the southern most location being the Stuart area. Preliminary arrangements are being made for the presentation. A brochure will be forthcoming.

Reports

Training Subcommittee

Dan Wouters reported that the committee decided the training exercise this year will involve incident command training. They will seek bids from different agencies in setting up the course and assess the needs in the region. Bruce Pisani pointed out the need for training for county administration as well.

Terry Hess said that a distribution list is being prepared by staff of LEPC sponsored hazardous materials training courses as they are scheduled.

The training subcommittee was given a list of firms who provide training or who have notified staff that they are interested in providing training. Additions to that list are welcome.

Planning Subcommittee

The planning project chosen this year is quality control of the Tier II information. Bruce Pisani and Etta LoPresti have volunteered to review the forms for their counties. The LEPC is required to exercise the LEPC plan this year. About 5 months remain to plan for and complete the exercise. Wayne Landowski volunteered to chair the Planning Subcommittee. Staff asked members to inform them of any exercises taking place in the region because we might be able to work with them. Chris Bushman suggested that another option is to do a case study on an actual event involving hazardous materials that has occurred within the district. Michael Wise said that Palm Beach Fire Rescue has scheduled a series of hazmat events/exercises for February 22-25. He will get the information to Staff so that it can be determined if LEPC participation would meet the state grant criteria. Staff will speak to Houston Park, who is the contact, and get back to the planning subcommittee members.

Public Information/Marketing Subcommittee

John O'Malley reported that they could still use two more members. Bruce Pisani is working on an introductory level powerpoint presentation to provide hazardous materials information to municipalities, city managers, rotary groups, etc. It will be a helpful training aid. This subcommittee will also work on upgrading the website. One proposal is to combine the different counties and enable the public to access the site to utilize information on hazardous materials indexed in the county. The committee will also arrange for speakers at the LEPC meetings. John O'Malley is able to obtain a speaker for the next meeting on mad cow disease and other animal related diseases. He is a veterinarian doctor who works on diseases that are transmitted from animals to humans. Scott Kiddle said that this will also be of value to hospitals. Terry Hess suggested a 20 minute presentation with 10 minutes for questions in order to facilitate the meeting. The LEPC authorized a presentation at the conclusion of the next meeting on March 31st.

Bill Pecci requested LEPC brochures to distribute at the Martin County Fair.

Statement of Account

Statement of Account shows the revenues and expenditures from the Title III and HMEP Grants. There were no questions about the report from the LEPC members.

LEPC Activities

Staff updated the LEPC on activities undertaken since the end of the calendar year.

Membership

The State Emergency Response Commission, at their quarterly meeting on January 7, 2005, approved Todd Deehl as a new LEPC member and Brian Hanley as a new LEPC alternate. A special waiver was approved to increase the LEPC size to 31 members. Members who have missed 5 or more consecutive meetings will be sent letters indicating that their membership is terminated, pursuant to SERC policies.

HSEEP Training Courses

The regional planning councils are assisting with training for the Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) under the Office of Domestic Preparedness. Staff has arranged for a HSEEP training course to be held on March 23-24 in this region. Suggestions for a location are welcome. Chris Bushman will check with the availability of FAU in St. Lucie West. There will be a training session in Hollywood designed to accommodate participants from Palm Beach County, but the maximum is 30 participants.

Schedule for 2005 RDSTF Exercises

Staff attended a regional planning Council meeting in Tallahassee last week where a briefing was held regarding regional planning councils' assistance with the RDSTF domestic terrorism exercises. There will not be any full scale exercises in 2005. There will be tabletop exercises in each RDSTF region and some functional exercises. In District 5, including St. Lucie, Martin, and Indian River Counties, there will be only a tabletop exercise, tentatively scheduled for March 30th. In District 7, which includes Palm Beach County, there is a tabletop exercise scheduled for April 7th. The tabletop exercises will be the same in each RDSTF region. The regional planning councils will have a number of responsibilities in organizing the exercises.

Comments from the Chair

Chairman Chris Bushman thanked Don Widing, past LEPC Chair, for his work and dedication to the LEPC.

Comments from Committee Members

Todd Deehl said that the Emergency Support Team from Stuart recently directed the Catastrophic Incident Response Plan development. They will plan for 100 casualties in each county and how it will be handled. This will take place in 2006. He also said that the man who ran the biological program in the Soviet Union will be giving a free presentation in Melbourne, on Monday, March 31st from 9:00 to 12:00 at the Brevard Community College, Building 4. All are welcome to attend.

Comments from Staff

The regional planning councils are also involved in identifying facilities around the state where buffer zone protection plans are going to be required. As a note of interest, the SERC annual report lists the top ten extremely hazardous substances in each district. At the top of the list for District X is 9 million pounds of Ethoprop. John O'Malley said it is a phosphate (pesticide) utilized in sugar cane and golf courses. Golf courses have agreed not to utilize it and he said it might be good to look into whether sugar cane is still using it.

Staff indicated that some of the LEPCs meet quarterly right after the SERC quarterly meeting, rather than bimonthly and that it might be something to think about. Bruce Pisani indicated this had been considered previously, but such a schedule has some down sides.

Staff said that FPL has offered to host the May 26th LEPC meeting at the Martin Power Plant and give a presentation. It is one of the largest power plants in Florida and the U.S. It is just outside of Indiantown off State Road 710. The LEPC approved a motion to hold the May 26th meeting at this site.

Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for March 31, 10:00 a.m. at the IRCC Chastain Center. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.