



**MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT 10 LOCAL EMERGENCY
PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
February 3, 2011**

Committee Members/Alternates Present

Chris Bushman, Chairman
Cheryl Dunn
Donald Freedland
Steven Graff
John Gojkovich
Scott Johnston
Nicholas Laryea
Frank Lasaga
Etta LoPresti
Harry Lux
Paul Meding
Jack McCartt
Joe Nelson (Alternate)
John O'Malley
Tom Phillips
Paul Seldes
Clint Sperber
Barry Stewart
Greg Thompson
Dan Wouters
Dennis Zabel

Members Absent

Mark Anderson
Bill Amador
Anthony DiFruscio
Cheryl Dunne
Stephen Huntsberger
Joseph Passanesi
Dave Rawicz
Sharon Rayner
Carlos Valle
Sally Waite

Staff

Kathryn Boer
Penny Myszkowski

Occupational Category

Firefighting (St. Lucie County Fire District)
Health (Indian River County Health Department)
Emergency Management (City of Port St. Lucie)
Law Enforcement (Stuart Police Department)
Law Enforcement (Port St. Lucie Police Department)
Firefighting (City of Boca Raton)
Facility Operator (Indiantown Cogeneration L.P.)
Emergency Management (City of Stuart)
Emergency Management (Indian River County)
Interested Citizen (Hazmat & Safety Solutions, Inc.)
Facility Operator (Cliff Berry, Incorporated)
Interested Citizen
Firefighting (Palm Beach County Fire Rescue)
Health (Palm Beach County Health Department)
Firefighting (Palm Beach County Fire Rescue)
Interested Citizen (NTB Group, LLC)
Health (St. Lucie County Health Department)
Local Environmental (Hazardous Waste Services)
Interested Citizen (Sun Sentinel)
Firefighting (Martin County Fire Rescue)
Local Environmental (Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute)

Occupational Category

Firefighting (Palm Beach County Fire Rescue)
Firefighting (Town of Palm Beach)
Health (Martin Memorial Health Systems)
Facility Operator (Syngenta Crop Protection)
Interested Citizen (Indian River State College)
Law Enforcement (Martin County Sheriff's Office)
Facility Operator (Cheney Brothers, Incorporated)
American Red Cross (North Treasure Coast Chapter)
Firefighting (Pratt & Whitney – Rocketdyne)
Emergency Management (Palm Beach County)

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Visitors

Kristie Toruno
John Manning
Tom Daly
Kurt Myers

Central Florida Intelligence Exchange (CFIX)
CBI
St. Lucie County Public Safety
St. Lucie County Public Safety

APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 3, 2011 MEETING

Mr. Greg Thompson moved approval of the February 3, 2011 District 10 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting agenda. Mr. John Gojkovich seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Motion

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2010

Mr. Greg Thompson moved approval of the November 4, 2010 District 10 Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting minutes. Mr. John Gojkovich seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Motion

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

State Emergency Response Commission Meeting

Staff reported the last meeting was held on January 7, 2011 in Fort Myers and was attended by Captain Joe Nelson, Chairman Christopher Bushman and LEPC staff.

Hazardous Materials Field Operations Guide

Captain Nelson explained that the Hazmat Field Operations Guide (FOG) was designed to be an aid to first responders to give them direction for various kinds of hazardous materials emergencies. It is designed to be incorporated into the Florida FOG manual which is an all hazards manual. The new content can be printed at the user's expense and inserted in the existing manuals. It will also be posted on the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) website. Mr. Mike Geier suggested that if the FOG is e-mailed, that it be sent under the knowledge of F.S.119.071 as an exempt from public record. Staff said the FOG is being updated by section and these latest updates were done by the State Training Task Force. There will also be a FOG developed for nuclear responders.

Other LEPC meeting handouts included: 10 Rules for Emergency Responders for Nuclear Detonation; St. Lucie County Health Department Episodes newsletters; the EPCRA newsletter by Region 4 EPA; a copy of the new hazardous materials document FOG; and an LEPC Member Contact sheet. New members received an LEPC manual.

Hazardous Materials Awareness Week Proclamation/Resolution

The Governor has proclaimed February 13-19, 2011 as Florida Hazardous Materials Awareness Week. Brochures for Shelter in Place have been printed and are available for members to take back to their agencies. They will also be printed in Spanish and brochures will be sent to community groups, schools, hospitals, and other facilities. Shelter in Place details will be provided to the National Public Radio and local government television channels. We do not yet have a copy of the Governor's proclamation as of yet. A copy of the Resolution from the SERC is attached to the agenda package. The District 10 recognizes Hazmat Awareness Week with a resolution signed by the LEPC Chairman.

2010 Thomas Yatabe Award and Certificates of Appreciation

The District 10 LEPC nominated and the SERC awarded Mr. Keith Holman, Martin County Emergency Management Agency Director, with the 2010 Annual Thomas Yatabe Award at the January SERC meeting in Fort Myers. 2010 Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Mr. John O'Malley, Mr. Clint Sperber, and Ms. Cheryl Dunn, all representing the region's Departments of Health.

Hazardous Materials Incident Reports

Staff stated the agenda packet included tables and graphs providing information on the release of and injuries from hazardous materials within the District 10 Region for the time period of December 1, 2009 through November 30, 2010. The entire report for all regions is available online at <http://www.hazmat.floridadisaster.org/meet.htm>.

Local Emergency Planning Committee Chairs Meeting Update

Chair Bushman reported the LEPC District Chairs meeting was held on January 6, 2011 in Fort Myers. The next meeting will be held on April 7, 2011 in Tallahassee.

Hazardous Materials Awareness Week will be recognized February 13-19, 2011 and the theme is Shelter-In-Place education. The District 10 Shelter-In-Place brochure was loaded to the website and mailed to the region's agencies.

The Web Hazardous Materials Information System (WebHMIS) contains the latest Section 302 facility data entries and is now accessible to staff in electronic format. The software creator is working to resolve issues for LEPC staff. Staff noted that facilities filing Tier 2 information electronically do not need to file hard copies with the LEPC and their local fire department. Facilities are being urged to file electronically, but it is not required in Florida.

HMEP grant funding for 2010/2011 will be the same as last year and began on October 1, 2010. This grant provides planning and training funding for hazardous materials oriented projects and training within the region. Staff pointed out that there are three different classes coming up: one (1) eight hour Hazmat Refresher on February 10th at Martin County Emergency Operations Center Public

Safety; two (2) eight hour refresher CAMEO classes in Boca Raton on February 24th and 25th; and six classes on Chemical Suicide - two (2) three hour classes (morning and afternoon) on March 22nd in

St. Lucie County, two classes at Palm Beach County Fire Rescue on March 23rd and two classes at Palm Beach County Fire Rescue on March 24th. Staff asked members to make teachers aware of the upcoming Chemical Suicide classes. Ms. Kristie Toruno noted that there are a number of teachers taking their own lives, the latest being a middle school teacher and this class will benefit the school districts.

Staff said the county Hazards Analysis information is put into CAMEO. This information goes to the State and more of this information has been put into E-Plan, a first responder database.

Training Task Force Update – Captain Joe Nelson

The State Training Task Force met on January 6, 2011 in Fort Myers. The next scheduled meeting is April 7, 2011 in Tallahassee. Captain Nelson reported that there has been an effort to publish a model curriculum for the Tox Medic Training Guidelines. After some discussion, it was determined that the current curriculum will be used. E-Plan was also discussed. There are some restrictions on further development of E-Plan because of the Federal mandate to use it for Tier 2 information.

PRESENTATION CENTRAL FLORIDA INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGE

Kristie Toruno, Intelligence Coordinator for the Emergency Services for Region 5 RDFTF and LEPC member in District 6, gave a presentation on the Central Florida Intelligence Exchange (CFIX). The Fusion Center Development shares global information from the Federal to the state levels. Each state has a fusion center that receives information. At present there are 72 fusion centers, with Florida having seven centers. Florida has the State Fusion Center, CFIX with five fusion centers, and Miami. Other centers are in Pensacola, Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Fort Myers, and West Palm Beach. Many states include only law enforcement involvement. Most of the Florida fusion centers include fire, private sector, public health, emergency management, and law enforcement.

CFIX is collocated with Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE). ICE handles child porn, human trafficking, and every case of students that are legally here on student visas but have never gone to school. CFIX has international and domestic terrorism analysts who monitor on-line postings and many other areas. Analysts do geo-profiling for violent organized crime. Information is funneled into CFIX from many different agencies. It is analyzed by sector analysts and then redisseminated back to CFIX partners.

CFIX has an Intelligence Liaison Officer (ILO) training program. Training will take place in St. Lucie County on February 23, 24, 2011. It is for public health, emergency management, fire, high level security partners, and law enforcement personnel. To apply to become an ILO, the applicant needs a letter of recommendation from their superior and then a thorough background check is done. An ILO is an identified person (sworn or non-sworn) within a law enforcement, emergency services, or private sector entity who is responsible for reporting and disseminating suspicious activity and other criminal intelligence information in their local agency and to CFIX.

CFIX is part of a national committee that studies hydrogen sulfide suicides. Hospitals are alerted to area crimes so they can monitor incoming patients for suspicious victims. Actual examples of apprehended criminals were presented to the committee.

CFIX attends emergency operations exercises and provides suspicious activities bulletins. They have a website that is currently under construction and the website will connect all the fusion centers. If members e-mail Ms. Toruno she can give access to the CFIX website or to the Situational Awareness Distribution list. For law enforcement there is a list to receive sensitive documents for domestic security and for fire there is a list for situational awareness and trends. More ILO's are needed from the region's water systems facilities. An inventory list is being developed by CFIX that will contain all chemicals and the amounts reported in the region's water.

REPORTS

Planning Subcommittee

The Planning Committee will begin reviewing and updating the 2010/2011 Regional Hazardous Materials Response Plan. Staff will e-mail the Planning Subcommittee with the plan update criteria for review.

Public Information/Marketing Subcommittee

There are no current projects in development at this time. Please forward staff any ideas for outreach projects and information for public dissemination.

Local Emergency Planning Committee Activities

A list of the planning activities since the previous meeting of November 4, 2010 was included in the agenda packet. Also included was a list of other emergency management and preparedness activities staff has participated in through the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Contract Activities Update

The 2010/2011 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant provides annual funding for hazardous materials-related training to the Region's first responders and for specific planning projects. Previously conducted classes during the last quarter and upcoming classes are noted below.

Training

During the first quarter of the 2010/2011 contract cycle, the District 10 LEPC sponsored three CAMEO ofm Software Refresher classes conducted at the Indian River State College Public Safety Complex in St. Lucie County December 6-8, 2010.

The following classes are upcoming in February and March:

- Hazardous Materials Waste Operations (Hazwoper), February 10, 2011 at Martin County Public Safety in Stuart.

- CAMEO ofm Refresher Classes, two 8 hour, February 24 – 25, Boca Raton Fire Rescue.
- Chemical Suicide Response, March 22-24, 2011 – two classes per day (6 total); March 22nd at St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center and March 23 and 24th at Palm Beach County Fire Rescue.

Planning

The District 10 LEPC selected Planning Project Option #3, LEPC Plan Exercise, from the list of approved activities under the 2010/2011 planning grant. The LEPC staff is currently conducting the 2010/2011 Hazardous Materials Analysis on behalf of St. Lucie County.

MEMBERSHIP

On January 7, 2011, the SERC approved District 10 LEPC nominations for appointment. The District 10 LEPC welcomed the following Primary and Alternate Members:

PRIMARY

Mr. Clint Sperber
Florida Department of Health
Occupational Category: Health

Mr. Donald Freedland
City of Port St. Lucie
Occupational Category: Emergency Management

Ms. Gloria Lopez
Eagle SWS
Occupational Category: Local Environmental

ALTERNATE

Mr. David Koerner (Mr. Clint Sperber)
Florida Department of Health
Occupational Category: Health

Mr. Larry Nadeau (Mr. Donald Freeland)
City of Port St. Lucie
Occupational Category: Emergency Management

Mr. Mike Geier (Ms. Sally Waite)
Palm Beach County Emergency Management
Occupational Category: Emergency Management

Mr. Alan Williams (Ms. Sharon Rayner)
American Red Cross
North Treasure Coast Chapter
Occupational Category: Community Group

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND STAFF

Staff invited members to make suggestions for future LEPC presentations of various beneficial projects or agencies.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Etta LoPresti thanked the LEPC for sending her to the Hazards Analysis Workshop in Altamonte Springs and said that it was very beneficial. Mr. Paul Seldes said he will be teaching the State’s Mass Fatality Response class on March 21, 22, 23 and again on March 28, 29, 30 in Broward County. He will provide information to staff.

Mr. Mike Geier mentioned that while working on the Palm Beach Hazards Analysis updates, he learned that one of the farms went out of business and much of their equipment has slowly disappeared. Staff said that the Fort Pierce business Allied Chemical has removed all the rail cars, and they will no longer store any chemical cylinders after March 31st

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2011 at the Martin County Fire Rescue Administration Complex, Training Room A&B, 800 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.