Chair Frank Lasaga called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Staff called roll and announced a quorum was present. Chair Lasaga led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Committee Members Present**

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- Michael Altamuro: Firefighting (City of Boca Raton Fire Rescue)
- James Brothers: Firefighting (Palm Beach County Fire Rescue)
- Kenton Brown: Local Environmental (Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection)
- John Garofalo, Vice Chair: Facility Owner/Operator (Palm Beach State College)
- Michael Geier: Emergency Management (Palm Beach County)
- Rachel Ivey: Emergency Management (Indian River County)
- Matthew King: Facility Owner/Operator (Tropical Shipping)
- Frank Lasaga, Chair: Law Enforcement (Jupiter Island Police Department)
- Joseph Nelson: Firefighting (Palm Beach County Fire Rescue)
- William Pecci, Jr.: Emergency Management (Martin County)
- Vince Peterson: Emergency Management (Tropicana Products, Inc.)
- Dave Rawicz: Facility Owner/Operator (Cheney Brothers, Inc.)
- Heather Rothe: Law Enforcement (City of Stuart Police Department)
- Barry Stewart: Local Environmental (Zenith Environmental)
- Greg Thompson: Local Option – Safety (Sysco Southeast Florida, LLC)
- Dennis Zabel: Local Environmental (Florida Atlantic University)

**Members Excused**
- Richard Barrett: Facility Owner/Operator (Florida Gas Transmission Co.)
- Shon Broedell: Firefighting (Palm Beach Gardens)
- Louis Dixel: Transportation (Florida Department of Transportation)
- Jose Gonzalez: Firefighting (Palm Beach County Fire Rescue)
- Melissa McKinlay: Elected Official (Palm Beach County Commissioner)
- Richard Perkins: Facility Owner/Operator - (City of Port St. Lucie Utility Systems)
- Paul Seldes: Local Option – Education (ntb Group, LLC)
- Carlos Valle: Firefighting (Pratt & Whitney)

**Alternates Present**
- Kelley Burke: Alternate for Commissioner Melissa McKinlay, PBBOCC
- Wendy Duncombe: Health (Department of Health – Palm Beach County)
- Charles Vogt: Health (Department of Health – Indian River County)
MEETING INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Lasaga recognized the following guests at the meeting: Mr. Randy Gansert, Diamond R. Fertilizer, Ms. Lisa Robinson, Diamond R. Fertilizer, Mr. Serdar Mert, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Mr. Travis Bains, Loxahatchee River District, Mr. Tex Sukhdeo, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and Mr. Willie Bouie, Florida Division of Emergency Management.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair John Garofalo, Palm Beach State College, moved for approval of the August 15, 2019 agenda. Mr. Greg Thompson, Sysco Southeast Florida, LLC, seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – MAY 2, 2019

Mr. Thompson moved for approval of the May 2, 2019 minutes. Vice Chair Garofalo, seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
NEW BUSINESS

State Emergency Response Commission Meeting

The State Emergency Response Committee (SERC) meeting was held on July 19, 2019 in Sarasota, Florida. Chair Lasaga noted there was a presentation by Mr. David Willauer, Cambridge Systematic, Inc., entitled Statewide Hazardous Materials Supply Chain Trends. Mr. Willauer gave an overview of a project located in Nevada regarding concentrations of chemicals and transportation methods. The study will determine the percentage of these facilities transporting their products by truck and what are the most vulnerable roadway segments. Chair Lasaga noted he would like to see something like this for Florida.

Mr. Michael Geier, Palm Beach County Emergency Management, asked if SERC is going to commission such a study for Florida. The Chair said this was not part of the discussion but can be addressed at the next meeting of the LEPC chairs.

Chair Lasaga asked for a formal recommendation. Mr. Geier moved that the Treasure Coast LEPC formally recommend to the SERC that a Florida specific supply chain trend study be implemented as soon as is practical. Mr. Charles Vogt, Indian River County Health Department, seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Operation Clean Sweep: Responder Safety Initiative

Chair Lasaga noted at the SERC meeting there was discussion on Operation Clean Sweep Program administered through the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (a flyer was handed out at this meeting). Operation Clean Sweep is a free Statewide mobile pesticide collection program that provides a safe way to dispose of unusable pesticides in quantities of 1,000 pounds or less. The state is looking into doing more outreach into the agricultural industry. Mr. Geier asked if this would be pushed through E-Plan. Chair Lasaga said it is more of an outreach but worth exploring, and he would address the issue at the next SERC meeting in October.

Ms. Kathryn Boer, LEPC Coordinator, noted that one of the concerns is that not enough businesses are taking advantage of this free pesticide collection program. The State is trying to do more advertising and trying to reach folks that do not file Tier IIs. She proposed the idea of developing a collection day in each county. Ms. Boer would talk to solid waste/recycling and have staff from each county and LEPC participate in this effort. Chair Lasaga noted that we would need the contacts from the various counties. Ms. Boer suggested contacting solid waste -- a HazMat team person who might be able to do outreach. Mr. Geier suggested the University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and cooperative extension offices.

Mr. Geier asked if each of the counties currently has a household hazardous waste program. Ms. Boer affirmed, yes. Mr. Geier suggested speaking to Mr. Bob Madden, Director, Home Chemical and Recycling Center in Palm Beach County.

Chair Lasaga suggested setting up a booth at the county/state fair as part of the outreach – suggesting a spin-the-wheel game.
Ms. Boer noted it would be great if the LEPC could create a day for this hazardous waste program. Ms. Wendy Duncombe, Florida Department of Health-Palm Beach County, suggested April 22nd, since it is the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day.

Mr. Travis Bains, Loxahatchee River District, noted he could distribute some of the flyers, which educate everyone about the river and preservation. Ms. Boer noted this could be coupled with the extremely hazardous substances information or Tier II filing.

Conflicts of Interest

Staff noted that conflict of interest was brought up because of a potential problem with task force members conducting training for agencies/departments under paid contract. Ms. Boer noted that she did not think this would affect any of the LEPC committee members. Chair Kevin Guthrie, FDEM, is working on getting as much information as he can to make sure we get a ruling from the State legal counsel. This package will be discussed at the October SERC meeting.

Hazardous Materials Incidents Reports

Staff noted the transportation incident and injury reports for the last quarter for all the regions were included in the package and are represented in Tables 1 and 2 and in Graphs I and II. Ms. Boer noted that she may do a trend analysis to show and depict where most of these incidences are occurring.

Mr. Geier noted a concern about companies failing to notify 911 for an emergency. He gave a recent example of a 302 facility HazMat incident that occurred, which came from the National Response Center. Since the companies are not required to call 911, and therefore, Fire Rescue and HazMat were not directly contacted about the incident.

Mr. Geier suggested that an amendment to the statute declaring that personnel must contact 911 be addressed at the next SERC meeting. Chair Lasaga questioned what makes a 911 call necessary. Ms. Boer noted that the change would have to be made to policy. Mr. Geier commented that there was a change in the State statutes a few years ago due to an incident that happened in Polk County. Mr. William Pecci, Martin County Emergency Management added that if companies are just required to call the State Watch Office to let them know, why bother calling 911. Ms. Boer suggested that if there is doubt and concern about the threshold, call 911. Chair Lasaga noted that a requirement to call 911 is necessary only if the issue meets certain criteria.

LEPC Chairs and Coordinators Meeting.

Florida Division of Emergency Management Grants Update

Chair Lasaga noted that the 2020 Emergency Response Guidebooks (ERGs) will be printed in hardcopy and will be shipped to the Orlando regional logistics center for distribution. Ms. Boer noted that the ERGs are also available online and we are lucky to have a hard copy printing and FDEM taking on the expense of the shipping and logistics in the Orlando Regional logistics center.
Comments from Committee Members

Staff announced that Kenton Brown is going to teach a 24-hour hazwoper class. A date has yet to be determined. Ms. Duncombe, Department of Health – Palm Beach County, noted 3 or 4 people from her organization would like to attend.

Mr. Geier noted the committee should look at the ChemResponder App program launched in 2018. ChemResponder incorporates RadResponder’s capabilities to empower users to manage equipment, personnel, interagency partnerships, and to securely collect, manage, and share data in a geospatial environment. Users can access ChemResponder through the web, smartphones, and tablets to rapidly collect and share data that supports faster, more accurate incident characterization and lifesaving decisions. Visit the website at https://www.chemresponder.net/.

Mr. James Brothers, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, noted a meeting is being set up with the RadResponder group to show Palm Beach County Fire Rescue how to implement the network program. The RadResponder Network manages radiological data. The data links into one system. He indicated that once it is initialized and running, we will push it out and have everyone look at it. Ms. Boer asked if this was for first responders only, and Mr. Brothers stated yes.

Ms. Kelley Burke, Palm Beach County BOCC, noted last year that the Treasure Coast LEPC did a tabletop exercise with, one component being the scenario of blocked Southern Boulevard (SR 80). True to form, two months ago, SR 80 was blocked west of 20-mile bend, and when Commissioner McKinlay was interviewed by the media, she pointed out that, fortunately, the Treasure Coast LEPC, with all of its different departments and agencies, had conducted a tabletop drill, which translated into the true situation being handled according to protocol. Ms. Boer thanked Ms. Burke and asked that thanks be extended to Commissioner McKinlay.

Mr. Barry Stewart, Zenith Environmental, will conduct two 8-hour or three 8-hour hazwoper refresher training courses for the LEPC, starting in October or November.

Mr. Pecci noted a Radiologic Plume Ingestion every 8 years. March 24-25, Ingestion. Plume exercise is the first day, and the Ingestion pathway is the next day.

Mr. Matthew King, Tropical Shipping, noted they partnered with the Nova Southeastern University and their South East Area Maritime Industry Safety Training (SEAMIST) program. He noted they are holding another class at their corporate complex in Riviera Beach. Project SEAMIST provides ongoing health and safety training to those who work in, or in concert with, the maritime industry.

Mr. Vince Peterson, Tropicana Products, Inc. would like to attend the tabletop exercise put on by St. Lucie County Fire Rescue and Helene Agrí Solutions, Inc. Ms. Boer said she would notify the Committee as soon as a date is determined.

Ms. Boer noted that Ms. Rachel Ivey, Indian River County Emergency Management, sends training opportunities to be held in Indian River County to LEPC staff and distribute monthly.
New Membership

Ms. Boer welcomed Deputy Chief Shon Broedell as a new primary member appointed at the July 18, 2019 SERC meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the TCLEPC is scheduled for November 7, 2019 at the City of Stuart Emergency Operations Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lasaga adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.