



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #V.C

DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 2015
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM UPDATE

South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee Activities (SoFlaLEPC)

LEPCs were created by the Florida Legislature in 1988 to implement EPA's Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act. LEPC Districts coincide with those of Regional Planning Councils. The South Florida LEPC holds quarterly meetings that are open to the public. Current membership consists of nearly 50 members from categories such as emergency management, public utilities, environmental, fire rescue, law enforcement, hazardous materials, health/medical and private industry. SoFlaLEPC activities include public outreach and hazardous materials training and exercises provided free of charge. Over the last 13 years, 148 class sessions have trained nearly 3,900 responders in the Region.

Chlorine in Transportation Training

A **Chlorine in Transportation** shift-friendly class was offered over six successive Saturdays this July and August. More than 175 first responders from Miami-Dade County, City of Miami, City of Hialeah, Broward Sheriff's Office and West Palm Beach Fire Rescue Departments attended the training.



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Hazardous Materials Technician Training

This August and September, the South Florida LEPC offered **Hazardous Materials Technician Training** at the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Facility in Doral. This 4-week/160-hour class provides intense hazmat chemistry and extensive hands-on training to assist local fire department personnel become certified as hazmat technicians. Slated for Miami-Dade County, personnel from Miami-Dade, City of Miami and City of Hialeah Fire Departments were in attendance. This is a follow-up to a similar offering last year for Broward County Fire Departments.



Southeast Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force – Region 7 Activities

Council staff is currently assisting the Region plan a major fullscale training exercise scheduled for early next year. **Operation HeatShield** will bring together SWAT teams from numerous South Florida Police Departments to face a series of active shooter scenarios. The teams will integrate their activities with those from local Fire Rescue/EMS and the Health Department to evacuate, treat and direct “victims” to local hospitals. Exercise venues will include the Downtown Government Center and Marlins Park as well as other locations across the County. Plans are underway to bring similar events to Broward and Palm Beach in the coming years.

Recommendation

Information only.

