



SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - Draft

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016 @ 10:00 AM

South Florida Regional Planning Council

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1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Chair Gary Koen welcomed the members at 10:04 am.

2. **Introductions**

In attendance were Junieth Arana, Keith Carson, Bob Christensen, Dave Dungan, Miguel Hidalgo, Jaimie Johnson, Chair Gary Koen, Eduardo Koenig, Craig Marston, Bret Maxwell, Vice Chair Ray McDonald, Greg Namoff, Axel Rodriguez, Maria Salgado, SERC TTF Rep Steve Shaw, Gregory Thompson, Alvaro Tonanez, Irene Toner and SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Manny Cela. Also present were Mathew Currie, Rolando Otero, Toni Wagner, Alfred Reid, Willie Bouie, Haddy Rojas and Lottie Brown. Excused were Niel Batista, Planning Sub Chair Eric Borbe, Troy Johnson and Howard Vollovick.

3. **Previous Meeting Summary**

Greg Thompson moved the minutes from the previous meeting, which were seconded by Greg Namoff and approved unanimously.

4. **Subcommittee Reports**

Training Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

Coordinator Manny Cela reported that eight representatives from hazmat teams in South Florida were sponsored to attend the HazMat Training Symposium in Daytona Beach in January. Included in that group were members from the Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue HazMat Team, enrolled in the hazmat competition for the second year. The Hollywood Fire Rescue HazMat Team, which was also scheduled to compete, was unable to secure travel permission from their Command. Although individual members from the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue HazMat Team did attend, they were also unable to secure authorization to compete as a team. On hand at the meeting were Chief Steve Shaw/Ft. Lauderdale FR and Lt. Alvaro Tonanez/MDFR, who briefed the members on their experiences at the Symposium. Both were highly complementary.



Coordinator Manny Cela briefed the members on upcoming training, including two OSHA HAZWOPER Refresher classes scheduled for the Broward EOC on March 17 and 18. These classes are targeted primarily for Broward County EP&GM personnel. There have also been conversations with the Broward HazMat teams regarding the same Chlorine Training that was offered last year in Miami-Dade.

Mr. Cela reminded the members that there would be two sessions that same afternoon of E-Plan How-to-Comply Training being presented by FDEM personnel. This training was targeted primarily at Section 302 Facilities in the District.

Planning Subcommittee (Eric Borbe, Chair)

The Planning Subcommittee suspended activities this year in support of Exercise Planning.

Exercise Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

The first Exercise Planning Meeting was held on November 18, 2015. Mr. Cela reminded the members that there would be a second Exercise Subcommittee Meeting immediately following this meeting.

5. Membership Changes (Manny Cela)

There were no membership changes scheduled for this meeting.

6. HazMat Emergency Response Plan Update (Miguel Ascarrunz, Chair)

The 2016 HazMat Plan update process is underway. Chair Ascarrunz will soon contact our partner agencies soliciting their assistance in updating their respective portions of the Plan. All edits need to be provided no later than mid-May in order to bring the updated Plan to the May 25 meeting for approval by the Committee.

7. SERC Thomas Yatabe Award and Certificates of Appreciation

Chair Koen asked Chief Steve Shaw to come up to be congratulated as this year's recipient of the Thomas Yatabe Award. Also congratulated were Capt. Tony Trim and Lt. Al Tonanez, both from MDFR, as the SERC Certificates of Appreciation winners. Lt. Tonanez was on hand for the congratulations.

8. SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report (Manny Cela)

Coordinator Manny Cela reported that there would be an Exercise Subcommittee meeting immediately following this meeting. Also, two sessions of the FDEM E-Plan How-to-Comply training were scheduled this same afternoon in the Conference Room. A copy of the reported hazmat incidents in the District from December 2015 to February 2016 was included with the agenda. Mr. Cela provided the members with information of upcoming USCG activities in the region.



Mr. Cela briefed the members on Operation HeatShield, the regional fullscale exercise held February 6 over eight venues in Miami-Dade. Although not an LEPC-sponsored event, Mr. Cela served as Planning Coordinator for the event.

There was a discussion regarding any interest on the part of the members in purchasing SoFlaLEPC Logo polo shirts. Mr. Cela indicated he would make some inquiries and report back to the Committee.

9. Members Comments and Presentations

Toni Wagner, with the Department of Labor OSHA, presented a report on the April 1, 2015 Viesel Fuel Facility biodiesel fire. Matt Currie, with DHS and CFATS, was also on hand and briefed the members on this program.

10. Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the South Florida LEPC will take place May 25, 2016 in Hollywood.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.