



SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE - DISTRICT 11

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014 @ 10:00 AM

South Florida Regional Planning Council

3440 Hollywood Blvd, Suite 140

Hollywood, FL 33021

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1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 am by Chair Gary Koen.

2. **Introductions**

In attendance were Kenton Brown, Exercise Sub Chair Juan Farach, Jaime Gonzalez, Chair Gary Koen, Nick Kontax, Vice Chair Ray McDonald, Maria Salgado, Gregory Thompson, Irene Toner and Coordinator Manny Cela. Also present were Kristen Bell, James Harrison, Condell Eastmond, Carlos Nardo and Mark Fritz. Excused were Eric Borbe, Mike DiGiovanni, Miguel Hidalgo, Jaime Johnson, David Ostrander, Paulette Kandel, Steve Lamson, Miguel Ascarrunz, Bob Christensen and Jeffry Peleg.

3. **Previous Meeting Summary**

The draft minutes from the November 20, 2013 meeting were moved by Greg Thompson, seconded by Jaime Gonzalez and approved unanimously.

4. **Certificates of Appreciation**

SERC Certificates of Appreciation were awarded this year to our 20Plus Club Members, i.e. those who have attended 20 or more quarterly meetings: Eric Borbe, Bob Christensen, Larry Doyle, Gary Koen, Nick Kontax, Ray McDonald and Jeffry Peleg.

5. **Subcommittee Reports**

Training Subcommittee (Manny Cela for Mike DiGiovanni)

Manny Cela updated the members on training activities, including sponsoring four local hazmat personnel to attend the HazMat Symposium January 23-24, 2014 in Daytona Beach.

Mr. Cela briefed the Committee on activities related to the TRANSCAER/CSX Safety Train visit to Fort Lauderdale on February 4-5, 2014. Nearly 160 responders from three counties received training on Ammonia, Chlorine and Ethanol.

An appeal was made to the membership to assist with scheduling additional training through their respective agencies. The difficulty is not in scheduling classes or funding the instructors, the hard part is getting attendance to those classes.



Exercise Subcommittee (Juan Farach, Chair)

Juan Farach and Manny Cela provided some general comments regarding the need to have an exercise this fiscal year and reminded the members of the Exercise Subcommittee Meeting today immediately following the Committee meeting.

Planning Subcommittee (Manny Cela for Eric Borbe, Chair)

Merged with Exercise Subcommittee; no activities for FY1314.

6. Membership Changes (Manny Cela)

With Larry Doyle's recent retirement, Cliff Berry Inc. nominated Jon Hines as their Primary Member in the Facility Owners and Operators Category. Cliff Berry will continue in his role as Alternate. The nominations were moved by Greg Thompson, seconded by Juan Farach and approved unanimously.

Kenton Brown announced that Ana Gannon is retiring from FDEM and Kristen Bell would be taken her place on the Committee. Her application is expected next meeting.

7. HazMat Emergency Response Plan Update (Manny Cela for Miguel Ascarrunz, Chair)

Copies of the current plan will be provided to the three County EMs for review and revision as necessary. The updated Plan is due to FDEM by June 30, 2014.

8. Members Comments and Presentations

Several members attended the TRANSCAER/CSX Safety Train event in Fort Lauderdale, including Chair Gary Koen, Vice Chair Ray McDonald, Nick Kontax and Yvette McLeod. Each provided comments and their opinion of the event.

9. Upcoming Meetings (Chair Gary Koen)

The next meeting is currently scheduled to take place Wednesday, May 21, 2014 starting at 10 am at SFRPC in Hollywood. Due to scheduling conflicts with the Broward County Hurricane Exercise on the same day, the members will be surveyed whether to move the meeting to the following week.

10. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Greg Thompson, seconded by Yvette McLeod and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Gary Koen at 11:10 am.