



SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE - DISTRICT 11

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2013 @ 10:00 AM

South Florida Regional Planning Council

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1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gary Koen at 10:03 am.

2. Introductions

In attendance were Miguel Ascarrunz, James Baptiste, Eric Borbe, Kenton Brown, Bob Christensen, Vice Chair George Colson, Larry Doyle, Hugh Johnston, Paulette Kandel, Chair Gary Koen, Nick Kontax, Ray McDonald, Yvette McLeod, David Ostrander, Jeffry Peleg, Irene Toner and Coordinator Manny Cela. Also present were Vince Cesario and Lisa Gordon.

3. Previous Meeting Summary

The draft minutes from the November 28, 2012 meeting were moved by Larry Doyle, seconded by Hugh Johnston and approved unanimously.

4. Subcommittee Reports

Training Subcommittee (Mike DiGiovanni, Chair)

Sgt. DiGiovanni was unable to attend the meeting so Coordinator Manny Cela briefed the members in his place. The SoFlaLEPC has received several inquiries for training, including those from the City of Miami Beach Fire Department and the Federal Bureau of Prisons. During the meeting, Yvette McLeod indicated her that her Department (MD WASD) was interested in hosting possibly several classes at their training facility in Miami. Nick Kontax noted that Broward Environmental is ready to proceed with two HAZWOPER Refresher courses in the March/April timeframe.

Mr. Cela notified the members that HazMatIQ LLC had recently merged with a larger company but that no information was yet available whether pricing would be affected. George Colson spoke very highly of their training, having taken the class on two occasions.

Exercise Subcommittee (Juan Farach, Chair)

There is no biennial exercise in FY1213.

Planning Subcommittee (Eric Borbe, Chair)

Subcommittee Chair Eric Borbe again requested that any members interested in assisting with the Planning Project should contact Mr. Cela or himself before the next subcommittee meeting.



5. Membership Changes (Manny Cela)

The following membership applications were presented at the meeting: Kenton Brown, FDEP Emergency Response Manager as Primary in the Local Environmental category, Ana Gannon, FDEP Emergency Response Specialist as Mr. Brown's Alternate and Willie Lopez, Biscayne National Park Chief Ranger as Primary in the Non-Elected Local Officials Category. The applications were moved, seconded and approved unanimously.

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

Miguel Ascarrunz notified the members that the Plan update process this year would closely follow the activities from last year. To begin, the appropriate stakeholders would receive a copy of the Plan and a request to review and offer comments.

7. Presentation of SERC Certificates of Appreciation

Chair Gary Koen reminded the members that former Chair George Danz was the recipient of this year's Yatabe Award and showed a large photo of Mr. Danz accepting his award during ceremonies at the January 2013 SERC meeting. In addition to the Yatabe Award, it is customary for the SoFlaLEPC to present two SERC Certificates of Appreciation to members who have greatly assisted the Committee in carrying out its activities. This year's winners are Miguel Ascarrunz and Eric Borbe. Both were present at the meeting and received their certificates from Mr. Koen to the applause of those in attendance.

8. SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report (Manny Cela)

Mr. Cela briefed the members about several activities related to FDEM in our Region. The Division conducted three RMP audits in Miami-Dade early January 2013. Mr. Cela accompanied Division staff to McArthur Dairy, AirGas USA and Allied Universal, employer for members Jaimie Johnson and David Ostrander. All audits went well.

The South Florida Regional Planning Council hosted a February 7 workshop presented by FDEM staff to instruct local facilities on E-Plan and its new Tier2 entry procedures. Nearly 50 facility representatives attended. Mr. Cela briefed the members, showing the training presentation and E-Plan login procedures.

9. HazMat Awareness Week for 2013 (Manny Cela)

As requested by the Committee, materials promoting hazmat, including recycling, disposal, protection from, etc. were made available for them at the meeting for distribution. Additional materials from county agencies and other sources were also available. Digital versions were uploaded to the SoFlaLEPC website (www.sfrpc.com/lepc/hazmatweek13.htm). HazMat Awareness Week promotional materials, as well as information on the new Tier2 entry guidelines from FDEM, will be distributed by Broward Environmental staff when they conduct Section 302 Facility site visits over the next few days. Negotiations are under way with the publisher of nine community newspapers in the Region to place an information brochure in the publications.



The members engaged in a lengthy discussion on the topic of recycling and disposal of hazardous chemicals by business, especially Small Quantity Generators (SQG). The differences between disposal by residents at County-approved facilities versus the cost to small businesses proved very interesting. The policies vary by County.

10. Members Comments and Presentations

Vince Cesario, Division Chief for USCG Sector Miami briefed the members on the recent Mass Migration exercise. Of particular interest were issues relating to abandoned and derelict vessels, their cleanup (both oil and biohazards) and eventual disposal as solid waste.

11. Upcoming Meetings

The next SoFlaLEPC meeting will take place May 22, 2013 at the SFRPC Hollywood Office.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Gary Koen at 11:30 am.