



SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE - DISTRICT 11

MEETING MINUTES (Draft)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010 @ 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 George Danz at 10:05 am.

2. Introductions

In attendance were Eric Borbe (Planning Sub Chair), Charlie Boyd (SERC SOT Rep), Bob Christensen, George Danz (SoFlaLEPC Chair), Michael DiGiovanni, Larry Doyle, Juan Farach (Exercise Sub Chair), Miguel Hidalgo, Paulette Kandel (HazMat Plan), Gary Koen (SoFlaLEPC Vice-Chair), Nick Kontax, Ray McDonald, Yvette McLeod, Jeffry Peleg, Irene Toner, Howard Vollovick, Adam Yanckowitz and Coordinator Manny Cela. Also in attendance were Miguel Ascarrunz, John Balbuza, Ed Erickson, Cesar Fabal, Steve Herschenhorn and Brian Mitchell.

3. State Emergency Response Commission Awards

Chair George Danz presented the SERC Thomas Yatabe Award to Charlie Boyd on behalf of the SoFlaLEPC. Also honored were SERC Certificate of Appreciation recipients Irene Toner and Alain Donderiz (who was unable to attend).

4. Previous Meeting Summary

Minutes from the December 2, 2009 LEPC Meeting were moved by Paulette Kandel, seconded by Charlie Boyd and approved unanimously with no changes.

5. Subcommittee Reports

Training Subcommittee (Bob Marton, Chair)

Speaking on behalf of Chair Bob Marton, Manny Cela indicated the SoFlaLEPC is ready to proceed and begin offering training classes. In Monroe County, Mike DiGiovanni (Monroe County Sheriff's Office) and Pete Tyson (FKAA) are working together to offer training at the Sheriff's facility in the Marathon Airport. Mr. Cela made the same offer to any member or agency interested in hosting training for their personnel.



Exercise Subcommittee (Juan Farach)

Mr. Farach reported on the results of the February 11, 2010 Exercise Subcommittee Meeting (Concepts and Objectives Meeting). The plans are for a tabletop exercise the second week of June 2010 hosted by the City of Sunrise at its Civic Center. The scenario will include a radiological event. The next subcommittee meeting (Initial Planning Conference) will take place March 4, 2010 at 10 a.m. in the SFRPC office in Hollywood. Anyone interested in helping plan the exercise is welcome to attend.

Paulette Kandel mentioned it would be helpful to have participation from county emergency management on the Subcommittee. Miguel Ascarrunz, Public Safety Manager for BEMA, indicated his willingness to take part and that his application to serve as Alternate for Director Chuck Lanza would be voted on later on the agenda.

Planning Subcommittee (Eric Borbe, Chair)

Chair Eric Borbe indicated that the Planning Project for this year required outreach to Section 302 facilities in the District. Mr. Borbe also mentioned that member participation was critical in order to successfully complete the outreach activities. Manny Cela described in detail necessary steps, including an informational mass mailing to all Section 302 facilities in the District and the 50 on-site visits. Mr. Cela made a presentation of **FloridaHMIS.org** to familiarize the members with the system. Representatives from Miami-Dade Fire Rescue and Broward County Emergency Management Division agreed to work with the SoFlaLEPC to facilitate the project. As part of the Hazards Analysis site-visits they perform for their respective counties, each agency will assist in outreach activities to 25 facilities in their respective counties. Other members, including public agency representatives and the private sector also offered assistance.

A long discussion followed regarding FloridaHMIS.org and E-Plan, their similarities, differences and need for both. Charlie Boyd, Ed Erickson, Gary Koen, Cesar Fabal, Paulette Kandel, George Danz, Manny Cela and others took part at various times.

6. Membership Changes (Manny Cela)

There was only one membership change, Miguel Ascarrunz, Public Safety Manager for BEMA to serve as Alternate for Director Chuck Lanza. The change was moved by Howard Vollovick, seconded by Charlie Boyd and approved unanimously.

7. HazMat Emergency Response Plan (Paulette Kandel)

Paulette Kandel indicated the Plan should only require minimal edits after the extensive overhaul done last year. Ms. Kandel asked that another member take over her duties, preferably someone with current ties to emergency management agencies. Juan Farach agreed with Ms. Kandel, himself having just read the entire Plan in preparation for the biennial exercise. Manny Cela indicated the plan needed to be updated in time for the June 2, 2010 meeting for approval and submittal to FDEM before June 30, 2010. No volunteer came forward during the meeting.



8. SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report (Manny Cela)

The Governor designated February 14-20, 2010 as **Florida HazMat Awareness Week** with an emphasis on **Chemistry in the Classroom**. In support of that proclamation, Mr. Cela prepared a two-page color informational brochure titled **Safety in School Chemistry Labs**. The flyer is suitable for distribution to local public and private schools and other groups using chemistry labs. Mr. Cela provided several hardcopies to those in attendance, who were encouraged to share them with students of their acquaintance. Mr. Cela indicated that in addition to a SoFlaLEPC webpage prepared for the occasion (www.sfrpc.com/lepc/hazmatweek10.htm), electronic copies of the brochure were sent to all members, interested parties and others throughout the State. The brochure was also offered for distribution to a local school district.

9. Member Comments

Charlie Boyd encouraged members to become better acquainted with E-Plan. Ed Erickson described how the system is used by Miami-Dade Fire Rescue to assist first responders. Manny Cela indicated that two pilot projects are underway, Orlando and Palm Beach County, to integrate E-Plan with 9-1-1 systems. Ed Erickson lauded EPA's CAMEO Chemicals as an excellent online source of chemical information.

10. Upcoming Meetings

The next SoFlaLEPC Meeting will take place at 10 am on June 2, 2010 at the SFRPC offices. The next Exercise Subcommittee Meeting will take place on March 4, 2010 at the same time and location. Information on upcoming meetings, agendas and minutes can be found on the SoFlaLEPC website www.sfrpc.com/lepc/meetings.htm.

11. Adjourn

Chair George Danz asked for a motion to adjourn at 11:55 am. The motion was moved by Larry Doyle, seconded by Charlie Boyd and approved unanimously.