



## SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE - DISTRICT 11

### MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2014 @ 10:00 AM

South Florida Regional Planning Council

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#### 1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Ray McDonald at 10:12 am.

#### 2. **Introductions**

In attendance were HazMat Plan Chair Miguel Ascarrunz, Troy Johnson, Planning Sub Chair Eric Borbe, Kristen Bell, Exercise Sub Chair Juan Farach, Miguel Hidalgo, David Ostrander, Chair Gary Koen, Bret Maxwell, John Johnson, Vice Chair Ray McDonald, Bob Christensen, Yvette McLeod, Jeffry Peleg, Anthony Trim, Alvaro Tonanez and Coordinator Manny Cela. Also in attendance were Tony Bradley and Lisa Gordon. Excused were Niel Batista, Training Sub Chair Mike DiGiovanni, Mauricio Gomez, Maria Salgado, Jaimie Johnson, Hugh Johnston, Steve Lamson, Adam Yanckowitz, Alex Martinez, Gregory Thompson and Irene Toner.

Vice Chair Ray McDonald presented SERC Certificates of Appreciation to several members that were not present when originally distributed. Honored today were Eric Borbe, Bob Christensen and Jeffry Peleg. All received a well earned thank you and applause from the members present.

#### 3. **Previous Meeting Summary**

Draft minutes from the February 12, 2014 Meeting were moved by Jeffry Peleg, seconded by Miguel Ascarrunz and approved unanimously.

#### 4. **Subcommittee Reports**

##### Training Subcommittee (Mike DiGiovanni)

Coordinator Manny Cela reported for Training Sub Chair Mike DiGiovanni on his efforts to bring training to Monroe County and contacts with several agencies in the Keys. Mr. Cela also reported on courses he's been able to schedule. These include three HAZWOPER Refresher classes at Miami-Dade DERM this coming July 30, 31 and August 1. Also one CAMEO Refresher class on June 19 at the SFRPC offices in Hollywood. Finally, a 40-hour HazMat Chemistry class at the City of Hollywood Fire Rescue Training Center.

##### Exercise Subcommittee (Juan Farach, Chair)

Exercise Sub Chair Juan Farach briefed the members on the February 12, 2014 Exercise Meeting and current plans for this year's Biennial Exercise. Mr. Farach reminded the members that another Exercise Sub Meeting would be taking place immediately after the main Committee meeting.



Planning Subcommittee (Eric Borbe, Chair)

Planning Sub Chair Eric Borbe indicated that their efforts this year were merged with those of the Exercise Sub due to the Biennial Exercise.

**5. Membership Changes (Manny Cela)**

Three new membership nominations were accepted: Lt. Alex Martinez, Miami Fire Department and HazMat Team as Alternate in the Firefighting Category for Chief Hugo Rodriguez, Kristen Bell, Emergency Response Specialist with FDEP as Alternate in the Local Environmental Category for Kenton Brown and Leslie Ceden, Grants Specialist with the Seminole Tribe of Florida as Primary Member in the Non-Elected Local Official Category. The nominations were moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

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

Chair Miguel Ascarrunz praised the work done by Irene Toner (Monroe), Niel Batista (Miami-Dade) and Ali Younes (Broward) and others for their assistance in updating the HazMat Plan. The Plan was moved and seconded then approval to transmit to FDEM passed unanimously.

**7. SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report**

Coordinator Manny Cela reported that FDEM would be conducting six RMP site visits in our District this year, three in Miami-Dade during June and three in Broward during December. Capt. Trim, MDFR and Kristen Bell, FDEP requested be notified as soon as the calendar is set for the visits.

Mr. Cela described plans by FDEM to transfer review of the Hazards Analyses conducted each year in the District from the Division to the SoFlaLEPC. Conducting the HAs would continue as in past years and only the agency conducting review of the HA itself would change. Several members commented favorably about having the reviews performed locally.

Mr. Cela briefed the members on Operation RenderSafe, a Regional Fullscale Specialty Team Exercise that he coordinated for Region 7. Mr. Cela described participation of more than 160 players and nearly 400 participants at the March 5 event. Taking over the Miami Beach Convention Center, City Hall and adjacent parking areas, the exercise took place from late afternoon to early evening. Capt. Trim and Lt. Tonanez, with assistance from the FBI, setup the props and coordinated the hazmat component of the exercise, which included teams from MDFR, City of Miami, BSO FR, West Palm Beach and Delray Beach/Boca Raton. In addition, the exercise included four SWAT teams and three each of Forensics and EOD/Bomb Squad.

**8. Members Comments and Presentations**

Chair Gary Koen is a board member of the prestigious Chlorine Institute. Mr. Koen brought an information brochure produced quarterly by the Institute and available free of charge to all interested parties.

**9. Upcoming Meetings**

The next meeting of the South Florida LEPC will be taking place on August 20, 2014.

**10. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned a 11:12 am.