



SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE - DISTRICT 11

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2012 @ 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 10:02 am.

2. Introductions

In attendance were Miguel Ascarrunz, Niel Batista, Bob Christensen, George Colson, Mike DiGiovanni, Larry Doyle, Hugh Johnston, Paulette Kandel, Ray McDonald, Yvette McLeod, David Ostrander, Jeffry Peleg, Michael Thomson, Darrel Wieland and Coordinator Manny Cela. Also present was Gillian Cross for Adam Yanckowitz.

3. SoFlaLEPC Chair Resignation

Manny Cela briefed the members on the resignation of Chair George Danz and elevation of Vice Chair Gary Koen to the position of Chair as per LEPC guidelines. Chair Koen will serve the remainder of the term.

4. Previous Meeting Summary

The minutes from the May 23, 2012 meeting were moved by Michael Thomson, seconded by Jeffry Peleg and approved unanimously.

5. Subcommittee Reports

Training Subcommittee (Mike DiGiovanni, Chair)

Chair DiGiovanni briefed the members on training activities over the past year, listing the courses offered and general attendance. Sgt. DiGiovanni spoke about bringing the Chemical Suicide Response workshops to the Keys and how it may have saved the life of a sheriff's deputy responding to a recent chemical suicide incident. Manny Cela went on to discuss additional training expected to take place this year, including a HAZWOPER Refresher class at the Tamiami Campus of FIU on September 17 and two Chemical Compatibility and Storage classes in Marathon later in the month. We have discussed with FDEM the possibility of offering badly needed Mercury training, but the Division has turned it down thus far. Sgt. DiGiovanni reminded the members that funding is available for additional training and that discussions would begin soon towards the training courses to be offered next year. Please submit any suggestions or needs directly to Manny Cela.



Exercise Subcommittee (Juan Farach, Chair)

Manny Cela thanked all the members on behalf of Exercise Subcommittee Chair Juan Farach for their assistance and support with the recently completed Biennial Exercise. The June 7 tabletop was a successful event due in great part to the active participation from so many agencies and departments. A brief slideshow with pictures taken during the event was played in the background while several members offered comments.

Planning Subcommittee (Eric Borbe, Chair)

Manny Cela led the discussion for Planning Subcommittee Chair Eric Borbe on selection of a planning project for next year. A review of the attached document listing available choices and a discussion of recent projects led to a recommendation for "Option 4 - Facility Hazards Analysis Summary". Jeffry Peleg and George Colson moved and seconded the recommendation which was approved unanimously.

6. Membership Changes (Manny Cela)

The following membership application was presented at the meeting: Keith Carson, EM Coordinator for the Seminole Tribe of Florida, as Alternate Member for Jason Dobronz in the EM Category. Mr. Carson was formerly with Palm Beach EM.

Michael Thomson moved the nomination which was seconded by Ray McDonald and approved unanimously.

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

Chair Gary Koen thanked Miguel Ascarrunz for his leadership in the update of the SoFlaLEPC HazMat Plan. Irene Toner and Troy Johnson were also instrumental in providing information for the respective counties.

8. SoFlaLEPC Officer Elections

Coordinator Manny Cela briefed the members on the policy regarding officer elections. Elections are required at the first LEPC meeting following the July SERC meeting at which members are automatically reappointed every other year. Nominations were requested in advance for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. The Primary and Alternate Representatives to the SERC Training Task Force are appointed positions.

Gary Koen indicated he would like to remain in the position of Chair and George Colson expressed an interest in serving as Vice Chair. Jeffry Peleg moved the nomination of Gary Koen as Chair, which was seconded by Michael Thomson and passed unanimously. Michael Thomson moved the nomination of George Colson as Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Niel Batista and also approved unanimously.

Both Mike DiGiovanni and George Colson expressed an interest in remaining as Primary and Alternate Representatives to the SERC Training Task Force. Paulette Kandel moved for Mr. DiGiovanni to remain in his post. The item was seconded by David Ostrander and passed unanimously. Michael Thomson moved to reappoint George Colson; it was seconded by Yvette McLeod and passed unanimously.



9. SERC Thomas Yatabe Award and Certificates of Appreciation

Manny Cela and Gary Koen explained the process of selecting candidates for the annual SERC Thomas Yatabe Award and Certificates of Appreciation. The agenda included a list of South Florida winners going back to 2009. In light of the resignation of long time Chair George Danz, it was deemed appropriate after a discussion among the members to promote his nomination for the Yatabe Award as a proper send off for his years of dedication and service to the South Florida LEPC. In addition, Miguel Ascarrunz and Eric Borbe were singled out for their very successful work as Subcommittee Chairs and nominated for Certificates. Yvette McLeod moved the nominations, which were seconded by Michael Thomson and passed unanimously.

10. SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report

Manny Cela had no additional comments.

11. Members Comments and Presentations

Chair Gary Koen briefed the members via PowerPoint presentation on the Chlorine Institute. Mr. Koen described the Institute as a 200-member non-profit trade association with a mission of safety and protection of human health and the environment. Its North America producer members account for 93% of all chlorine production in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

Jeffry Peleg and Larry Doyle described their participation in a recent “booming” exercise in Bear Cut on Key Biscayne and Darrel Wieland explained the role FDEP played in the event.

12. Upcoming Meetings

The next SoFlaLEPC meeting will take place November 28 at the SFRPC offices in Hollywood.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Gary Koen at 11:37 am.