



SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE - DISTRICT 11

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 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 Chair Gary Koen at 10:06 am.

2. **Introductions**

In attendance were Planning Sub Chair Eric Borbe, Keith Carson, Bob Christensen, Steven Herschenhorn, Jaimie Johnson, Troy Johnson, Vince Kalson, Chair Gary Koen, Nick Kontax, Vice Chair Ray McDonald, Yvette McLeod, David Ostrander, Jeffry Peleg, SERC TTF Representative Steve Shaw, Gregory Thompson, Irene Toner, Anthony Trim, Freda Vaughn, Howard Vollovick and Coordinator Manny Cela. Also in attendance were Richard Barrett, Homer Whittaker, Gary Smith, Lisa Gordon and an OSHA representative. Excused from the meeting were Exercise Sub Chair Juan Farach, Jaime Gonzalez, Mike Graham, Alain Donderiz, Mauricio Gomez and Maria Salgado.

3. **Previous Meeting Summary**

The minutes from the August 20, 2014 meeting were moved by Bob Christensen, seconded by Jeffry Peleg and approved unanimously.

4. **Subcommittee Reports**

Training Subcommittee

Coordinator Manny Cela presented a report on Subcommittee activities. To the present, 18 different training sessions have been offered this year with a total of 572 students. Since the last meeting, three additional classes were held: a 40-hour HazMat Technician I from October 27 to 31 at Hollywood FR, an 8-hour DOT HazMat and HazWaste class November 6 at FIU and an 8-hour HAZWOPER Refresher November 13 at the Broward EOC.

Mr. Cela then briefed the members on the upcoming 2015 HazMat Training Symposium in Daytona Beach. The Symposium will take place January 21-23, offering multiple training opportunities to those that attend. In addition, there will be a hazmat team competition on January 21. Similar to last year, the SoFlaLEPC will offer a limited number of sponsorships based on budget availability to hazmat team members from the District that wish to participate. Attendees must register to attend classes each day, morning and afternoon. For those approved to attend, the SoFlaLEPC will reimburse registration, two hotel nights (at State rates), per diem (at State rates) and mileage (if driving a personal vehicle). Prior approval is required and receipts provided for reimbursement.



Exercise Subcommittee (Juan Farach, Chair)

- No exercise required for FY1415

Planning Subcommittee (Eric Borbe, Chair)

Subcommittee Chair Eric Borbe and Manny Cela briefed the members. This turned into a very lengthy discussion. As of the meeting date, no contract had been received for FY1415 although one is expected. A planning project must be selected for the coming year. Mr. Cela requested a draft list of expected projects and, after a preliminary review, recommended to the Sub Chair and the Committee that the Commodity Flow Study Option be selected. The reasons were several, this project has not been selected in recent years and most of the others have. Some concerns were aired regarding logistics for this kind of project. Yvette McLeod offered a MD WASD pump station near Port of Miami that could be used to count hazmat vehicles entering and exiting the port. Bob Christensen suggested using a cloverleaf as a better way to count vehicles on the highways since traffic necessarily slows down in that area. Eric Borbe voiced the concern of many that the South Florida area may have too much traffic to do a proper job. Vice Chair Ray McDonald suggested contacting FDOT about using some of their traffic management video. Chair Gary Koen reminded the members that volunteers would be needed to do some of the work. After a lengthy discussion, Subcommittee Chair Borbe proposed the members proceed with a vote. Vice Chair Ray McDonald moved the selection, Yvette McLeod seconded and it was passed unanimously.

5. Membership Changes (Manny Cela)

Two new membership applications were received: Steven Herschenhorn, Broward County EMD, as Alternate for Director Miguel Ascarrunz in the Emergency Management Category and Vince Kalson, Emergency Management Radiological Emergency Preparedness Administrator, Monroe County Emergency Management, as Alternate for Director Irene Toner in the Emergency Management Category. Howard Vollovick moved the nominations, seconded by Keith Carson and passed unanimously.

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

The 2015 update of the HazMat Emergency Response Plan will begin early next year.

7. Selection of meeting dates for calendar year 2015 (Manny Cela)

Coordinator Manny Cela proposed the following dates for 2015 meetings: February 11, May 27, August 26 and November 18. It was mentioned that February 11 may conflict with other activities already scheduled. Mr. Cela offered to check with others regarding the February 11 date and substitute February 4 if possible. With that, Gregory Thompson moved the item, seconded by Yvette McLeod and passed unanimously.



8. SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report

Mr. Cela briefed the members on recent LEPC activities. The LEPC contract was received in time and is currently in effect. Mr. Cela went on to explain all the issues with the current and new HMEP contracts and problems with DOT and FDFS. There will be three RMP Program site visits by FDEM in Broward in December. December 9 at a Hollywood WWTP, December 10 at Pompano Associated Grocers and December 11 at a Fort Lauderdale WWTP. Interested members can contact Mr. Cela for additional information.

The agenda included a report of SERC HazMat Incidents since the last meeting. This was FYI only. Also FYI, the SERC How to Comply Manual was recently updated and a copy can be downloaded from: www.sfrpc.com/lepc/Section302Outreach.htm.

9. Members Comments and Presentations

Rick Barrett from the Florida Gas Transmission Company brought a very interesting presentation on "What to Expect in Response to a Natural Gas Emergency". Mr. Barrett offered a great deal of important information which was very well received and he closed with a Q&A period.

Next up was Capt. Steve Shaw, HazMat Team Coordinator for the Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department. Captain Shaw discussed "Evolving Response Protocols" for his Department, especially when it comes to infectious diseases. Captain Shaw described several recent incidents and how they went about responding. Also, he briefed the members on training amongst the four hazmat teams in Broward. This presentation elicited many member comments. Freda Vaughn offered to send links to new YouTube videos prepared by the Health Department on donning and doffing PPEs. Keith Carson mentioned that Doug Bass, former Palm Beach County EM Director, was Incident Commander in Dallas for their recent Ebola incidents. Bob Christensen asked if the teams used fluoride for decon and Captain Shaw responded that a bleach solution is used. Director Irene Toner suggested that jails may need to change their intake protocols to screen for potential infected prisoners or those that recently traveled to high-risk areas.

And in a sad note, Jeffry Peleg reminded the members of the recent passing of long-time member Larry Doyle who stepped down from the Committee a few months ago. Coordinator Manny Cela had emailed the members earlier when member Jon Hines notified him of the sad news.

10. Upcoming Meetings

The next SoFlaLEPC Meeting is for now scheduled for February 11, 2015 but that may change to February 4 due to scheduling conflicts. Members will be notified accordingly.

11. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was offered by Howard Vollovick, seconded by Yvette McLeod and passed unanimously. Chair Gary Koen adjourned the meeting at 11:55 am.