



SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016 @ 10:00 AM

South Florida Regional Council
3440 Hollywood Blvd, Suite 140
Hollywood, FL 33021

<http://sfregionalcouncil.org/portfolio-item/local-emergency-planning-committee/>

1. Welcome, Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Gary Koen welcomed the members at 10:02 am.

At the request of several members, Chair Koen led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Introductions

In attendance were Niel Batista, Kenton Brown, Ed Carberry, Bob Christensen, Michael DiGiovanni, Maikel Garcia, Miguel Hidalgo, Jaimie Johnson, John Johnson, Vince Kalson, Chair Gary Koen, Eduardo Koenig, Bret Maxwell, Vice Chair Ray McDonald, Axel Rodriguez, SERC TTF Rep Steve Shaw, Freda Vaughn, Howard Vollovick and Coordinator Manny Cela. Also in attendance were Steve Collins, Willie Bouie, Frank Cesario, Alex John Fiore, MST2 Hudson, MST2 Brown and Bridgette Bucell. Excused were Eric Borbe, Mauricio Gomez, Jeasy Justiniano and Keith Carson.

3. Previous Meeting Summary

Steve Collins indicated his name was not included in the attendance list on the May 25 Meeting Minutes. Ed Carberry then moved the corrected minutes, which were seconded and approved unanimously.

4. Subcommittee Reports

Training Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

Coordinator Manny Cela provided a recap of the training accomplishments this past fiscal year. To this point, there were nine separate training sessions with 282 students in total. One additional class is scheduled for September 16 with an expected 30 plus additional students. Among the classes was a 160-hour HazMat Technician Course. Howard Vollovick explained that most future HazMat 160 classes would be hybrids, with the first 80-hours conducted online.

In support of the SERC TTF Regional HazMat Training Trailer Initiative, the SoFlaLEPC purchased four additional hazmat training props from the approved list provided by the SERC. Mr. Cela described the additional equipment purchased including a Chlorine One-Ton Training End "B" Prop with Wheels and a Chlorine Rail Car/Tank Truck Training Dome "C" Prop. Also purchased were a Chlorine "B" Kit and "C" Kit. These items complement the Dome Leak Simulator purchased last year. The items will be stored and maintained by the Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue HazMat Team and will be available to other District HazMat Teams for training.



Planning Subcommittee (Eric Borbe, Chair)

The Planning Subcommittee suspended activities this year in support of Exercise Planning.

Exercise Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

Coordinator Manny Cela briefly discussed the June 30 FY1516 LNG Transport Biennial Exercise. He indicated there would be a more in depth presentation later on the agenda which would serve as the Exercise After Action Conference (AAC) since many of the attendees were present at this meeting.

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

The following membership change was proposed: Jose Tovar, Environmental Resources Project Manager for the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Division moved from Alternate to Primary Member replacing Yvette McLeod in the Local Environmental Category. The change was moved by Jaimie Johnson, seconded by Ray McDonald and approved unanimously.

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

Work on the 2017 update will begin early next year.

7. **SoFlaLEPC Officer Elections**

The positions of Chair and Vice Chair were up for election at this meeting. Coordinator Manny Cela included the announcement in the Meeting Agenda when it was sent a week ago. Mr. Cela indicated both Chair Gary Koen and Vice Chair Ray McDonald had expressed an interest in remaining in their current roles. A request was included for any members interested to contact Mr. Cela but none did. The nominations were moved by Howard Vollovick, seconded by Jaimie Johnson and approved unanimously.

SERC TTF Rep Steve Shaw was reappointed to his position by Chair Gary Koen.

8. **SERC Thomas Yatabe Award and Certificates of Appreciation Selection**

Chair Gary Koen described the SERC Thomas Yatabe Award and Certificates of Appreciation. He informed the members that HazMat Plan Chair Miguel Ascarrunz had been nominated to receive the Yatabe Award and Bret Maxwell and Maikel Garcia Certificates of Appreciation. The nominations were moved by Ed Carberry, seconded by Steve Shaw and approved unanimously.

9. **SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report (Manny Cela)**

Coordinator Manny Cela brought to the attention of the members the South Florida HazMat Incidents List which was attached to the Agenda. Mr. Cela also mentioned that the 2016 ERGs had been delivered to the counties and would be distributed to individual agencies through Emergency Management. Mr. Cela accompanied FDEM personnel conducting a Risk Management Program site visit to the Wittkop Park Waste Treatment Plant in Homestead on August 9. Mr. Cela went on to briefly answer several questions on the Sunshine Law pending from the previous meeting.



Coordinator Manny Cela had a prepared slide presentation on the recently completed LNG Transport Biennial Exercise. The presentation covered all topics of the exercise and Mr. Cela called on several members present today that also attended the event. The conversation included many topics such as LNG properties, best practices to combat a fire, the need to update response plans and others. There was general agreement on the success of the exercise and items bearing further attention.

10. Members Comments

Chair Gary Koen informed the members on his attendance to the DHS Chemical Sector Conference in Washington D.C. and its concentration on cyber security for chemical plants.

Freda Vaughn provided information on the Zika virus from the Florida Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). There followed a conversation on the subject of chemicals used, number of affected persons, etc. that included Jaimie Johnson, Ms. Vaughn, Bob Christensen, Ray McDonald and John Johnson.

Frank Cesario updated the members on the status of Invest 99L in the Caribbean and the upcoming USCG Semi-Annual Area Committee Meeting September 14 at the Fort Lauderdale Double Tree Hotel.

11. Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting will take place November 16 in Hollywood.

12. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Howard Vollovick at 11:55 am, seconded by Jaimie Johnson and approved unanimously.