



SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017 @ 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 and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Ray McDonald welcomed the members at 10:02 am.

2. Introductions

In attendance were Junieth Arana, Niel Batista, Jeannie Cann, Keith Carson, Maikel Garcia, Steven Herschenhorn, Jaimie Johnson, Vince Kalson, Bret Maxwell, Vice Chair Ray McDonald, Jeffry Peleg, Axel Rodriguez, SERT TTF Rep Steve Shaw, Carl Sidelko, Alvaro Tonanez, Jose Tovar, Freda Vaughn and Howard Vollovick. Also present were Willie Bouie, Patrick Coyne and Jose Molina. Members Mike DiGiovanni and Eduardo Koenig had excused absences.

3. SoFlaLEPC Chair Resignation and Elections (Manny Cela)

After 22 years on the Committee, Chair Gary Koenig resigned in January. SERC Policies for LEPCs state the Vice Chair will preside until elections are held at the next meeting. Vice Chair Ray McDonald indicated an interest in moving to the position of Chair. The Coordinator included a request in the meeting notice for interested applicants to notify him before the meeting. None came forward. Jeffry Peleg moved to elect Ray McDonald as Chair, Keith Carson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

With Mr. McDonald vacating the Vice Chair position, Howard Vollovick indicated an interest in the position. No others responded to the inquiry sent with the meeting notice. Niel Batista moved to elect Howard Vollovick as Vice Chair. Jeffry Peleg seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

4. Previous Meeting Summary

Niel Batista moved to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2016 meeting. Jeffry Peleg seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

5. Subcommittee Reports

Training Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

Coordinator Manny Cela briefed the members on the current status of training for the year. Regarding the 2017 HazMat Symposium and Competition held this past January in Daytona Beach, the Committee sponsored entirely, on in part, 16 individuals to attend and represent the South Florida LEPC. That included HazMat Teams from Fort Lauderdale and Miami-Dade. Sunrise was also represented. Attendees Alvaro Tonanez, Steve Shaw, Ray McDonald, Howard Vollovick and Steve Collins reported out to the Committee.



The Committee also sponsored two to attend a 24-hour CAMEO class at the Treasure Coast LEPC. Ray McDonald and Howard Vollovick briefed the members on the benefits of the class. This spurred conversation on the needs for similar training in our District and the usefulness of CAMEO with more modern tools such as E-Plan now available anywhere via WiFi.

Coordinator Manny Cela briefed the members on the FDEM E-Plan How-2-Comply Training taking place in the afternoon. Two sessions are available, 1 pm and 3 pm. The second session has some open seats.

Purchase of a HazMat Training Equipment Trailer is pending conversations with Fort Lauderdale FR regarding maintenance, insurance, registration, etc.

The South Florida LEPC was notified by FDEM that funding was available for LNG training in Miami-Dade and Broward. No details or curriculum are currently available but both counties indicated interest.

A Hybrid HazMat 160 class was discussed with the Broward HazMat teams. Negotiations will continue towards scheduling the training later in the year.

Planning Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

The Florida Division of Fire Marshal requested assistance from the LEPCs in helping local HazMat Teams complete their Self-Assessments. The Committee selected Conduct On-Site Assessment or Needs Assessment Survey for HazMat Teams as its Planning Project for the year. Much conversation ensued regarding the level of assistance requested and member involvement.

Coordinator Manny Cela reminded the members that a Planning Subcommittee Meeting would immediately follow this meeting.

Exercise Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

There is no Biennial Exercise for FY1617.

6. SERC Thomas Yatabe Award Recognition and Distribution of Certificates

Although not present, Miguel Ascarrunz was honored as this year's recipient of the SERC Thomas Yatabe Award, which he received during the January SERC meetings in Daytona. This year's recipients of SERC Certificates of Appreciation Bret Maxwell and Maikel Garcia were on hand to receive their Certificates and were duly honored by the members present.

7. Membership Changes (Manny Cela)

There were two membership changes at this meeting: Jeannie Cann, District Emergency Coordination Officer for FDOT 6, was selected as Primary Member in the Transportation Category replacing Mauricio Gomez; Carl Sidelko, Site Manager for Sentry Industries, was selected as Primary Member in the Facility Owners and Operators Category replacing Gary Koen. The applications were moved by Keith Carson, seconded by Jose Tovar and carried unanimously. Both new members introduced themselves to the Committee and spoke briefly.



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

HazMat Plan Chair Miguel Ascarrunz will be contacting the various agencies that provide input and updates to the HazMat Plan shortly with a planned completion before the next meeting.

9. SoFlaLEPC 2017 Meeting Dates - Revised

Based on input from the members, the 2017 meeting dates will be revised to February 8 (today), May 31, August 16 and November 15. Jeffry Peleg moved the changes, Keith Carson seconded and the item was approved unanimously.

10. SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report (Manny Cela)

Coordinator Manny Cela referred the members to the attached TRANSCAER article written by FDEM's Paul Wotherspoon showcasing the LNG facility in South Florida. The photos in the article were provided by Manny Cela.

11. Members Comments

There were no general comments.

12. Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting will take place May 31 in Hollywood. The members were reminded and requested to remain for the Planning Subcommittee meeting that followed immediately.

13. Adjourn

Niel Batista moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 am. The motion was seconded by Jaimie Johnson and carried unanimously.