



SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018 @ 10:00 AM

South Florida Regional Planning Council
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<http://sfregionalcouncil.org/local-emergency-planning-committee/>

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Howard Vollovick welcomed the members at 10:07 am.

Introductions

In attendance were Junieth Arana, Niel Batista, Kenton Brown, Bob Christensen, Steven Herschenhorn, Vince Kalson, Bret Maxwell, Amed Navarrete, Peter Schecter, SERC TTF Rep Steve Shaw, Freda Vaughn, Vice Chair Howard Vollovick, Keith Westin and Coordinator Manny Cela. Also in attendance were Mark Salazar, Daryl Sibble, Jennifer Sancho and Luis Torres. Miguel Ascarrunz, Richard Barrett, Eric Borbe, Jeannie Cann, Dave Dungan, Ian Moscoso, Jeffry Peleg, Maikel Garcia, Anthony Trim and Alvaro Tonanez had excused absences.

Previous Meeting Summary

Niel Batista moved to approve the minutes from the August 16 and November 15, 2017 meetings. It was seconded by Bob Christensen and approved unanimously.

Membership Changes (Manny Cela)

There were three new member nominations: Peter Schecter, Safety Supervisor, Jet Blue Airways Fort Lauderdale, as Primary Member in the Transportation Category, Amed "AJ" Navarrete, EHS&S Manager, Sentry Industries, as Primary Member replacing Carl Sidelko in the Facility Owners and Operators Category and Ian Moscoso, Duty Manager, Oil Spill Response USA, as Primary Member in the Local Environmental Category. The nominations were moved by Bret Maxwell, seconded by Kenton Brown and approved unanimously.

Subcommittee Reports

Training Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

Coordinator Manny Cela discussed training already completed, in progress or committed for the year, including the HazMat Training Symposium, held January in Daytona, the FDEM E-Plan How2Comply, held in February at the SoFlaLEPC Offices, a HazMat 160 running February to March at Miami Fire Rescue, a HAZWOPER Refresher at the Broward EOC in March and a Hybrid HazMat 160 at Fort Lauderdale FR.

Additional training in the planning stages includes OSHA HAZWOPER Refresher classes at Miami-Dade and FIU, Refresher Training in Monroe County and the purchase of a trailer to house and transport the hazmat training props previously purchased by the Committee.



Steve Shaw spoke highly of the experience the Fort Lauderdale HazMat Team enjoyed at the HazMat Symposium and the great learning opportunity it affords attendees. Howard Vollovick also described his experience in volunteering to work with the Symposium Committee.

Chief John Johnson/Marathon, spoke of the need for additional training in Monroe County, especially in light of the recent tragedy involving several fatalities during a manhole response. Several members volunteered to reach out in the Keys to offer our free training. Coordinator Manny Cela informed the group that he had been in communication with the Key Largo Fire Department to bring training but was having difficulties garnering enough attendance to actually host the classes.

Planning Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

Last year's Planning Project, On-Site HazMat Team Assessment, was successfully completed and delivered to FDEM. Several members assisted in the visits and material reviews including Chair McDonald, Vice Chair Vollovick, SERC TTF Rep Shaw, Maikel Garcia, Anthony Trim and Alvaro Tonanez.

Exercise Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

The Committee's contract with FDEM requires that the Committee either assist in planning, conducting and evaluating a hazmat exercise or facilitate a hazmat tabletop exercise. Since the last exercise the Committee had was two years ago, it was suggested a tabletop should take place. Kenton Brown made a motion in support of the exercise, which was seconded by Bob Christensen and approved unanimously.

Mr. Cela invited the members to remain and attend an Exercise Subcommittee Meeting immediately following this meeting.

Yatabe Award Presentation and Certificates of Appreciation

Coordinator Manny Cela congratulated Vice Chair Howard Vollovick on receiving the 2018 SERC Yatabe Award. Photos of the awards ceremony from the January SERC meeting were displayed. Neither Eduardo Koenig or Jose Tovar were on hand to receive their Certificates of Appreciation, which will be forwarded.

Meeting Dates for Calendar 2018

The meeting dates for the year were presented at the last meeting for discussion. These are February 21, May 16, August 15 and November 14, 2018. Bob Christensen made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved unanimously.

HazMat Emergency Response Plan Update (Miguel Ascarrunz, Chair)

The Plan will be forwarded to our partner agencies for review and edit as necessary. The updated Plan will be presented to the Committee at the May 16 meeting for approval and submission to FDEM.

SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report (Manny Cela)

Coordinator Manny Cela informed the members that the South Florida Regional Planning Council was moving its offices. The new location would be just one stop north on I-95 at Sheridan Street. The Council will first be occupying a smaller temporary office while larger quarters are built-out. The location of the next SoFlaLEPC meeting will be determined later.



Members Comments

Howard Vollovick spoke of his experiences attending and assisting with the HazMat Symposium. Steve Shaw also spoke of Fort Lauderdale's HazMat Team's attendance at the Symposium and participation in the competition.

Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting will take place May 16 at 10 am. The location is TBD.

Adjourn

Adjournment was moved by Steve Shaw, seconded by John Johnson and passed unanimously at 11:00 am.