



SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019 @ 10:00 AM

South Florida Regional Planning Council

Please note our new address: One Oakwood Blvd, **Suite 250**, Hollywood, FL 33020
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1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chair McDonald at 10:02 am.

2. Introductions

In attendance were Niel Batista, Tatiana Belmont, Jose Diaz, SERC TTF Rep Maikel Garcia, John Johnson, Eduardo Koenig, Jeff Manning, Bret Maxwell, Chair Ray McDonald, Jeffry Peleg, Alfred Reid, Axel Rodriguez, Peter Schecter and Coordinator Manny Cella. Excused were Rick Barrett, AJ Navarrete and Vice Chair Stephen Shaw. Also present were Kelly Gibbs, Christine Mucci, James Russo, Tim Rowe, Kendall Faulkner, Jahmes McClean and Yvette McLeod.

3. Previous Meeting Summary

Draft Minutes from the February 6, 2019 meeting were moved by Jeffry Peleg, seconded by Maikel Garcia and approved unanimously.

4. Membership Changes

Membership applications from Alfred Reid and Jeff Manning were moved by Brett Maxwell, seconded by Jeffry Peleg and approved unanimously. Both members introduced themselves to the Committee. There was an extended discussion over Hurricane Irma damages to the Keys and the slow rate of expense reimbursements from the State to the local communities.

5. Subcommittee Reports

Training Subcommittee

Coordinator Manny Cella provided an update of training activities this year, including sponsorship of the HazMat Symposium, How-2-Comply training, three very well attended Gasoline Tanker Emergencies classes in Miami and HAZWOPER Refresher and Hybrid HazMat160 classes in Broward. Already scheduled are a second Hybrid HazMat160 class in Key West and an additional two HAZWOPER Refreshers in Miami-Dade.

Additionally, a shift-friendly Managing HazMat Incidents class is in the works for August.



Planning Subcommittee

There was no Planning Project selected this year.

Exercise Subcommittee

Coordinator Manny Cela briefed the Committee on an expected CSX Rail Incident Functional Exercise to be hosted by the South Florida LEPC on June 19. Additional details will be provided during the Initial Planning Conference immediately following this meeting.

6. 2019 HazMat Emergency Response Plan Update

Chair McDonald and Coordinator Manny Cela thanked members Neil Batista, Alain Donderiz and Jeff Manning for their assistance in navigating the HazMat Plan through their Counties for the annual update. Neil Batista moved for approval to submit the Plan to FDEM. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

7. SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report

Coordinator Manny Cela briefed the members on his recent trip to Cape Coral to attend a meeting of the SWF LEPC. Mr. Cela commented on the similarities of all LEPCs in the State.

Mr. Cela also provided an updated on the recently completed Operation HeatShield3, a multi-county fullscale exercise for which he was Chief Planner. The event unfolded over more than 12 hours primarily at the three Southeast Florida seaports and an additional 15 venues. Total attendance exceeded 1,700.

8. Presentations

Coordinator Manny Cela used the opportunity to address the assembled members and guests with a Shelter-In-Place presentation, a copy of which was offered to interested parties.

9. Member Comments

Kelly Gibbs, DHS Chemical Supervisor for the State of Florida, addressed the participants. Ms. Gibbs reiterated DHS's interest in working with local facilities and others, especially in light of the upcoming Super Bowl in January 2020. Matt Currie, who has previously addressed the Committee, typically works the South Florida area.

10. Upcoming Meetings

Immediately following this meeting will be the Initial Planning Conference for the 2019 SoFlaLEPC Exercise. The next quarterly meeting will take place August 21, 2019 in Hollywood.

11. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn at 11:10 was offered by Jeffry Peleg, seconded by Maikel Garcia and approved unanimously.