



SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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 the Chair at 10:05 am.

2. Introductions

In attendance were Junieth Arana, Rick Barrett, Niel Batista, Camile Campbell, Bob Christensen, Alain Donderiz, SERT TTF Rep Maikel Garcia, Eduardo Koenig, Chair Ray McDonald, Alfred Reid, James Russo, Peter Schecter, Vice Chair Stephen Shaw, Alvaro Tonanez, Freda Vaughn, Keith Westin and Coordinator Manny Cela. Excused from the meeting were Bret Maxwell, Martha Payan, Jeffery Peleg and Jeff Manning. Also in attendance were Lisa Gordon, Mark Bianchi, Chris Barton, Chris Birnbaum, Scott Disbrow, Mason Marquez, Jose Blanco, Robert Williams, Mary Napoli, Al Howe, Gabriel Zamora, Josh Green, Bill Senyshyn, Robert Molleda, Sean Miller and Benny Perez.

3. Previous Meeting Summary

The minutes from the August 21, 2019 meeting were moved by Keith Westin, seconded by Niel Batista and approved unanimously.

4. Membership Changes (Manny Cela)

Coordinator Manny Cela briefed the members on the pending membership nomination from Martha Payan, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Memorial Healthcare System. Ms. Payan is moving from Alternate to Primary replacing Dave Dungan in the Health and Safety Category. The item was moved by Maikel Garcia, seconded by Peter Schecter and approved unanimously.

5. Approve Meeting Dates for 2020

The proposed meeting dates for 2020 are February 19, May 20, August 19 and November 18. The item was moved by Maikel Garcia, seconded by Peter Schecter and approved unanimously.



6. Subcommittee Reports

Training Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

Coordinator Manny Cela reported that the Committee had already completed its first training class for the fiscal year with 20 students, an 8-hour OSHA HAZWOPER Refresher class at FIU on November 13.

Currently in the planning stages are a Hybrid HazMat160 class for Monroe County FR from January through February 2020 with an expected 24 students. The 2020 HazMat Symposium in Daytona will take place January 21-24, 2020. The proposal is to sponsor up to five students per each of the seven hazmat teams in the District (i.e. 35 students). On February 19, we will be hosting personnel from FDEM to provide E-Plan How-to-Comply training. In March 2020, we expect to offer one 8-hour OSHA HAZWOPER Refresher class for Broward County and two more in July for Miami-Dade DERM.

The members approved the current, planned and expected training unanimously.

Planning Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

With receipt of the HMEP contract for FY1920, it was recommended to the Committee the selection of Plan an Exercise as the annual planning project in support of the LEPC Exercise. The item was moved by Niel Batista, seconded and approved unanimously.

Exercise Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

An Exercise Subcommittee Meeting followed immediately to discuss the annual exercise.

7. 2019 HazMat Emergency Response Plan Update (Manny Cela)

The Coordinator indicated that several members within the member County governments would be contacted after the new year to assist in guiding the Plan update through the appropriate Departments.

8. Presentation

Personnel from the 48th Weapons of Mass Destruction/Civil Support Team (WMD-CST) from Pinellas Park, Florida were on hand for a very informative presentation on their purpose and capabilities. LTC Bianchi, SFC Barton and SSG Birnbaum received a very enthusiastic welcome. A copy of their presentation was forwarded to all the members.

9. SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report (Manny Cela)

Mr. Cela informed the Committee that the 2016 printed ERGs should be arriving April-May 2020 according to FDEM. It was determined by FDEM's attorney that the Florida Sunshine Law applies to LEPC Committee members, therefore, discussions pertaining to voting matters to be taken up by the Committee should only be taking place during noticed meetings.

JW Scott, on behalf of FDEM and the Florida Fire College, is undertaking site visits to all District HazMat Teams to conduct team assessments.



10. Member Comments

Chief Scott Disbrow and Robert Williams from Hialeah Fire Department were welcomed. Ralph Molleda from the National Weather Service Miami office addressed the Committee. Lt. Al Tonanez informed the group of activities at Miami-Dade Fire Rescue. Freda Vaughn, Florida Department of Health, described the expanded BioWatch program and introduced William Senyshyn who will be replacing departing member Natasha Strokin. The members congratulated Chief James Russo on his recent promotion.

11. Upcoming Meetings

The next SoFlaLEPC Meeting will take place February 19, 2019 at the SFRPC office in Hollywood.

12. Adjourn

Chair McDonald called for a motion to adjourn at 11:25 am. Alain Donderiz made the motion, which was seconded by Niel Batista and approved unanimously.