



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #V.C

DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2016
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM UPDATE

South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee Activities (SoFlaLEPC)

LEPCs were created by the Florida Legislature in 1988 to implement EPA's Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act. LEPC Districts coincide with those of Regional Planning Councils. The South Florida LEPC holds quarterly meetings that are open to the public. Current membership consists of nearly 50 members from categories such as emergency management, public utilities, environmental, fire rescue, law enforcement, hazardous materials, health/medical and private industry. SoFlaLEPC activities include public outreach and hazardous materials training and exercises provided free of charge. Over the last 13 years, 148 class sessions have trained nearly 3,900 responders in the Region.

Purchase of HazMat Training Equipment for the Region

Upon notification of the availability of surplus funds from the State, the South Florida LEPC requested and received additional funding from FDEM for the purchase of a Dome Leak Simulator (see photos below). The unit will be housed by the Fort Lauderdale Fire Department and available to other departments on request for training.



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2016 HazMat Training Symposium and Competition

Each January, Fire Departments from across the southeast U.S. attend Fire Rescue East in Daytona Beach, one of the largest fire-rescue conferences in the country. The HazMat Training Symposium and Competition portion of the conference alone is attended by well over 300 hazardous materials technicians. For the second year, the South Florida LEPC is sponsoring personnel from South Florida to attend and compete. Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue HazMat Team was one of the participants as well as technicians representing Miami-Dade Fire Rescue.



Southeast Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force – Region 7 Activities

Council staff is currently assisting the Region plan a major fullscale training exercise scheduled for February 6, 2016. **Operation HeatShield** will bring together twelve SWAT teams from South Florida Police Departments to face a series of active shooter training scenarios. The teams will integrate their activities with those from Miami-Dade and City of Miami Fire Rescue Departments and the Florida Department of Health to evacuate, treat and direct “victims” to ten local hospitals which are also participating. Exercise venues will include the Downtown Government Center and Marlins Park as well as six other locations across the County. Plans are to bring similar training exercises to Broward and Palm Beach in the coming years.

Recommendation

Information only.

