



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #V.D

DATE: APRIL 4, 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 14 years, 150 class sessions have trained more than 4,000 responders in the Region.

FDEM E-Plan How-to-Comply Training

This past February 10, the South Florida LEPC hosted two training sessions designed to assist Section 302 Facilities in the Region comply with their annual reporting requirements. Section 302 Facilities are those that manufacture, store, distribute or utilize Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) as defined by EPA in amounts exceeding certain thresholds. Representatives from nearly 60 facilities were in attendance for this training held at the Council offices in Hollywood.

OSHA HAZWOPER Refresher Training for Broward County

Many public sector employees are required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to attend annual Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) refresher training. This is the case for many public works, public health, utilities, environmental and other County personnel. Working with the Broward County Pollution Prevention, Remediation and Air Quality Division, the South Florida LEPC provided this refresher training on March 17 and 18 at the Broward County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located in Plantation. Sixty Five County employees took advantage of the training.



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It is expected that the same training will be provided later this summer in Miami-Dade.

Southeast Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force – Region 7 Activities

Council staff assisted the Region plan Operation HeatShield, a major fullscale training exercise on February 6. The event brought together SWAT teams from numerous South Florida Police Departments to face a series of active shooter scenarios. The teams integrated their activities with those from local Fire Rescue/EMS and the Health Department to evacuate, treat and direct “victims” to local hospitals. Exercise venues included the Downtown Government Center and Marlins Park as well as other locations across the County. Many dignitaries were on hand, including DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson, MDPD Director Juan Perez and Councilmember Tim Daubert.



Recommendation

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