



SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE - DISTRICT 11

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2011 @ 10:00 AM

South Florida Regional Planning Council

3440 Hollywood Blvd, Suite 140

Hollywood, FL 33021

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1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Gary Koen at 10:03 am.

2. Introductions

In attendance were James Baptiste, Bob Christensen, George Colson, George Danz (Chair) via Conference Call, Mike DiGiovanni, Larry Doyle, Juan Farach, Ana Gannon, Jaimie Johnson, Paulette Kandel, Gary Koen (Vice Chair), Nick Kontax, Ray McDonald, David Ostrander, Maria Salgado, Irene Toner, Howard Vollovick and Coordinator Manny Cela. Also in attendance was Alberto Lageyris.

3. Previous Meeting Summary

A motion was made by George Danz to approve the minutes from the May 25, 2011 Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ray McDonald and approved unanimously.

4. Subcommittee Reports

Training Subcommittee (Bob Marton, Chair/Vice Chair Mike DiGiovanni)

Manny Cela informed the members that due to job obligations, Chair Bob Marton was unable to continue in that capacity. A motion was made to move Mike DiGiovanni up from Vice Chair to Chair. The motion was seconded by Ray McDonald and approved unanimously. Manny Cela described a very successful training year to date plus additional classes in the month of September, including four sessions of the Chemical Suicide Response class and a second HazMat Awareness class in Monroe County. The members engaged in a prolonged discussion on potential courses to offer in the coming year. It was decided to schedule a subcommittee meeting to further discuss the issue sometime before the next full board meeting November 30.

Exercise Subcommittee (Juan Farach, Chair)

Manny Cela indicated that a biennial exercise will be required for the FY1112 contract year. Juan Farach agreed to continue to serve as Chair of this subcommittee. Other members volunteering to serve included Paulette Kandel, Howard Vollovick, Ana Gannon, Bob Christensen and Nick Kontax. Manny Cela suggested that if the "Plan an Exercise" Option was selected for the HMEP Planning Project, both activities could be undertaken at the same time. A subcommittee meeting will be scheduled after that selection is made at the November 30 meeting.



Planning Subcommittee (Eric Borbe, Chair)

The FY1011 Planning Project is virtually completed but for some administrative activities. Manny Cela reiterated the opportunity to select the option to plan an exercise at the next meeting (after the start of the new fiscal year and new contract) and combine the efforts of both subcommittees. This was agreed in general, no vote was necessary at this time.

5. Membership Changes (Manny Cela)

There were no membership changes this quarter.

6. HazMat Emergency Response Plan Update (Miguel Ascarrunz, Chair)

The revised and updated 2011 Plan was submitted to FDEM.

7. SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report (Manny Cela)

Manny Cela showed a video of Operation Ready2Connect, a Region 7 Interoperable Communications Full Scale Exercise he directed June 13-14, 2011 in Palm Beach County. Although not an LEPC activity, it was an indication of the kind of exercise possible with proper funding.

8. Member Comments

George Colson briefed the members on the activities of the SERC Training Task Force.

9. Upcoming Meetings

The next SoFlaLEPC Meeting will take place Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at 10 am in the SFRPC Hollywood offices. Additional information on upcoming meetings, agendas and minutes can be found on the SoFlaLEPC website www.sfrpc.com/lepc/meetings.htm.

10. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 11:07 am by Larry Koen. The motion was seconded by Juan Farach and passed unanimously.