



SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE - DISTRICT 11

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015 @ 10:00 AM

South Florida Regional Planning Council

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1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chair Gary Koen welcomed the members at 10:02 am.

2. Introductions

In attendance were Planning Sub Chair Eric Borbe, Kenton Brown, Ed Carberry, Leslie Cedeno, Bob Christensen, Steven Herschenhorn, Miguel Hidalgo, Jon Hines, Jim Jutras, Vince Kalson, Chair Gary Koen, Vice Chair Ray McDonald, Greg Namoff, SERC TTF Rep Steve Shaw, Alvaro Tonanez, Irene Toner, Anthony Trim, Howard Vollovick and SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Manny Cela. Also present were Eric Pugh, Gary Smith, Lisa Gordon, Jeasy Justiniano and Gary Warren. Excused were Keith Carson, Dave Dungan, Mauricio Gomez, John Johnston, Bret Maxwell, Maria Salgado, Chuck Tear and Warnell Vickers.

3. Previous Meeting Summary

Eric Borbe moved the minutes, seconded by Ed Carberry and approved unanimously.

4. Subcommittee Reports

Training Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

Coordinator Manny Cela reported to the Committee that three HazMat Teams from the District had requested and received sponsorship from the LEPC to attend the 2016 HazMat Training Symposium and Competition in Daytona Beach in January. This is up from the single team that attended last year.

Mr. Cela briefed the members on the purchase of a Dome Leak Simulator for the District using additional HMEP Training funds from FDEM. The unit will be housed at Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue and available to other Departments in the District for training.

The members engaged in a long discussion about E-85, its transport in bulk quantities and special foam needs to extinguish if burning. Said foam would be needed in large quantities but typical apparatus carries but a single drum.

Mr. Cela reported that in light of the very successful HazMat 160 classes in Broward and Miami-Dade over the last two years, efforts would be undertaken to offer the same training to the Miami and Hialeah HazMat Teams. If accepted, any unallocated seats would be offered on a first-come and first-served basis to other teams in the District.



Planning Subcommittee (Eric Borbe, Chair)

In light of this being a Biennial Exercise year, Sub Chair Eric Borbe recommended to the Committee that Option 3: Plan an Exercise be selected as the HMEP Planning Project for the year. The motion was made and seconded by Jim Jutras, passing by an unanimous vote.

Exercise Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

Manny Cela explained that this is a biennial exercise year and that the first meeting of the Exercise Subcommittee would take place immediately following the LEPC meeting.

5. Membership Changes (Manny Cela)

Coordinator Manny Cela described the membership applications received for this meeting: Jose Cintron, Area Emergency Manager for Miami VA Healthcare System was nominated to serve as Alternate Member for Robert Avery in the Hospital Category; Jeremy Vincent, Environmental Specialist III with FDEP was nominated to serve as Alternate Member for Kenton Brown in the Local Environmental Category replacing Kristen Bell. Jon Hines moved the nominations, which were seconded and approved unanimously.

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

Steven Herschenhorn attended for Chair Miguel Ascarrunz. Copies of the 2015 HazMat Plan will be distributed after the next meeting for review and update as needed.

7. Selection of Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2016

Manny Cela proposed holding meetings on February 10, May 25, August 24 and November 16 of next year. These dates coincide with those of the past several years and generally pose no conflict with other major events. The dates were moved by Ray McDonald, seconded by Eric Borbe and passed unanimously.

8. SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report

Coordinator Manny Cela called attention to the Agenda attachment listing South Florida HazMat Incidents since the last meeting in August. Mr. Cela briefed the members on an upcoming free 40-hour HazMat Toxicology class sponsored by the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Also attached to the Agenda was a copy of the new updated South Florida LEPC Logo developed in cooperation with the other LEPCs. Finally, a reminder of the Training Subcommittee meeting immediately following this meeting.

9. Members Comments and Presentations

Several members had comments. Chair Gary Koen reported on Joe Nelson replacing Don Sessions as the SERC TTF Chair. Jon Hines told the members that a new training wing at their facility had been named after long term LEPC Member Larry Doyle. Kenton Brown described some issues with the Florida Highway Patrol reports of hazmat spills on the highways. Gary Koen and Howard Vollovick described local incidents with misidentified chemicals. Finally, Gary Warren from DHS described his position and involvement with hazmat in the Region.

10. Upcoming Meetings

Next meeting will take place February 10, 2016 at SFRPC.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 11 am.