



## SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018 @ 10:00 AM

South Florida Regional Planning Council  
One Oakwood Blvd, Suite 221  
Hollywood, FL 33020

<http://www.soflalepc.org> (new website)

#### **Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Ray McDonald welcomed the members at 10:03 am.

#### **Introductions**

In attendance were Niel Batista, Tatiana Belmont, Camile Campbell, Bob Christensen, Jaimie Johnson, Eduardo Koenig, Bret Maxwell, Chair Ray McDonald, AJ Navarrete, Vice Chair Stephen Shaw, Keith Westin and Coordinator Manny Cela. Also in attendance were Lisa Gordon, Matt Currie, Vernon Jones, Chris Del Campo and James Russo. The following members had excused absences: Jenese Bowles, SERC TTF Rep Maikel Garcia, Martha Payan, Natasha Strokin and Alvaro Tonanez.

#### **Previous Meeting Summary**

The minutes from the August 15, 2018 meeting were moved by Niel Batista, seconded by Bret Maxwell and approved unanimously.

#### **Membership Changes (Manny Cela)**

There were two membership nominations from Natasha Strokin, Alternate Member for Freda Vaughn for FDOH and Camile Campbell as Primary Member for the Broward EMD. The nominations were moved by Niel Batista, seconded by Freda Vaughn and approved unanimously.

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

##### Training Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

Coordinator Manny Cela briefed the members on the training successes of the past year, including two HazMat160 technician classes, four OSHA HAZWOPER courses plus two E-Plan How-to-Comply sessions and the HazMat Symposium. Mr. Cela also discussed the purchase of a District HazMat trailer to house and transport training props (a photo was provided with the agenda).

Stephen Shaw discussed the benefits and drawbacks of hybrid 160 classes. James Russo and Chris Del Campo offered their experiences with the Broward version of the 160-hour technician class, where they use their own instructors and training props. It results in a better finished product. All praised assistance from the SoFlaLEPC. Tatiana Belmont, Bob Christensen and Ray McDonald also offered comments.



#### Planning Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

Coordinator Manny Cela began the discussion by describing to the members how the LEPC agreement with FDEM requires that the Committee either participate in the planning of a hazmat exercise run by another group or to host our own. Separately, through the HMEP grant, the Committee had for many years selected a planning project, including planning an exercise. That was the case last year which led to the development of the SoFlaLEPC 2018 Ammonia TTX (a copy of the AAR/IP was included with the agenda). Mr. Cela went on to say that, should the Committee choose not to select an HMEP planning project, the funds would instead be used for training.

After discussion, including comments from Matt Currie, Stephen Shaw, Bob Christensen, Niel Batista, Chris Del Campo and others, the Committee voted to NOT select a planning project, using those funds instead for training, and to either assist another group with their hazmat exercise or begin our own efforts early next year. Jaimie Johnson moved the item, which was seconded and passed unanimously.

#### Exercise Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

Mr. Cela indicated that he would approach FDEM to see whether his work with the SERDSTF and planning for HeatShield3 would suffice as the SoFlaLEPC exercise. If that is not the case, he would begin work on our own tabletop after the holidays.

#### **Selection of Meeting Dates for 2019**

Coordinator Manny Cela offered four dates for next year's Quarterly Meetings. Freda Vaughn and others offered suggestions to eliminate conflicts with meetings from other agencies. The members settled on February 20, May 29, August 21 and November 20 of 2019. The item was moved by Freda Vaughn, seconded by Niel Batista and passed unanimously.

#### **HazMat Emergency Response Plan Update**

Coordinator Cela explained the Plan needs to be update annually and the role played by the member taking the lead in this process. This position was filled very successfully the last few years by former Broward EM Director Miguel Ascarrunz. Mr. Cela inquired whether any members were interested in taking the lead in the Plan update. Unfortunately, there were no takers. The updated Plan must be approved by the Committee before the June 30, 2019 deadline, meaning at the May 29 Quarterly Meeting. This item will be revisited at the first meeting next year in February.

#### **SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report (Manny Cela)**

Coordinator Manny Cela briefed the members on his presentation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual FDEP Emergency Responders Networking Conference. A copy of the presentation was attached to the agenda.

#### **Members Comments**

Freda Vaughn mentioned that FDOH acquired white powder collection kits for the State-sponsored hazmat teams in the District. Matt Currie will be providing DHS materials to be forwarded to the members.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

The next meeting will take place February 20, 2019 next door at the new Council offices.

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair McDonald at 11:25 am.