



## SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

### DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, November 17, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

South Florida Regional Planning Council  
One Oakwood Blvd, Suite 250, Hollywood, FL 33020

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**Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions, this meeting was conducted virtually via GoToMeeting.**

**1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance (Jason McMahon)**

Coordinator Jason McMahon opened the meeting and welcomed the members at 10:03AM. Mr. McMahon also completed a Pledge of Allegiance ceremony.

**2. Meeting Instructions (Jason McMahon)**

Mr. McMahon instructed all participants to keep their microphones on mute to eliminate feedback and unnecessary noise from disrupting the meeting. During roll call and votes, microphones can be temporarily unmuted.

**3. Roll Call (Jason McMahon)**

In attendance were Junieth Arana, Niel Batista, Tiphane Brown-Francis, Bridjette Bucell, Camile Campbell, Alain Donderiz, Kelly Gibbs-Winiarz (DHS), Jaimie Johnson, John Johnson, Eduardo Koenig, Jose Lopez, Russell MacLees, Bret Maxwell, Ray McDonald, Mary Napoli, Martha Payan, Axel Rodriguez, James Russo, Peter Schechter, William Senyshyn, Stephen Shaw, Natasha Strokin, Marie Sullin, Keith Westin, Richard Whitehurst, USCG Forest Willis, Lisa Gordon, Arnoldo Arana (CBP), Yvette Mcleod, Michelle Cechowski (ECFLEPC), Kate Boer (TCLEPC), and Rudy Albert.

**4. Previous Meeting Summary (Jason McMahon)**

Coordinator Jason McMahon presented the Committee with the Meeting Minutes from the prior August 18, 2021, Meeting. The minutes were moved by Axel Rodriguez and seconded by Chief Steve Shaw.

**5. Membership Changes (Jason McMahon)**

Mr. McMahon informed the Committee that multiple individuals had joined since the last LEPC Meeting. These membership additions include Bridjette Bucell of FDEP, Tiphane Brown-Francis of FAU EM, and Jose Lopez of Baptist Health EHS & Emergency Preparedness, all of whom were present able to introduce themselves to the Committee during the meeting. New members who were excused from the meeting include Dr. Michael Weissberg, a certified Law Enforcement Officer, and Romeo Lavarias of Miramar EM.



## 6. Subcommittee Reports (Jason McMahon)

### Training Subcommittee (Jason McMahon)

Coordinator Jason McMahon updated the LEPC on training activities that have concluded since the last meeting as well activities that are being planned for the upcoming months. The following training courses were discussed during the meeting as having been completed: 8-Hr. OSHA HAZWOPER for Miami-Dade RER (90 students); 4-Hr. CAMEO Suite Software Training (4 students); 8-Hr. Advanced Air Monitoring, Detection, and Identification Course for Broward HazMat Teams (75 students). Mr. McMahon noted that a similar air monitoring course will be offered in Monroe County during this fiscal year. He explained that PHMSA/FDEM Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness grant funding has been approved and that the LEPC Coordinator is open to HazMat training inquiries. He also informed the LEPC that the 2022 HazMat Symposium will be taking place January 18-21, 2022, and that registration is now open. Assistant Chair Steve Shaw added that he is excited to see the Symposium taking place after a tumultuous two years and hoping to see heavy South Florida representation at the event. Mr. McMahon provided the members with an update regarding the Offshore HazMat training program; he explained that the Training Task Force has finalized the curriculum and is preparing to roll out and offer the course at some point during this fiscal year.

### Planning Subcommittee (Jason McMahon)

Mr. McMahon asked if there were any members that were interested in joining the planning subcommittee to help develop the 2022 LEPC HazMat Emergency Response Plan. Members that noted interest in joining included Peter Schecter, Yvette Mcleod, and Jose Lopez.

### Exercise Subcommittee (Jason McMahon)

Coordinator Jason McMahon asked Assistant Chair Steve Shaw if he was aware of any issues in the HazMat field that would warrant a certain exercise scenario or type. Chief Shaw recommended reaching out to the Special Ops Committee to discuss which type of exercise scenario would make the most sense at this time. The Special Ops group has a good idea of what threats the community faces on a day-to-day basis, Shaw noted. USCG's Forest Willis added that it may be a good idea to run an exercise relevant to the Port, considering the upcoming offshore training. Kate Boer of Treasure Coast LEPC also added that it would be a good opportunity to collaborate on a regional level for such an exercise. Mr. McMahon noted that he would coordinate with each agency, as well as the Special Ops Committee, to examine the exercise recommendations and options.

## 7. SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report (Jason McMahon)

Mr. McMahon informed the LEPC of his attendance at the FDEM LEPC Meeting as well as the SERC Meeting on October 21-22, 2021. The main topic of discussion at both meetings was surrounding the use of Buxus, a pipeline mapping software application to aid responders in pipeline emergency response, he noted. Coordinator McMahon explained that the first deliverable for the FDEM/Monroe County Hazard Analysis Contract has been completed and submitted to FDEM. Lastly, members were informed that the next quarterly LEPC meeting on February 16, 2022, will likely be held in-person with a virtual option.



**8. Member Comments**

There were no member comments.

**9. Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public.

**10. Upcoming Meetings**

The next SoFlaLEPC Meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2022, at 10:00AM. It will likely be held in-person, with a virtual option being offered as well.

**11. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was moved by Yvette Mcleod and seconded by Peter Schecter at 10:45AM.