



SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, August 17, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

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

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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 led the Pledge of Allegiance along with attendees.

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. All attendees were notified that the meeting would be recorded.

3. Roll Call (Jason McMahon)

In attendance were Tiphanee Brown-Francis, Camille Campbell, Patrick Collins, Romeo Lavarias, Russel MacLees, Matt Massoud, Jeffry Peleg, Dan Scarborough, Alain Donderiz, Alfred Reid, Axel Rodriguez, Frank Jaconetta, Peter Schecter, Natasha Strokin, Bill Senyshyn, Keith Westin, Charles Lankford, Erick Pena, Terry Hodges, Freddie Franks, and Maria Drury. Mr. McMahon requested that any updated membership changes be submitted through email.

4. Previous Meeting Summary (Jason McMahon)

Coordinator Jason McMahon presented the Committee with the Meeting Minutes from the prior May 18, 2022, Meeting. He reviewed the minutes thoroughly with the group, to which no editorial comments were requested. Membership changes from the previous meeting were also summarized. The minutes were moved by Peter Schecter and seconded by Charles Lankford.

5. Membership Changes (Jason McMahon)

Mr. McMahon informed the Committee there had been two new members that joined the Committee since last meeting. Introduced were Francisco "Frank" Jaconetta (FDOT) and Mackay Ester (FDEP). Mr. Jaconetta introduced himself to the group and summarized his experience in public safety. Mr. McMahon explained that FDEP has been increasing membership within the LEPC and expressed his appreciation for their involvement. Mr. McMahon again requested that he be informed of upcoming membership changes ahead of time. This way, the LEPC also has the chance to honor outgoing members, he explained.



6. Subcommittee Reports (Jason McMahon)

Training Subcommittee (Jason McMahon)

Coordinator Jason McMahon provided the group with an update on all upcoming training plans for the region, as well as any training that took place since meeting in May 2022. First, Miami-Dade's Regulatory and Environmental Resources took part in LEPC-sponsored 8-Hr. OSHA HAZWOPER Refresher courses; this included about 100 students. Next, the 40-Hr. HazMat Medic Course was briefly summarized by Mr. McMahon. He explained that Vice Chair Chief Russo coordinated the course for about 25 students that included members of regional HazMat teams and FBI agents. Mr. McMahon explained that training coordination is taking place for Miami-Dade Water & Sewer Department, which would be for 200-300 students. He also announced interest from Islamorada FR and City of Miami FR for another HazMat Medic course pending further commitment. Monroe County FR was also noted as an agency that has expressed interest in possible training. Mr. McMahon finalized the training report by offering a free training opportunity (passed along by LEPC Member Russel MacLees representing the Florida Gas Transmission Company). The training consists of a discussion-based emergency response exercise.

Planning Subcommittee (Jason McMahon)

Mr. McMahon announced that the LEPC's 2022 Regional Hazardous Materials Response Plan has been updated and approved by SERC. He explained that the plan can be found on the LEPC's website and welcomed feedback or recommendations.

Exercise Subcommittee (Jason McMahon)

Coordinator Jason McMahon explained that due to circumstances beyond the LEPC's control, the exercise had to be postponed until this month, August. It was announced that although the LEPC exercise would be taking place August 18, the day following the meeting, there would still be another LEPC exercise later this fiscal year. This will possibly be in collaboration with Broward County Healthcare Coalition. Mr. McMahon summarized the August 2022 exercise scenario, location, and invited any interested members to join and observe. He expressed his appreciation to Vice Chair Chief Russo for working diligently to attain the exercise materials and brining the regional HazMat teams together for the planned exercise.

7. SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report (Jason McMahon)

Mr. McMahon explained to the group that he attended the July 2022 Florida Division of Emergency Management's LEPC, TTF, and SERC Meetings. Also, in attendance representing the South Florida LEPC were Chair Ray McDonald and Vice Chair Chief Russo. He added that the main takeaways from the meetings were discussions on cost reimbursement practices for hazmat response incidents, LEPC region realignments, the USCG Offshore HazMat After-Action Report, and BUXUS (pipeline mapping software) updates. Mr. McMahon continued that regional exercise HeatShield 4 was postponed due to a tragedy in Miami-Dade and requested prayers for the officer involved. He also added that he would be attending October SERC meetings in Destin Beach, Florida. New fiscal years for LEPC / HA Contracts were announced, and Vice Chair Chief Russo was announced as the nomination for the 2022 Thomas Yatabe Award.



8. Member Comments

There were no comments from the members of the committee.

9. Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

10. Upcoming Meetings

Mr. McMahon announced the next SoFlaLEPC Meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2022, at 10:00AM.

11. Adjourn

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