



SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, February 16, 2022 @ 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 McMahan)

Coordinator Jason McMahan opened the meeting and welcomed the members at 10:01AM. He explained that directly after the LEPC Meeting was held, the Concept & Objectives Meeting for the annual LEPC exercise would take place. Mr. McMahan also completed a Pledge of Allegiance ceremony.

2. Meeting Instructions (Jason McMahan)

Mr. McMahan 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 McMahan)

In attendance were Junieth Arana, Katherine Azcay, Niel Batista, Kate Boer (TCLEPC), Steve Collins, Troy Johnson, Tiphane Brown-Francis, Bridjette Bucell (FDEP), Camile Campbell, Brian Cumbie (FDEP), Alain Donderiz, Maria Drury, Clifford Favereau (DHS), Freddie Franks, Niel Gordon, Al Howe (FDOH), Curtis Knowles (CFRPC) Mary Napoli, Kelly Gibbs-Winiarz (DHS), Chief James Russo, Jaimie Johnson, John Johnson, Eduardo Koenig, Jose Lopez, Russell MacLees, Bret Maxwell, Jahmes McClean, Ray McDonald, Mary Napoli, Martha Payan, Jeffry Peleg, Axel Rodriguez, Peter Schecter, William Senyshyn, Vice Chair Stephen Shaw, Natasha Strokin, Marie Sullin, Lt. Alvaro Tonanez, Freda Vaughn, Keith Westin, Richard Whitehurst, Capt. Gabriel Zahora, and Lisa Gordon.

4. Previous Meeting Summary (Jason McMahan)

Coordinator Jason McMahan presented the Committee with the Meeting Minutes from the prior November 17, 2021, Meeting. He summarized the key topics of the last meeting and re-introduced new Members. Chair McDonald requested an edit to item number seven of the minutes. The minutes were moved by Chief James Russo and seconded by Alain Donderiz.

5. Membership Changes (Jason McMahan)



Mr. McMahon informed the Committee that there had been no changes of membership since the last meeting. Vice Chair Steve Shaw announced that he would be stepping down from his role due to increasing responsibilities at his agency. Coordinator Jason McMahon, Chair Ray McDonald, and Chief Russo expressed their appreciation for Vice Chair Shaw's service to the LEPC.

6. Subcommittee Reports (Jason McMahon)

Training Subcommittee (Jason McMahon)

Coordinator Jason McMahon started off the training report by summarizing the South Florida LEPC's representation and attendance at 2022 Hazardous Material Symposium. He explained that the LEPC sponsored over fifteen students' attendance at the Symposium, and that this included members of Hollywood FR, BSO FR, and Miami-Dade FR HazMat response teams. SERC TTF Representative Lt. Al Tonanez provided the LEPC with a rundown of the training he instructed at the Symposium. LEPC Member Lisa Gordon also summarized her attendance at the Symposium and added that it was the best Symposium yet. Mr. McMahon continued with regional training updates that included: March 2022 OSHA HAZWOPER Training for 60 employees of Broward County's Environmental Permitting Division, March 2022 Federal Resources' Presumptive Identification to Today's Emerging Threats, and April 2022 Offshore HazMat Pilot Course for Miami-Dade and Broward HazMat leaders. Chief James Russo also provided an update on his request for Broward County's 160-hr. HM160 training; he explained the course was still in the planning phase. Mr. McMahon also announced that Miami-Dade WASD requested OSHA HAZWOPER training for 300 employees. He ended the training report by advising the Committee of available training funds. TCLEPC Coordinator Kate Boer added that she has available seats for an HM160 course in their region, if needed.

Planning Subcommittee (Jason McMahon)

Mr. McMahon announced that he would be sending out portions of the LEPC's Hazardous Materials Response Plan for updates. He explained that members would be receiving excerpts of the plan for review according to their membership category.

Exercise Subcommittee (Jason McMahon)

Coordinator Jason McMahon explained that the LEPC holds annually either one functional exercise or two tabletop exercises, according to HSEEP guidelines. He advised the attendees that the LEPC's first exercise planning meeting would be held following the adjournment of the LEPC Meeting. Mr. McMahon requested that any attendees interested in exercise involvement stay on the line following the current meeting.

7. SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report (Jason McMahon)

Mr. McMahon announced that during the 2022 Hazardous Materials Symposium, he attended the SERC Training Task Force Meeting, FDEM/LEPC Meeting, and SERC Meeting in Daytona Beach January 18-19, 2022. Chair McDonald noted that he attended the meetings through virtual attendance. Members were updated on discussions held during the meetings, mainly surrounding HM160 certification in the State of Florida for those not considered firefighters. Mr. McMahon explained that meetings will continue to be



held virtually until more members are authorized to travel. He added that the Monroe County Hazard Analysis Contract deliverables would be completed upon receipt of Tier II Report corrections from two facilities and announced that the South Florida LEPC held the annual EPCRA / E-Plan Workshop in collaboration with Wendy Reynold's of FDEM on January 27, 2022.

8. Member Comments

Chair Ray McDonald explained that a possible scenario for the annual LEPC exercise might surround a fuel emergency response incident that leads to flaring. He added that the LEPC should include fuel and gas industry stakeholders in the exercise to increase fuel emergency response coordination. Peter Schecter of JetBlue Safety announced that NFPA2400 is in the process of being revised and requested that any hazmat members provide comments on the standards and needed skills for technicians. Lt. Al Tonanez announced that Miami-Dade FR received a grant for two HM160 courses and offered extra seats to LEPC members. He advised that these courses would take place over the next two years.

9. Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

10. Upcoming Meetings

Mr. McMahan announced the next SoFlaLEPC Meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2022, at 10:00AM.

11. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was moved by Peter Schecter and seconded by Neil Batista at 10:52AM.