



## SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, February 21, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

at

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

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**This meeting will be conducted *IN-PERSON*.**

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LEPC Chair, Chief Russo is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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**1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance (Chair)**

**2. Meeting Instructions**

To join the meeting on time in hybrid you may need to register in advance. When joining via hybrid, please turn on cameras & mute/unmute accordingly.

**3. Roll Call**

Coordinator will take attendance.

● **4. Approval of minutes from the Nov 15, 2023, SoFlaLEPC Meeting (see attached)**



## 5. Membership Changes (Chair)

- Chief Gabriel Zahora (Mem), Fort Lauderdale Fire Department, Lt. David Reynolds (Alt), Fort Lauderdale Fire Department
- Shannon Davis Weiner (Mem), Monroe Emergency Management, Director, Cory D. Schwisow (Alt), Monroe Emergency Management, Deputy Director
- Marcelo Garcia (Mem), Emergency Communications Manager, Miami-Dade Water & Sewer, Jose Tovar (Alt), Miami-Dade Water & Sewer, Environmental Compliance Supervisor

## 6. Chair's Report

- State Emergency Response Commission Updates:
  - Training Task Force (Chief Oscar Rodriguez, SERC TTF Rep)
    - Lithium-Ion Batteries
    - PFAS and Florida Fire Department disposal
    - Offshore Hazmat Pilot Program
    - OSHA – Emergency Response PPE
  - LEPC Chairpersons/Coordinators Meeting
    - District Reports
    - Other Business: HMEP Contract discussion – Gillian Smith/FDEM Staff
  - SERC
    - Thomas Yatabe – SERC Awards & Certificates of Appreciation
    - Dwyane Mundy Lifetime Achievement Award Mr. John Kohnke State Fire Marshal Office
    - Winter Park High School NJROTC Emergency Response Sciences – Commander Dave Haynes & First Sergeant Tim Grier
    - The Perfect Storm: Anhydrous Ammonia and FAR Chemical – Brevard County Fire Rescue, Battalion Chief Neidert and LT Kelly
    - LEPC, TTF and Hazards Analyses Working Group Report updates
    - Financial Status Report
    - Hazmat Incidents Report – report on recent hazmat incidents in Florida

## 7. Planning & Training Working Group Report

### Planning (Vice Chair, Lt. Brown)

- Anhydrous ammonia training at a Publix cold storage facility (in progress).
- Transportation Community Awareness Emergency Response (TRANSCAER) training for anhydrous ammonia (in progress).
- Heat Shield V, Broward Sheriff's Office (July 17, 2024)
- State Urban Search and Rescue (SUSAR) Tech Rescue Symposium (Nov 12-14, 2024) in Orlando
- Planning & Training Working Group members Lt. Brown\*, Chief Russo\*, Chief Rodriguez\*, LEPC Coordinator\*, Gabriel Zahora, Rebecca George\*, Chief Ciacciarelli, Lt. Reynolds\*, Jaimie Johnson, Rudy Albert, Pete Schechter, Claudia Baker, Alisha Lopez (\* in attendance)



- Convened at 16:00 on Jan 18, 2024, at Daytona Grande Hospitality Suite. Provided updates on SERC/TTF/LEPC & Hazmat Symposium, HMERP draft update, FEMA National Exercise Program application, HMEP administration, training requests, available info on region's IPPW 2025 training selections. Selected for funding the Hazmat Tech's course (160-hour) and a refresher course.

#### Training (Vice Chair, Lt. Brown)

- Completed FBI & hazmat sampling – evidentiary versus public safety sampling procedures (Nov 9-11, 2023)
- Completed Alternative Fuel Training with Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition, U.S. DOE, AFV Educate (EV/li-ion, CNG, NG, biodiesel, hydrogen, propane, ethanol) (Dec 18, 2023)
- Completed 2024 Hazmat Symposium, Daytona Beach (Jan 16-19, 2024)
- Completed Hazmat 24 Tactical Air Monitoring course (160-hour + monitoring) by region 10 & other hazmat teams (Jan 29-31, 2024)

#### Exercise (Chair)

- FBI Miami and Department of Energy TTX: Community Unified Response to Radiological Incidents & Emergencies (CURRIE) Tabletop Exercise (Feb 28, 2024)
- Miami-Dade's Port Miami Tunnel (PMT) Crisis Simulation Exercise Coordination Team & Fire Life Safety Committee partner agencies (Spring 2024)
- Transportation Community Awareness Emergency Response (TRANSCAER) anhydrous ammonia exercise support request for 3 shifts/3 days. Exploratory meeting held Feb 9 w key stakeholders (in progress)
- FEMA National Exercise Program webinar (Jan 9, 2024) and office hours (Feb 13 & 27, 2024) regarding application submission process (in progress/for consideration)
- Heat Shield V in Broward on July 17, 2024 (in progress)

#### **8. SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report (Charlene Burke)**

- Region 10 & SE-RDSTF Region 7 Specialty Teams Meeting: Special Operations & Technical Rescue Teams (Dec 6, 2023, Jan 31, 2024)
- State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), TTF & statewide LEPC Coordinators meetings (Jan 16-17, 2024)
- 2024 Hazmat Symposium (Jan 16-18, 2024)
- Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshops (IPPW) Broward County IPP (Nov 15, 2023) and Miami-Dade (Dec 20, 2023) to document overall preparedness priorities and activities for Region 10 including capabilities, threats, hazards, risks and other priority factors. IPPW w FDEM date/time TBD.
- ChemLock: Secure Your Chemicals Security Planning Training (Feb 6, 2024)

#### **9. Member Comments**

#### **10. Public Comments**

#### **11. Administrative Items (see attachments and/or links)**



- LEPC Code of Conduct & Robert's Rules (for new members & alternates)
- [SERC Agendas](#)
- Updated Hazmat, WMD and PPE Training for First Responders/Healthcare
  - Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) updated curriculum for Hazardous Materials Awareness and Hazardous Materials Operations compliant with new NFPA 470 - *Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Standard for Responders* (2022 edition). Courses are eligible for Pro Board certification:
    - [Standardized Awareness Training \(AWR-160-SAT\)](#)
    - [Operational Level Response to HazMat/WMD Incidents \(PER-212\)](#)
    - [Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events \(PER320\)](#)
- EPA's SERC-TERC (Dec-Feb) Updates
- [FEMA 2023 National Preparedness Report](#)
- EV/Li-ion presentation (Chief Rodriguez' presentation from Nov 11, 2023, LEPC meeting)
- [Lithium-ion battery training from Tennessee EMA](#) (TEMA) courtesy of EPA & FDEM
- Minutes from Miami-Dade's Port Miami Tunnel (PMT) Crisis Simulation Exercise (Nov 2023)

**12. Presentation by Shannon Maharajh on LEPC Hazardous Material Emergency Response Plan (HMERP).**

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**13. Upcoming Meetings**

- Next SoFlaLEPC Meeting – May 15 @ SFRPC (hybrid: in-person & Zoom)
- Next SERC/TTF Quarterly Meeting – Apr 11-12, St. Augustine
  - Training Task Force – Apr 11, 2024 @ 0930
  - Local Emergency Planning Commission – Apr 11, 2024 @ 1330
  - State Emergency Response Commission – Apr 12, 2024 @ 0930

**14. Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn meeting