



SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, August 21, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

at

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

www.soflalepc.org

This meeting will be conducted *IN-PERSON*.

Hybrid Zoom provided as secondary option to join the meeting via computer, tablet, smartphone.

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 un/mute microphone accordingly.

3. Roll Call

Coordinator will take attendance.

● **4. Approval of minutes from the May 15, 2024, SoFlaLEPC Meeting (see attached)**



5. Membership Changes (Chair)

- Chief Kenneth Yost (Mem), Broward Sheriff Office-DFRES, Capt Virginio Gallardo (Alt), Broward Sheriff Office-DFRES
- Aimee Hernandez (Mem), Biowatch DHS Weapons of Mass Destruction, Jurisdictional Coordinator, (Alt), Vacant

6. Chair's Report

- State Emergency Response Commission Updates:
 - SERC Training Task Force (TTF) Report
 - Offshore Hazmat Pilot roll out ~Apr 2025
 - Li-ion Symposium
 - PFAS update: Gopher Industries
 - Hazard Analysis Working Group Report
 - Presentation on LEPCs statewide RMP facilities & status on report
 - Update on the LEPC Activities
 - Hazmat Team(s) Assessment
 - FLAHR possible option
 - Hazardous Materials Incidents Report
 - No Report till next SERC as FDEM switches to new State Watch Office (SWO) system
 - Update of Staff Activities and Reports by Section
 - Risk Management Program Local/Region 10 Participation
 - Li-ion Symposium engagement
 - FEMA National Exercise Program TTX

Training Task Force Report (Chief Oscar Rodriguez, SERC TTF Rep)

- TTF Conference Call Updates
 - Gopher Industries - Lithium-Ion Battery recycling and formation of public-private working group partnership, possible amnesty day (e.g., Pesticide Amnesty Day AKA Clean Sweep)
 - F500 foam testing
 - Li-ion Symposium / Burn at Ocala Fire Academy
 - Offshore Hazmat Pilot final/4th data analysis in progress
- Project Boxes/Discussions:
 - Offshore Hazmat Pilot: U.S. Coast Guard SMEs provide real time support during course and invaluable feedback. Next course ~Apr 2025 is final course. HMEP will fund travel w/ other expenses covered by other agencies. Rich Lavigne, U.S. Coast Guard, discussed importance of building relationships and Pilot within ports. Considering course as potential model/best practice for the nation.
 - Strategic Planning: addition to TTF agenda. Offshore Hazmat, PFAS foam, Lithium- Ion Batteries are the current and primary issues TTF addressed.



- Li-ion: Jeff Strickland, Div. State Fire Marshal, discussed Sept 12-13 Lithium-Ion Symposium including, planned burn at Florida State Fire College, and vendors. Chief Russo provided burn process overview and research. Chief Matt Marshall, SWFL LEPC discussed micro-mobility fires and FDOT FD provision of battery transport containers and partnership w local FDs w 55-gal drums for disposal. Ms. Sai Oicata, ECFL LEPC created EV battery during hurricanes flyer available to first responders and communities.
- PFAS Foam: Now classified by U.S. EPA as hazmat. State hopeful for federal funds allocation for proper disposal, and estimates \$5-6M to fund initiative, e.g., Clean Sweep (pesticides). Chief Marshall discussed long-term foam storage in state warehouse(s), or other mechanism until funding or disposal identified. More to come.
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Sam Graves advised of work w Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to develop GIS platform, HERO, to share hazmat data from FDEP, FDEM and FWC as means to better consolidate information. Application for use by responders anytime. Invaluable during hurricane response. More to come.
- Gopher Resource re Lithium-Ion Recycling: Joe Grogan presented capability as lead acid battery recycler (Tampa). Stated company is second largest independent lead recycler in U.S. Discussed processes currently in place to recycle Lead, and potential to expand for li-ion batteries. FDEM stated, TTF and SERC seek partners in this area including possible small-scale pilot w surrounding counties. More to come.
- LEPC Chairpersons/Coordinators Meeting
 - District Reports - local activities, upcoming election of new state Chair.

8. **Planning & Training Working Group Report** (Vice Chair, Lt. Brian Brown)

- PEAC WMD system
- 3-Year Course Plan in progress: 8-hr Propane Incidents Response, 24-hr Propane Response 101 to Advanced Tactics, 8-hr Rapid ID & Hazards Analysis, 160-hr Hazmat Technician, 3-Hr. Operations Level Responding to Gasoline Tanker Truck Emergencies, Technician Tanker & Flair off (see Tanker Rollover)

Training (Vice Chair, Lt. Brown)

- Heat Shield V in Broward (Jul 17) - Lessons Learned, extreme heat
- Florida DEM and FHA Region 7 Hospitals Forum at Broward EOM (Jul 25)
- Tanker Rollover Training, Rebecca George, Cliff Berry, Inc., partners (Oct 8-10) at BFA.
- Pipeline Safety Training, Paradigm Liaison Services, representing hazardous liquid and natural gas pipelines in the State of Florida (Oct 17-24)
- State Urban Search and Rescue (SUSAR) Tech Rescue Symposium (Nov 12-14) in Orlando

Exercise (Chair)



- Transportation Community Awareness Emergency Response (TRANSCAER) SAVE THE DATE: Oct 29-31, 2024, NH₃ live drill in partnership w Airgas, Publix, 48th CST U.S. National Guard “Miramar Armory”, partners
- FEMA National Exercise Program for HMERP TTX (in progress)

9. **SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report (Charlene Burke)**

- LEPC Coordinator statewide meetings
- PHMSA Conference Aug 19-20, 2024, WDC

10. **Member Comments**

11. **Public Comments**

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

- LEPC Code of Conduct & Robert’s Rules (for new members & alternates)
- [SERC Minutes](#)
- EPA’s SERC-TERC (Jun-Jul) Updates (flyer)
- SERC-TERC Flash Update Jun 2024: National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (flyer)
- NFPA Energy Storage Systems Safety Fact Sheet (flyer)
- U.S. DOT: New Requirements for Freight Railroads to Provide Hazmat Information to First Responders (flyer)
- [Florida battling lithium-ion battery fires as electric vehicles](#)
- FEMA: [Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans Comprehensive Preparedness Guide](#)
- FEMA: [Flood/Flood Adapt fact sheet & more](#)
- 2024 [Emergency Response Guidebook](#) (ERG)
 - ERG for [iOS app](#)
 - ERG for [Android app](#)
 - ERG PDF-Accessible ([English](#))
 - GMU2024 PDF – Accessible ([Français](#))
 - GRE2024 PDF – Accessible ([Español](#))

13. **Upcoming Meetings**

- Next SoFlaLEPC Meeting – Nov 20 @ Monroe County EOC (hybrid: in-person & Zoom)
- Next SERC/LEPC/TTF Quarterly Meeting – Oct 17-18, Orlando
 - Training Task Force – Oct 17, 2024 @ 0930
 - Local Emergency Planning Commission – Oct 17, 2024 @ 1330
 - State Emergency Response Commission – Oct 18, 2024 @ 0930

14. **Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn meeting