



SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, August 20th, 2025 @ 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 is provided as a secondary option to join the meeting via computer, tablet, or smartphone.

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

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Note: Action items requiring a vote are shown with a red bullet (“●”)

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance (Chair)

2. Meeting Instructions

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

3. Roll Call

The LEPC Coordinator will take attendance.



4. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the May 21, 2025 SFLEPC Meeting.**

5. **Filling Vacancies and Enhancing Participation (Chair)**

- **Membership Changes**

- Cory Schwisow (Member), Vince Kalson (Alternate), Monroe County Emergency Management
- Gabriela Afanasiev (Member), Travis Gladish (Alternate), Allied Universal Corporation
- Jose Lopez (Member), Beth Ruiz (Alternate), Chad-Anthony Smart (Alternate), Tamara Turk (Alternate), Baptist Health
- Natalie Diaz-Paz (Alternate) to Natasha Strokin (Member), Memorial Healthcare System

- **Innovative Ideas for the 2025-2026 Year**

6. **Presentations**

- **TIME APPROXIMATE: 10:20 am – Presentation by Shannon Maharajh,** Emergency Management Planner and Aerospace Defense Technical Publication Specialist, Boeing; Master of Professional Studies, Emergency and Disaster Management, Georgetown University on the August 2025 Hazardous Material Emergency Response Plan (HMERP) Update.

7. **Chair's Report**

- **July 2025 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Updates**

Statewide Training Task Force (TTF) Meeting

- Project Boxes:
 - 2025 HazMat Emergency Response Team Assessments
 - Offshore HazMat Program Funding and Training
- HazMat Symposium 2026
 - Call for White Papers issued in July 2025
- TTF Chair Vacancy
 - Chief Lamm (Cocoa) nominated Chief Pat Feagle (Ocala) to the position of TTF Chair. Chief Feagle nominated Chief Marc Grabert (St. Johns) to the position of TTF Vice Chair.



- Member Updates:
 - Florida Fire Chiefs' Association – Safety and Health Conference (October 2025)
 - Florida Association of Hazardous Materials Responders – Captain Mike Bloski's Electronic Self-Assessment for State HazMat Teams
 - Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Upcoming Training Courses, including Spill Response
 - US Coast Guard – Updated Instruction to the Area Contingency Plan for HazMat and Oil Responses
 - Florida State Fire College – Lithium-Ion Symposium (April 2026)
- Presentations:
 - “Hidden in Plain Sight” by Chief Rob Hanson (Sumter County Fire Rescue) – Presented on a fire at Speedling Nursery (Bushnell, FL) on March 20, 2025. Chief Hanson shared fire response insights, HazMat details, and lessons learned.
 - “Lithium-Ion Battery Management Challenges: A Recycling Company's Perspective” by Joseph Trouba (Gopher Resource) – Presented on lithium-ion battery recycling challenges and Gopher Resource Company technology developments to help address high contamination rates.

Statewide Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting

- Member Updates: Each LEPC District present at the meeting shared briefings on developments and updates from the quarter.
- Hazard Analysis (HA) Working Group: Marvin Kalms was introduced as the new HA grant coordinator.

State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Meeting

- The following items were discussed and approved: April 2025 SERC Meeting Minutes, Statewide LEPC Member/Alternate Appointments and Activities Report, Statewide TTF Report, Hazard Analysis Working Group Report, Financial Status Report, Hazardous Materials Incidents Report, and Staff Activities Reports.

The next scheduled Statewide TTF, LEPC, and SERC Meetings are tentatively scheduled for November 2025 in Ocala, Florida.



8. Vice Chair's Report

• Planning

- FRA grant-funded FSE for ethanol-rail incident at Port Everglades. Pre-planning is in progress with BSO Chief Henbest. FSE planned for FY25- 26 (limited to Broward regional special operations only).

• Training

- PEAC WMD training is available/ongoing online for the Region 10 regional Special Operations teams.

• Exercise

- FEMA National Exercise Program TTX Update on the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan (HMERP).

9. Coordinator's Report

• SERC Meetings

- Attended SERC-related Meetings on July 17-18 in Cocoa Beach, and planned to attend the SERC Meetings this fall in Ocala.

• Current Grant Activities

- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) – All 2024-2025 grant deliverables were submitted and approved. The 2025-2026 grant was approved and began on July 1st, 2025.
- Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) – Currently working on the Quarter 4 contract deliverable. All 2024-2025 grant deliverables are scheduled for completion by September 30th, 2025.
- Hazard Analysis (HA) – The 2025-2026 grant began on July 1st, 2025.

• South Florida LEPC Website

- Please visit the South Florida LEPC Website for Quarterly Meeting materials, training opportunities, resources, and news updates.

10. Member Comments

11. Public Comments



12. Administrative Items

- [SERC Meeting Materials – July 2025](#)
- [2025 Hazmat Medic State of Florida](#)
- [EPA's SERC-TERC Updates – June 2025 Newsletter](#)
- [EPA Consolidated List of Lists](#)
- [2024 Emergency Response Guidebook](#)
 - [ERG for iOS app](#)
 - [ERG for Android app](#)
 - [ERG PDF-Accessible \(English\)](#)
 - [GMU2024 PDF – Accessible \(Français\)](#)
 - [GRE2024 PDF – Accessible \(Español\)](#)
 - [Summary of Changes: ERG 2024](#)
- Additional resources can be found by visiting the SFLEPC Website at www.soflalepc.org.

13. Upcoming Meeting

The next SFLEPC Meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 12th, 2025.

Please note that this date is the second Wednesday of the month, instead of the usual third Wednesday meeting schedule.

14. Adjourn