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DISTRICT 1

West Florida Regional Planning Council

Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton and Washington Counties

The District 1 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) held its quarterly meeting July 18, 2007 in Escambia County. Updates were provided to members on the status of Training Task Force and State Emergency Response Commission initiatives. In addition, staff provided members with the updated LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan and copies of the After-Action Report from the LEPC's most recent tabletop exercise.

Some of the recommendations to arise from the exercise included additional or expanded training in implementation of the Incident Command System and law enforcement awareness of the limitations of personal protective equipment.

Staff also coordinated a meeting of the LEPC's Resource and Training Subcommittee, held in conjunction with the quarterly LEPC meeting.

Other associated endeavors during this period included ongoing coordination efforts related to the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study, ongoing public entity training in hazardous materials awareness, shelter-in-place outreach and facility site visits and surveys.

The next District 1 LEPC meeting is scheduled to be held October 17, 2007, at 10:00am. For more information, please contact Debbie Thayer at 850-332-7976 ext 217.

DISTRICT 2

Apalachee Regional Planning Council

Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty and Wakulla Counties

The District 2 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) held its quarterly meeting July 25, 2007 at the StarMetro conference room in Tallahassee.

Seventeen participants attended a LEPC sponsored 24-hour Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEOfm) course at the Tallahassee Fire Department Training classroom July 31-August 2, 2007.

Staff is attempting to contract with Response Technologies Corporation to teach a 48-hour Fire and Hazardous Materials Chemistry course in Tallahassee during the last week of September, 2007. This will be the last training opportunity sponsored by the LEPC utilizing 2006-2007 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Training Funds. In addition, staff has been assisting with the registration and logistics for a 24-hour Homeland Security and Exercise Evaluation Program course with an optional 4-hour Train-the-Trainer module. The course is scheduled for September 18-21, 2007 in Tallahassee at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement training room. All training courses are posted on the Apalachee Regional Planning Council's website: www.thearpc.com.

Staff submitted all revised deliverables to the Division of Emergency Management for the 2006-2007 hazards analyses for Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jefferson, Liberty, Leon and Wakulla counties. Staff worked with Leon County Emergency Management staff to install the new CAMEOfm software suite and reviewed the new data from the recent deliverables. Staff is also planning to work with additional counties within the District to install the new CAMEOfm software suite and to demonstrate its capabilities.

The next meeting of the District 2 LEPC is scheduled to take place October 17, 2007, 10:00 am, at the Tallahassee Fire Department Training Division classroom. As always, anyone interested in attending the meeting is welcome.

DISTRICT 3

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) last met August 17, 2007 at the Bradford County Emergency Operations Center in Starke. Agenda items included the LEPC 2007 Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan update, Hazards Analyses Summary and the biennial hazardous materials exercise. New LEPC polo shirts were distributed to the members that had placed orders for them.

The LEPC reviewed and discussed updates to the 2007 LEPC plan. The majority of the revisions involved updating names and duties of various organizations referenced in the plan. The results of the last Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant planning project were also added to the plan. It is anticipated that the LEPC will adopt the plan at its November 2007 meeting.

The LEPC is preparing a hazards analyses summary as this year's HMEP planning project. In addition to the hazards analyses data, two different summaries are being prepared. One summary includes a one page document (per facility) which contains facility information including emergency contact and location information, as well as a summary of chemical inventory and hazards. The second summary consists of a list of chemicals prepared as an Excel spreadsheet.

The LEPC discussed a request received from Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) to participate in a hazardous materials table top exercise. The scenario includes a hazardous materials spill on I-75 that threatens the main SFCC campus located in Gainesville. Traffic will be stopped on both sides of I-75 due to the spill. Emergency responders will establish incident command systems and use ALOHA to model the plume to make shelter-in-place or evacuation recommendations. SFCC will activate its crisis management team and work with emergency responders to develop and carry out a protective action plan. Shands Hospital may also become involved if there are simulated injuries and contaminated patients. The three primary areas of evaluation will include: (1) Incident command systems; (2) Protective Actions Decisions - Shelter In-Place or Evacuate and (3) Using ALOHA to model the release.

The annual meeting of the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team was held following the LEPC meeting. Elections were held and a new slate of officers was elected. Gainesville Fire Rescue Special Operations Chief Donald Sessions was elected as the Team Chairman. He will replace Cliff Chapman who is retiring from Alachua County Fire Rescue. Chief Chapman is being nominated as the 2007 LEPC Thomas Yatabe Award nominee in recognition of his contributions.

Other staff activities included teaching "Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEOfm) and ALOHA for Hazmat Technicians" classes and using CAMEOfm to update hazards analyses for six counties in the region.

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., November 9, 2007, at Clariant LSM in Gainesville. A tour of the facility will follow the LEPC meeting.

DISTRICT 4

Northeast Florida Regional Council

Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns Counties

The last District 4 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting was held August 15, 2007 at the Northeast Florida Regional Council.

Staff received and processed the 2008 Hazardous Analysis Update contract from the Division of Emergency Management for five counties in the district.

During the third quarter District 4 provided funding by way of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant for registration fees, instructors and material resources

for a 16-hour Spill, Fire and Leak Control Class proctored by Safety Systems, August 2-3, 2007, at the First Coast Technical Institute (FCTI) training facility.

Other training conducted with HMEP funds this year included a 160-hour Hazardous Materials Technician Class proctored by FCTI from April 9-May 4, 2007 at the Fernandina Fire Department and a Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations and ALOHA for Hazardous Materials Technicians Class offered January 11, 2007 at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

The LEPC chose Facility Hazards Analysis Summary as the planning project pursuant to the 2006-2007 HMEP Grant. The planning project report will be submitted to the Division of Emergency Management at the end of September 2007. The 2007 Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan update is complete and copies of the plan may be requested at any time.

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled to be held November 14, 2007 at the offices of the Northeast Florida Regional Council.

DISTRICT 5

Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council

Citrus, Hernando, Levy, Marion and Sumter Counties

The quarterly Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Training Committee meeting was held prior to the regular LEPC meeting July 18, 2007. A training needs assessment survey was conducted to prioritize training needs to be addressed during the 2007-2008 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant contract cycle.

LEPC staff has been working towards completion of the 2006-2007 HMEP Grant planning project "Quality Control of Submitted Tier II Information". The LEPC has collected approximately two hundred fifty Tier II submissions from local businesses in the five-county region and staff has been examining these for errors and inconsistencies. Work on this project is on track to be completed by the end of the HMEP funding cycle in September.

Regional Planning Council staff completed the Small Quantity Generators program which consisted of more than one hundred site visits in Levy and Sumter Counties.

District 5 LEPC sponsored the Hernando County Hazardous Materials Team Assessment. This assessment was performed by Response Technologies Corporation and is consistent with the goals and intentions of the State Emergency Response Commission objectives.

Questions regarding the above may be directed to Michael Arnold at (352) 732-1315, extension 228 or via email at MArnold@wrpc.cc.

DISTRICT 6

East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Brevard, Lake Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Volusia Counties

The District 6 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting was held July 27, 2007 at the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

The LEPC contracted with Emergency Response Educators and Consultants, Inc. to conduct a Table-Top and Full-Scale exercise in Lake County. These exercises met the requirements of both the LEPC biennial exercise and the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant planning project. The exercises were multi-disciplinary and met Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program requirements. The Table-Top exercise was held on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at the Lake County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The Full-Scale Exercise was conducted July 31, 2007 at South Lake High School in Groveland, Florida. Both events had very good agency participation and were learning experiences for all.

District 6 LEPC sponsored an 8-hour Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO fm) class on July 24, 25, and 26, 2007 at the Orange County Emergency Operations Center in Winter Park. It was a good introductory course as most of the attendees had little to no previous CAMEO or Aloha experience.

In addition, a HazMat IQ class was held August 28, 2007 at the Orlando EOC. The course trained responders to efficiently and safely respond to hazardous materials emergencies.

Finally, a 3-day First Responder Awareness for Clandestine Lab Operations training course was offered to District 6 on September 17, 18, and 19, 2007 at the Orlando Fire Department Training Center. The third day of training consisted of an actual mock Clandestine Lab set-up.

The next LEPC meeting is planned for October 19, 2007 at the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council Office in Maitland.

DISTRICT 7

Central Florida Regional Planning Council

DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee and Polk Counties

The District 7 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met July 18, 2007 in Sebring, Florida.

LEPC staff continued to review the TIER II reports received in an effort to complete the "Quality Control of Submitted Tier II Forms" planning project requirements subject to the 2006-2007 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant. Overall, the reports appear to be in good shape with very minor errors discovered. Final reports back to the state will be completed in the near future.

On June 8, 2007 Hardee County held a response exercise that included over 100 first responders, role players and control personnel. The exercise consisted of a Point of Distribution scenario to support the county health department and a potential hazardous substance event requiring decontamination. Additionally, during the exercise there was a real world severe weather event requiring us to stop play, shelter all players for a period of time and respond to power outages. Overall, the exercise went well and the lessons learned will help Hardee County in developing future training events and in updating their policies and procedures.

Seven members of the LEPC attended the updated training for the Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP), hosted by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, August 21-24, 2007. Six of the members were able to remain for the final day of training and were certified as HSEEP trainers.

Mr. Chuck Carter attended several meetings related to the Statewide Evacuation Study that is currently under revision. This revised evacuation plan will provide extensive information to the local emergency managers to assist them in managing evacuations from their area and to assist them in receiving evacuees passing through their area.

Regional Planning Council staff conducted 25 site visits in DeSoto County relative to the Small Quantity Generators of Hazardous Waste program.

On August 14-16, 2007, Mr. Carter attended and supported a review of policies and procedures by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Regional Domestic Security Task Force. This review was the first to take a bottom-up approach and look at each discipline first then take each discipline and coordinate their policies with the others. This should allow our law enforcement specialty elements to operate in a more cohesive manner.

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2007 in Okeechobee.

DISTRCT 8

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas Counties

The District 8 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met July 25, 2007 and another meeting is scheduled for this quarter on September 26, 2007.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant training this quarter consisted of an Incident Command System (ICS) 300 Course in Seminole July 9-10, 2007 and July 23-24, 2007; a 24-Hour Bridge Course for Technicians August 1-3, 2007 in Manatee County; 3 one-day Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations Tactical Courses taught August 28, 29 & 30, 2007 by Dwayne Mundy for the Pinellas County Hazardous Materials Team; an ICS 300 Course at the Hillsborough County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

August 27-29, 2007; an ICS 400 Course at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection August 30-31, 2007; an ICS 300 Course is planned for Tampa Fire Rescue September 17-19, 2007 ; and an ICS 400 course is scheduled to be held at Hillsborough County EOC September 24-25, 2007.

While not a part of the HMEP effort, Tampa Bay hosted the first Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program Mobile Training Module in Pinellas Park August 21-24, 2007. The training was an updated Exercise Planning, Evaluator Training and the Train-the-Trainer course. A total of 43 attended the class and provided favorable evaluations.

The LEPC is continuing with the HMEP Planning Project with Facility Disaster Planning Workshops on Hazards/Risk Assessment, as a follow-up to the planning workshops held previously. A successful risk assessment workshop was held on at the Tampa Port Authority on July 26, 2007 and another is planned at the Manatee County Convention Center September 20, 2007.

Staff represented the LEPC at the Tampa Bay Spill Committee on August 14, 2007 and at a U. S. Coast Guard Area Committee meeting held to discuss revision of the Area Contingency Plan on August 14, 2007. Staff will chair a breakout session at the Region IV LEPC/SERC/TRIBE Conference to be held on the fringes of Clean Gulf Conference November 16, 2007. Staff attended the Tampa Bay Harbor Safety and Security Committee Meeting on July 18, 2007 and the Division of Emergency Management Region IV quarterly meeting at the Hillsborough County EOC July 27, 2007.

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled to be held November 28, 2007.

DISTRICT 9

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota Counties

The District 9 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met August 23, 2007, at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. The Committee was informed of its recognition as the second place runner-up for the National Chemical Educational Foundation Awards Program. Each year, the Chemical Educational Foundation honors outstanding LEPCs in the nation that best display a commitment to public safety, industry partnerships, and chemical safety awareness education. The winners of the 2006 Chemical Education Awards are noted below.

2006 Community Awards for Chemical Safety

	1 - 50,000 pop.	50,001– 250,000 pop.	250,000 + pop.
1 st Place	Deer Park LEPC Deer Park, TX	Harford County LEPC Forest Hill, MD	The Alliance for Chemical Safety Cincinnati, OH
2 nd Place	Ava/Douglas County LEPC Ava, MO	Calcasieu Parish LEPC Lake Charles, LA	Nueces County LEPC Corpus Christi, TX
3 rd Place	Wells County LEPC Bluffton, IN	Tuscaloosa County LEPC Tuscaloosa, AL	Southwest Florida LEPC Fort Myers, FL

In other matters, the LEPC discussed and approved individual items in its strategic work plan. Mr. Wayne Sallade' of the Charlotte County Emergency Management was nominated as the Thomas Yatabe Award recipient for his dedication and contributions to the local hazardous materials program. Also, Exercise Chairman Rick Zyvoloski discussed the 2008 LEPC exercise and members were appointed to the Exercise Design Committee to assist in the endeavor.

With respect to hazardous materials training, the LEPC successfully conducted the following courses during the quarter; 48-hour Fire Chemistry Course in Fort Myers July 30 – August 4, 2007; 8-hour HAZWOPER Technician Level Refresher Course in Cape Coral August 15, 2007; and 24-hour Hazardous Materials Oil Spill Response Course in Fort Myers Beach, August 14-16, 2007. Also, the Committee will conduct an 8-hour HAZWOPER Awareness Level Refresher Course September 7, 2007 in Collier County for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's responders, public safety personnel and local government inspectors.

The next LEPC meeting is slated to be conducted December 7, 2007 in Fort Myers. Additional information regarding the programs and activities of the Committee can be obtained by viewing www.swfrpc.org.

DISTRICT 10

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach and St. Lucie Counties

The District 10 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting was held August 2, 2007 at the Indian River Community College Chastain Campus, Stuart, Florida.

District 10 is sponsoring four 8-hour HazMatIQ classes to be held September 25-28, 2007 in Boca Raton. Three Hazardous Materials Awareness Level classes are being scheduled for October and November, 2007. The LEPC will continue to take requests for training within the region.

The LEPC chose "Community Workshops and Section 302 Facility Outreach" as the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant planning project for 2006-2007. Workshops include the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act Tier II compliance training for annual reporting and brief lectures on the LEPC role regarding hazardous materials. Four of these workshops were held in the region in June, two were held in August and one more is planned for September.

The District 10 LEPC Biennial Exercise was held May 31, 2007 at the St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This exercise combined the St. Lucie County Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) exercise with the LEPC exercise. The event engaged county and municipal agencies and departments within St. Lucie County as well as mutual aid from Martin County's Hazardous Materials Team. This was a hybrid tabletop exercise that focused on identification, communication and notification processes outlined in the regional hazardous materials response plan. The "hybrid" exercise included tabletop processes combined with simulated and actual notification and communications execution between agencies. The EOC Operations element formulated objectives designed to teach and expand the use of E-Team as a resource tracking tool. A breakout room was used to simulate a Command Cell where agencies reacted to an expanding incident that taxed local resources engaging county mutual aid and provided an opportunity to exercise unified command protocols. St. Lucie County Special Operations Team responded to the hazardous materials element and demonstrated the use of hot zones, Aloha plume development and Emergency Response Guidebook identification of released substances. The After-action report is available upon request.

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled to take place November 1, 2007 at the Indian River Community College Chastain Campus, Stuart, Florida.

DISTRICT 11

South Florida Regional Planning Council
Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties

The District 11 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) held its August 22, 2007 meeting at the Miami-Dade Emergency Operations Center. Items discussed included training, both upcoming and recently offered, plus election of a Training Subcommittee Chair and LEPC Vice-Chair. The 2007 Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan was adopted for final submission to the Division of Emergency Management.

The Training Subcommittee met July 18, 2007 at the South Florida Regional Planning Council offices to discuss the upcoming Hazardous Materials Chemistry Course and finalize the class outline for the Chemical Compatibility and Storage Course.

The Hazardous Materials Chemistry Course was held July 20, 2007. The course was designed with first responders in mind as a practical approach to street chemistry addressing theory and practical application.

Two successive 8-hour Chemical Compatibility and Storage Courses were held August 14 and 15, 2007. The course covered the proper storage and chemical compatibility of hazardous materials. The target audience was local government fire inspectors, environmental compliance inspectors, safety inspectors, facility managers and other supervisory personnel responsible for the storage of hazardous materials.

Three 8-hour Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEOfm) and Plume Modeling (using ALOHA) for Hazardous Materials Technicians Courses are planned for September 5, 6 and 7, 2007. The objectives of these upcoming one-day classes focus on teaching hazardous materials technicians to effectively use CAMEOfm and ALOHA. The classes are being offered at the Miami-Dade Emergency Operations Center.

A 24-Hour Clandestine Drug Lab Operations for First Responders Course is scheduled for September 25-27, 2007 at the Miami-Dade Police Department Training Bureau. This three-day operations level course is designed to give first responders insight to clandestine lab types, locations, chemical processes, hazards and appropriate personal protective equipment. The last day will involve three realistic mock clandestine labs, with full agency response.

The timetable for upcoming meetings includes the next LEPC meeting, October 24, 2007, at the Miami-Dade Emergency Operations Center and a Training Subcommittee meeting to be held November 28, 2007, at the South Florida Regional Planning Council.