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DISTRICT 1

West Florida Regional Planning Council

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

LEPC Staffing

Staff participated in the SERC/SOT/LEPC meetings in Tallahassee on April 2 and 3, 2009. Staff conducted the Region 1 LEPC quarterly meeting at Gulf Coast Community College, Bay County, on April 15, 2009.

CEMP Update

For collaboration in the update of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan for Hazardous Materials, members of the LEPC agreed to perform a diligent review of the information available within the emergency plan. Four chapters have been emailed each quarter for review allowing for the entire document to be completed in 2009. Chapters 13 through 16 are now in process.

Training

On 28 March, Hazmat Awareness Level I course was held for Walton County Firefighters at DeFuniak Springs. During the training, 3 Firemen were called out when a car was swept off a bridge in North Walton County during a heavy rainstorm. The female driver was later found downstream, with minor injuries. All students passed the testing with good grades. Instructor was Maralee Sartain.

Exercise

In accordance with the biennial requirement, Region 1 will hold an exercise during this fiscal year. The exercise subcommittee determined the most advantageous testing of broad response capabilities would be an HSEEP compliant tabletop exercise (TTX), consisting of a simulated train derailment in Crestview. A tank car spill of sulfur dioxide would reveal communications and response gaps among the anticipated 50 + participants from diverse agencies. Experienced broadcast media will conduct video recordings for later review of the issues.

Hazardous Materials Awareness Week for 2010

Staff will be engaging the participation of school districts and COADs to introduce Chemistry in Schools. The goal is to provide opportunities for elementary and middle school children to participate in innovative curricula that will serve as life-long awareness of the consequences of dealing with hazardous materials. A further objective would be to encourage pursuit of careers in Hazmat related activities.

Brochure Project, Option 6

Based on survey responses from District 1 agencies and industries, the LEPC has developed and gained planning subcommittee input for a draft brochure that will provide quick access to information, internet links and contacts regarding the profile of the LEPC and how to gain better

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preparedness and response capabilities for hazardous materials emergency. The brochure will be submitted for final approval at the next LEPC meeting.

The next District 1 LEPC meeting will be held in Walton County, in mid July 2009.

If you have questions, please contact Jim Crumlish at West Florida Regional Planning Council, Tel. 850-332-7976, ext 215

DISTRICT 2

Apalachee Regional Planning Council

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

The District 2 Local Emergency Planning Committee held its quarterly meeting on April 22nd at the newly built Tallahassee Fire Department Training Division classroom facility. The following is a summary of recent LEPC staff activities over the last quarter:

Hazardous Materials Training

Staff has scheduled the following training courses:

- June 17, 2009 – 4-hr Myth vs. Reality of OSHA 1910.120 HAZWOPER Compliance course in Tallahassee
- June 17, 2009 – 4-hr Awareness Level Course for FDOH via Webinar
- June 19, 2009 – 8-hr HazMat IQ Course in Panama City (Joint course with District 1 LEPC)
- July 14, 2009 – 8-hr HAZWOPER Refresher in Tallahassee
- July 22-24, 2009 – 24-hr HSEEP Course in Tallahassee

Staff is working to bring an additional HazMat IQ course to the central and east side of the District. All training courses are posted on the Apalachee Regional Planning Council's website: www.thearpc.com.

Fixed Facility Hazards Analysis

Staff received FDEM approval on the second set of deliverables for the 2008-09 hazards analyses for Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jefferson, Liberty, Leon and Wakulla Counties. Staff is currently in the process of sending a complete copy of each approved hazards analysis to the emergency management directors and notifying all facilities and applicable response agencies of the availability of the hazards analyses information.

FDEP – Environmental Response Team Exercise

The District 2 LEPC assisted with the planning, facilitation and evaluation of the 2009 Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) – Environmental Response Team (ERT) full-scale exercise held on April 15-17, 2009. The exercise tested the ERT's response capabilities with respect to hazardous materials sampling, chain-of-custody and decontamination procedures. In addition, three Forensic Response Teams participated in the two-day full-scale exercise to test evidence collection protocol in a hazardous materials environment. The exercise was considered an overall success as it allowed the four teams work together in the field for the first time. Staff

completed a Draft HSEEP-compliant After Action Report/Improvement Plan and conducted the After Action Conference to review the report with leadership on May 21st. Staff is currently in the process of finalizing the report based on feedback received at the After Action Conference.

Next LEPC meeting

The next meeting of the District 2 LEPC will be held on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at 10:00 am in the Tallahassee Fire Department Training Division classroom. As always, anyone interested in attending the LEPC 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 North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee (District 3) last met at the Lafayette County Emergency Operations Center in Mayo on May 21, 2009. Items discussed included hazardous materials training, outreach seminars for dairies and chicken growers, supporting chemistry education in schools, and a review of the State Emergency Response Commission Annual Report.

The primary hazardous materials training goal for this year was to teach an IAFF 160 hour technician class using local instructors, the Hazmat Boot Camp and the Regional Hazmat Team's training trailer. As preparation, a couple of operations level classes have been held this quarter and a couple more are being planned for next quarter. Due to certification difficulties, the starting date for the IAFF class will be next fiscal year. In its place, the LEPC decided to request holding two Hazmat IQ classes as preparation for the future technician class.

Three classes on using E-Plan and the new CAMEO, ALOHA and MARPLOT updates will be scheduled in the near future. The new versions are available to download at no charge from www.epa.gov.

The LEPC continued its discussion of the new requirement concerning reporting under Section 304 to the LEPC of continuous ammonia releases from animal waste. The LEPC is working to identify potential meetings of chicken growers and dairy operators so we can go to them to present information the reporting requirements.

The LEPC endorsed the idea of promoting chemistry education as the theme for the 2010 Hazardous Materials Awareness Week. The LEPC discussed the ideas presented at the SERC meeting and during the Subcommittee on Training conference call. The objective of the LEPC is to announce accomplishments during Hazardous Materials Week rather than trying to conduct a project then.

The LEPC reviewed and discussed the 2008 SERC Annual Report. This review included the current issues which are being discussed by the SERC Subcommittee on Training.

Staff activities include providing administrative support to the LEPC, scheduling and teaching hazmat classes, and using CAMEO to update hazards analyses for seven counties. Staff continues to provide administrative support for the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team. Staff is helping to develop a CAMEO Suite Users Exam to allow voluntary certification through NOAA/EPA.

Staff assisted the Division of Emergency Management conduct a training and exercise plan workshop and helped evaluate the State Emergency Operations Center during the statewide hurricane exercise. He assisted with teaching a Hurricane Evacuation and Re-Entry class at the Orange County EOC. Staff attended the North American Hazardous Materials Management Association (NAHMMA) annual Florida conference and won a Bronze Medal in the Hazardous Waste Olympics. Staff participated in the conference call on promoting chemistry education in our schools.

Staff taught an HSEEP Overview class at the Intermediate Emergency Management Academy held at Camp Blanding and helped teach the full class in Brevard County. The Brevard HSEEP class used the updated materials now being used by the regional planning councils with certificates being issued by the Emergency Management Institute. Staff is scheduled to teach an HSEEP class in Tallahassee on July 22-24, 2009.

The next LEPC meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 20, 2009, possibly at the new Dixie County EOC in Cross City.

DISTRICT 4

Northeast Florida Regional Council

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

The previous District IV Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting was held on May 20th, 2009 at the newly opened St. Johns County Emergency Operations Center located at 100 EOC Dr., St. Augustine, FL 32092.

2008/2009 Hazards Analysis (HA) Staff has completed site inspections and data entry for the 2008/2009 Hazardous Analyses which updates information on Section 302 facilities throughout the District. Information was then sent to the Division of Emergency Management for review. Upon review, Division will recommend corrections to be made. Counties include Baker, Clay, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns. Staff will coordinate with Duval and Flagler Counties to assimilate their information into the District database. These updates, along with Duval and Flagler Counties, will then be made available to the respective County Emergency Managers and incorporated into the 2009 LEPC Emergency Response Plan.

HMEP

Conducted Training

2009 International Hazardous Materials Conference, Baltimore, MD: May 27 – 31; The

LEPC is sponsoring two individuals to attend this training event. In years past, the LEPC has sponsored firefighters from Duval and St. Johns County. This year, as part of the rotation, Lt. Padgett and Fire Marshall Yeager were selected from Clay County to attend the conference. These two gentlemen will receive valuable information and training from some of the nation's top experts in the field that they will be able to bring back with them to the Northeast Florida area.

Hazardous Materials Operational Refresher Course, Clay County: June 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, and 27; The LEPC will be

holding an Ops Refresher for HazMat and is designed to allow first responders to demonstrate basic skills and core competencies expected of those individuals who have already been trained at the full operational level, with reviews of basic Hazard and Risk Assessment Techniques, review of various PPEs, Basic Terms and Standard Operating Procedures, Control, Containment, Confinement, Decontamination. The course will be comprised of seven days, each eight hours long and designed for a maximum of 20 students per day, so that up to 140 students could receive a about 1,120 combined training hours.

Upcoming Training

HazMat IQ (Above the Line, Below the Line), St. Johns County Fire Rescue: August 10; HazMat IQ training course teaches critical knowledge for first responders to be able to make the decision if they are able to make an entry to effectuate a rescue during a HazMat incident by understanding the environmental hazards and required PPE to do so, as well as streamlining the size-up process that enables responders to maximize their response efficiency and effectiveness. This course has been a resounding success around the State. More information to come as this training develops.

AHLS Tox-Medic, Jacksonville, FL: August 26 – 28; The Advanced Hazmat Life Support (AHLS) provider program is a 16 hour, 2-day course which trains participants to: provide rapid assessment of hazmat patients, recognize toxic syndromes (toxic syndromes), provide medical management for hazmat patients, apply the poisoning treatment paradigm, and administer specific antidotes. A third day to Train the Trainer is also available. This course was conducted last year through Shands Hospital and the Florida Poison Information Center. More information to come as this training develops.

Planning

Staff chose Option 2: "Community Workshops and Section 302 Facility Outreach." A series of "How to Comply"

workshops were conducted with a total of forty three (43) participants. Staff will be planning for other workshops, training, and public awareness meetings throughout the remainder of the year, such as conducting a workshop for First Responders and E-Plan to increase awareness of the tool amongst those for which its use was designed. Staff will deliver further information as these plans progress.

District 5

Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council

Citrus, Hernando, Levy, Marion and Sumter Counties

During the quarter, staff from the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council (WRPC) attended meetings in Tallahassee on April 2nd and 3rd, 2009. The regular quarterly LEPC Training Committee meeting was held prior to the LEPC meeting on April 15. The training committee continued to accept new training needs and requests for this upcoming funding cycle.

The staff of the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council has completed the Small Quantity Generator program in Levy and Sumter Counties. During this inspection cycle, staff verified over 125 business locations. Staff continues to work with the Emergency Management staff of the five county region to deliver on Option 7: Shelter In Place Education Enhancement for this year's HMEP planning project. It is anticipated that these presentations will take place during the months of July and August.

District 5 has scheduled a 24 hour Hazardous Materials Incident Commander course for July 6-8. District will also present both an 8 and 24 hour HazMedic courses. The 24 hour course will be held June 29, 30 and July 1 while the 8 hour refresher is scheduled for June 8. The district will continue to consider more courses for the next quarter based on demand among district members and their scheduling and training requirements.

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 VI Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting was held April 17th, 2009 at the Regional Planning Council offices in Maitland.

The Training sub-committee met before the LEPC meeting in April. The LEPC co-sponsored three 8-hour Air Monitoring Courses with the Clermont Fire Department in Lake County. Six 4-hour Hydrogen Cyanide Awareness Courses were held April 28, 29 and 30 at the Central Florida Fire Academy in Orlando. A HazMat IQ course was held June 15th in Seminole County. Additionally, six 4-hour Clandestine Lab Awareness Courses were held on June 22, 23 and 24 at the offices of the ECFRPC. Courses being organized for the future for the district include: PPE training for Law Enforcement, Foam/Ethanol training, and a Propane Gas Class.

Staff is working with the Brevard County office of Emergency Management on a Hazardous Materials Annex to their Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). Staff also participated in the Toho Water Authority Tabletop exercises on May 21, 2009 in Kissimmee, Florida.

The District VI LEPC is continuing work on this year's planning project with outreach to Section 302 facilities.

The next District VI LEPC meeting will be held July 24th, 2009 at the new ECFRPC offices in Altamonte Springs.

DISTRICT 7

Central Florida Regional Planning Council

DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee and Polk Counties

MARCH

March was a very quiet month for the LEPC staff.

During March the staff for District 7 LEPC began the process of sorting and evaluating TIER II reports in accordance with the requirements of our HMEP planning project for this year. Mrs. Kathy Hall has recently been moved into a programs assistant position at the Central Florida Regional Planning Council and has been undergoing training to understand the TIER II submission process and how to inspect the documents as they are received.

Work continues on the Statewide Evacuation Study Program. A meeting was held on March 23rd to finalize our input for use in developing the transportation model for this study. Mr. Carter continues to update sheltering data and work on the technical data report in anticipation of completing the project by the end of September.

APRIL

On April 2-3 Mr. Carter attended the Training Task Force, LEPC Staff and Chairman, and SERC meetings in Tallahassee. Also in attendance was Mr. Gary Weiss our LEPC Chairman. Mr. Chris Kaelin (Training Committee Chairman) was unavailable to attend this quarter. Mr. Weiss is not only a member of our LEPC. Additionally, he serves as a Governor's appointee to the State Emergency Response Commission in the environmental category.

Quarterly reports for the Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Program were developed and submitted.

The LEPC in conjunction with American Compliance Technologies (ACT) sponsored three days of co-operative training for the hazardous materials response elements in our region. This training was conducted April 14, 15 & 16. There were two days of training held in Bartow and a third day in Sebring. Each day of training included hands on practice on confined space entry and rescue, Level A hazardous materials entry and decontamination and techniques on securing a leak from a chlorine cylinder. Additionally, there was a mini Table Top Exercise designed to refresh all participants on the requirements involved in the transition from incident command to unified command. The training was well received and attended. This is the first year that the

training was for more than one day and it is hoped that this three day event will become the minimum in the future.

Mr. Carter, along with several of the County Emergency Management Directors and our Department of Emergency Management Area Coordinators prepared throughout the month for the annual Statewide Training and Exercise Planning Workshop held on April 30th. At this workshop a Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) compliant three year training and exercise plan was developed for not only our region, but it was also integrated with other regions throughout the state.

MAY

On May 4 - 7 Mr. Carter attended the All Hazards Planning Section Chief course that was sponsored by the City of Lakeland. This four day course of instruction was very informative and challenging. The skills learned will greatly improve his ability to design and evaluate training exercises in the future.

On May 10-15 Mr. Carter attended the Governor's Hurricane Conference. During the conference he was able to complete the ICS 400 course of instruction and attended many of the workshops that were provided and available.

The LEPC District 7 held its first meeting since February where it was decided to change from a six meeting per year schedule to a four meeting per year schedule. The schedule is now set up in such a manner as to meet approximately half way in between each of the quarterly State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) meetings so as to pass along information and to gather discussion items to take to the next meetings.

The annual review and update of the LEPC District 7 Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan was completed this month. During this update the entire plan was broken into a modular format so that when the time comes for future updates only those sections affected will have to be changed and the remainder of the document will not have to be re-submitted.

Work continues on the Statewide Evacuation Study and our HMEP Planning project to conduct quality control inspections of TIER II submissions.

DISTRICT 8

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas Counties

District 8 was involved in a number of HMEP and LEPC co-sponsored activities this quarter. Staff attended the Quarterly SERC meetings in Tallahassee April 2-3, 2009. Staff conducted a LEPC Meeting on May 27, 2009.

The Tampa Bay LEPC is continuing with the HMEP Planning Project A-2 Section 302 Facility Outreach with Facility Disaster Planning Workshops as follow-on to the planning workshops held previously. Subcommittee Chair Glenn Hall briefed the LEPC membership of the efforts to

bolster the hazardous materials component of the *Florida Business Disaster Survival Kit* (FBDSK) resulting from the April 23, 2009 Subcommittee meeting. The FBDSK is interactive and available online at www.fldisasterkit.com. It is anticipated that these efforts, once complete, will assist the business community in writing their all-hazards plans. The next meeting scheduled for the Subcommittee has been scheduled for July 16th.

Staff continued participating in a series of teleconferences administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management regarding such subjects as: Toxmedic (April 30 & May 28) and Chemistry Education Initiative (May 20). Additional teleconferences regarding these subjects may be scheduled as deemed necessary or appropriate.

With the assistance of representatives from CF Industries, Yara North America and Kinder Morgan, LEPC Staff conducted an Ammonia Siren Briefing/Workshop for the North Ybor Civic Association on May 27th at *The Childrens Board* in Tampa. A total of 14 Association members attended.

A Chlorine Safety Training Course was conducted on May 5-7, 2009 with HMEP funding. Future HMEP training events currently planned for 2009 include an Air Monitoring & Detection In Service Training Course (June 9-11, 2009) and "Hazmat IQ" course (August 18-20, 2009).

Staff represented the Tampa Bay LEPC at the Tampa Bay Spill Committee on April 7, 2009 and June 9, 2009, as well as the US Coast Guard Area Committee meetings which immediately followed.

The Pinellas Police Standards Council continues to meet at the TBRPC under LEPC sponsorship. Staff assisted with the April 8 and June 10, 2009 events.

The next LEPC meeting will be August 26, 2009.

DISTRICT 9

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

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



The Southwest Florida (District IX) Local Emergency Planning Committee conducted its quarterly meeting, May 28, 2009, at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. The meeting started with recognition of Assistant Fire Chief John German and Battalion Chief John Reilly of the North Naples Fire Department with plaques for their contributions on the Southwest Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee. Chief German has served on the LEPC since October 6, 2000. With respect to administrative matters, the Committee approved the inclusion of invocations during all future official quarterly meetings.

The following training is slated to be conducted by the Southwest Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council in the region.

- 48-Hour Chemistry Course, Hodges University, 4501 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers, Florida, July 6-11, 2009.
- Air Monitoring for Hazardous Materials Technician Course, Southwest Florida Regional Airport Training Center, 15924 Air Cargo Lane, Fort Myers, Florida, July 1-3, 2009.
- Hazmat Chemistry IQ Course, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, 1926 Victoria Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida, June 17, 2009.

The next quarterly meeting of the Southwest Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee is scheduled August 27, 2009. Additional information regarding the programs and activities of the Committee can be obtained by viewing www.swfirpc.org.

DISTRICT 10

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

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

The last District 10 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting was held May 7, 2009 at the Indian River State College Chastain Campus, Stuart, Florida. The next meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2009 at the Indian River State College, Public Safety Training Complex, Fort Pierce, Florida.

District 10 Local Emergency Planning Committee Activities

The Planning Sub-committee has reviewed the District 10 Regional Hazardous Materials Response Plan for the 2008/2009 Update and staff is currently updating the plan. The Planning Sub-committee met on February 5, 2009 to determine a location and date for the 2009 biennial exercise. Discussion focused on transitioning the original full scale plan back to a tabletop/workshop discussion-based exercise with focus on areas for improvement and training. The exercise date is set for June 29, 2009. This exercise will be the precursor exercise to the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness functional exercise to be held in September.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness

Training

During the third quarter, District 10 sponsored one HazMat IQ Smart Charts class; nine 8-hour Hazardous Materials Operations Level Refresher classes; an Advanced Hazardous Materials Life Support course; and a 40-hour Fire Chemistry course. Staff is coordinating with instructors in preparation to sponsor two Hazardous Materials Incident Command classes in the fourth quarter.

Planning

The 2008/2009 projected selected was the Planning Project Option 3, Local Emergency Planning Committee Plan Exercise, from the list of approved activities to be carried out under the planning grant. Tasks include development of a functional exercise designed to test at a minimum of three functional areas, scenario development, regional coordination and an after-action report. The Sub-committee is building the functional exercise around the LEPC Biennial Exercise scenario and will expand the list of discipline participants. This will broaden the scale of communications, and alert and notification coordination between multi-jurisdictional agencies.

Hazards Analysis

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, utilizing District 10 LEPC staff, is in the process of conducting the 2008/2009 Hazards Analysis for St. Lucie and Martin Counties. Hazards Analyses have been conducted and submitted to the Florida State Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) for review and comment. The Hazards Analyses are conducted for those facilities required to report annually to the FDEM under the Emergency Community Right-To-Know Act.

DISTRICT 11

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

The South Florida LEPC (SoFlaLEPC) met on March 4, 2009 at the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) offices in Hollywood, Florida. The Committee presented **SERC Certificates of Appreciation** to Vice Chair Gary Koen and Chief William Wagner for their years of service and support and congratulated Paulette Kandel for receiving this year's **Thomas Yatabe Award**. The Committee also accepted membership applications for two new members, Lt. Howard Vollovick as Alternate for Chief Rich Taylor of Miami-Dade Fire Rescue and Maria Salgado as Alternate for Mauricio Gomez of FDOT. Mr. John Long of the Florida Gas Transmission Company gave a very interesting and informative presentation on their equipment and network.

Two training courses were offered during this reporting period. A HAZWOPER Refresher Course was presented on May 5, 2009 at the Institute of Criminal Justice, Florida Keys Community College in Key West. On May 6, 2009, the SoFlaLEPC presented a WMD/HazMat Awareness Course at the Monroe County Fire Academy, located near Marathon in the Florida Keys. Additional courses are planned for June (two HazMatIQ classes) and July (three HAZWOPER classes).

SoFlaLEPC staff accompanied personnel from FDEM while they conducted an RMP Audit of the City of Deerfield Beach West Water Treatment Plant. The audit was completed successfully. SoFlaLEPC staff also attended the **E-Plan Workshop** at the Governor's Hurricane Conference in Fort Lauderdale. Among the workshop presenters was Lt. Charles Boyd, SoFlaLEPC member and Staff Officer of the City of Miami Fire Rescue HazMat/WMD Bureau.

For additional information, please visit our website: <http://www.sfrpc.com/lepc/htm>