

State Emergency Response Commission
TRAINING TASK FORCE
Department of Environmental Protection
Douglas Building, Rooms A and B
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399
October 2, 2008

Present:

LEPC 1: John Gallagher (for Richard Delp)
LEPC 2: Richard Smith
LEPC 3: Dwayne Mundy (for Don Session)
LEPC 4: Jonathan Lamm
LEPC 5: Jamie Arleo (for Joe Schenk)
LEPC 6: Bob Coschignano (for Jerry Smith)
LEPC 7: Chuck Carter
LEPC 8: Scott Ehlers
LEPC 9: Chief Mike Murphy
LEPC 10: Dan Wouters
LEPC 11: Charles V. Boyd (for Manny Cela)
Greg Lee (Florida Department of Environmental Protection)
Mike Jacobs (Florida Department of Health)
Frank DeFrancesco (Florida Association of Hazardous Materials Responders)

I. CALL TO ORDER/ INTRODUCTIONS

Acting Chairman, Chief Mike Murphy opened the meeting with the pledge of Allegiance, and then requested everyone to introduce themselves. Mr. Tim Date introduced Ms. Shanti Smith and stated she was the replacement for Ms. Sheri Powers as Community Program Administrator.

II. UPDATE ON CONFERENCE CALLS

Chief Murphy stated the Training Task Force held conference calls on August 7, 2008 and September 18, 2008, for the purpose of maintaining focus toward ongoing projects. One project discussed was defining the different levels of training required by Emergency Medical Services responders to be considered a ToxMedic responder and defining guidelines. The ToxMedic concept would ensure Emergency Medical Services personnel who respond with the HazMat teams having the proper level of training and personal protection equipment to ensure the safety of both responders and survivors.

It has been asked that both industries defined what a credentialing is. Credentialing is that you show up with a card showing they have been trained to a standard. Chief Murphy stated there is not a defined standard for the industries in the state of Florida that states you have to go through this training. There is nothing stating in order to handle a Natural Gas emergency you have to have this training. Chief Murphy then stated there are two known incident with one being in Sarasota County.

Chief Murphy then stated on September 18, 2008, the Training Task Force briefed on Natural Gas/Liquid Petroleum Gas, Industries and that they would like to invite us to their council in Jacksonville, Florida, two of the Division of Emergency Management members volunteered to go.

Next, Chief Murphy stated there was a lot of discussion about ToxiMedic and the purpose was to create a support system for the HazMat teams. Chief Murphy stated the HazMat teams move around the states that are actually involved in an incident and the primary purpose is to ensure the safety of the teams.

There are three levels of Emergency Medical Services responders to be defined:

1. EMS Awareness for the transport Ambulance that comes across an incident.
 - a. Currently addressed by the Department of Transportation training curriculum.
 - b. Understanding the capabilities in the State of Florida
 - c. The necessary skill for self protection (ex. Self auto-injectors and Cyanokit)
2. EMS Operational Level-When EMS provider is called to support the treatment of patients or provide Basic Life Support or limited Advanced Life Support care as defined by their medical director.
 - a. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 472 CoreCompetencies for Operationals
PPR
Mass and Technical Decon
Victim Rescue
 - b. NFPA 473 Competencies for BLS and ALS necessary to:
Provide patient care
Treat respiratory irritants
Treat non-cardiogenic pulmonary edema
Treat chemical burns (acid, alkali)
3. EMS Tox-Medic – EMS provider on the ALS level that can provide advanced medical and antidotal treatment of patients and responders exposed to hazardous materials and is a resource asset to Type III, II, or I Hazardous Materials Resources.
 - a. NFPA 472 Operational Level Training
Core Competencies
PPE
Mass and Technical Decon

Victim Rescue
NFPA 473 5.4.1 (3) a – Q

Needed:

1. Purpose statement and planning assumptions for each of the levels
2. Database of model protocols
3. Work with HMEP guidelines
4. Public private sector guidelines will contain the recommendations

Chief Murphy then stated there are four types of ambulances in Florida.

Type 1

- Advanced Life Support- with the minimum of 2 staff (paramedic and EMT)
- Transport 2 little patients with the training and equipment meets or exceeds standard addressed by OSHA NFPA 471, 472, and 473

Type II

- Advanced Life Support – with the minimum of 2 staff (paramedic and EMT)
- Transport 2 little patient, with non HazMat response

Type III

- Advance Life Support – minimum 2 staff (EMT and first responder) 2 little patients Training equipment meets or exceeds standard as addressed by EPA, OSHA, 29CFR to work in HazMat Level B and specific threat conditions.

Type IV

- Basic Life Support Operations: Minimum 2 personnel (1 EMT and first responder) Non-transporting emergency medical response with the minimum 1 staff, BLS or ALS

Chief Murphy then, stated the National Incident Management System (NIMS) certification is through Incident Command System Course (ICS) 300 and the training guidelines for these requirements are being revised and asked if anyone had the protocols, please forward them to the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Chief Murphy then stated a conference call will be held on Friday, October 24, 2008 at 10:00 a. m.

III. MEMBERSHIP POLICIES/GUIDELINES (Draft)

Chief Murphy stated the creation of a working group is in progress, but still on hold. The body has not officially been named yet and for now the name is State Emergency Response Commission Subcommittee on Training. A motion was made that the Training Task Force be renamed to the State Emergency Response Commission Subcommittee on Training; motion was seconded and approved unanimously. There was lengthy

discussion on membership and the Sunshine Law. The SERC Subcommittee on training will develop guidelines to bring forward at the January 2009 meeting.

IV. 2008 STRATEGIC PLAN ACTION ITEMS

Chief Murphy then introduced Mr. Richard Butgereit with the Florida Division of Emergency Management Geographic Information System (GIS) department, he discussed the National Grid System and how to provide data to those who need it and what do we want to provide. Mr. Butgereit states that E-Plan does have a GIS capability. SEOC Mapper was an old system that has been decommissioned. The Division of Emergency Management has invested in ARC-GIS and will be installed to permit DEM to provide user name and passwords for use.

Mr. Butgereit stated we can, also use HSIN it has a platform with links to Google Earth or others. If the E-Plan doesn't deliver what is expected, the Division of Emergency Management will create there own secure web portal for use.

Chief Murphy stated they got a lot of projects completed and there are two remaining projects the group is working on. Mr. Dan Wouters states Florida Association of Hazardous Materials Responders (FLAHR) has been revised and a draft was being circulated through their membership for final review. Final review of the document will be given to the State Emergency Response Commission before the January 2009, meeting. The HazMat FOG will be pushed back until summer of 2009.

HazMat training guidelines

Ms. Smith stated there has been an increase in funding the Federal Department of Transportation (FDOT) has increased dollars to \$300,000.00 with the Local Emergency Planning Committee receiving 75%, of the funds and the Division of Emergency Management 25%. A motion was made for staff to develop RFP guidelines and for Mr. Dan Wouters to take the lead on this project. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

There were lengthy discussions about projects the SERC Subcommittee on Training currently monitored the New and Non-Routine Hazard Training Materials.

- Alternative Fuels-Working with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to develop strategies;
- Information on existing courses; and
- Pipeline Emergencies-continuing to work with United States Department of Transportation, First Responders and Florida Pipeline to determine some strategies

V. UPDATES FROM AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS

- a. FFCA – Florida Fire Chief's Association – No Report
- b. Florida Association of Hazardous Materials Responders – No Report

- c. State Fire Marshall's Office – No Report
- d. Other agencies and organization – None

DOH – Department of Health requested access to E-Plan and a recommendation will go to the State Emergency Response Commission that any state agency subject to Emergency Operation Center activation in an emergency or any agency with response should be granted access. The Division Emergency Management indicated there has been no problem although the fire departments themselves are concerned about having to keep track of who all within the organization should have access.

VI. UPCOMING EVENTS ON THE CALENDAR

- a. Conference call – Friday, October 24, 2008 at 10:00 am. Major topics – Toxmedic and Hazards Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Guidelines

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

FLAHR – Chief DeFrancesco is asking that FLAHR be removed as a member of the SERC Subcommittee on Training.

VIII. ISSUES FOR STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC)

Mr. George Danz stated:

- a. SERC Subcommittee on Training – no guidelines established
- b. E-Plan – discussion on implementing geographic information program into system. And who will actually grant access to E-Plan.

IX. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – January 8, 2009 – Location Tallahassee, Florida

X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.