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## **DISTRICT 1**

### **West Florida Regional Planning Council**

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

Staff attended the Training Task Force, the LEPC Chairs/Staff meeting and the State Emergency Response Commission meetings in Tallahassee in July.

Staff coordinated a meeting of the LEPC's Resource and Training and the Planning Subcommittees, held in conjunction with the quarterly LEPC meeting. The quarterly meeting of District 1 Local Emergency Planning Committee was held in Washington County on July 23, 2008. Updates were provided to members on the status of State Working Group and SERC initiatives.

The LEPC Chairman has produced a Scope of Work derived from the results of the previously conducted Facilities Survey. As a result, the Scope of Work will be presented to the Committee for approval and then forwarded to DEM as basis for grant request for the next fiscal year. The planning subcommittee approved the proposed 2008 Commodity Flow Study. Staff and FDOT Enforcement Officers from region 1 have conducted the inspections and traffic counts. The purpose of the Commodity Flow Study is to provide a snapshot in time of hazardous materials transportation corridors along selected roadways of West Florida. Staff completed the new LEPC instructor guidelines update and committee approved the guidelines at the LEPC meeting. The new guidelines will be implemented immediately and will be in effect until 2011.

Staff conducted two Implementation Planning Conferences (Navarre Beach & Panama City), for Region 1; aimed at gathering pertinent information from all participating regional agencies in support of the 2009-2011 Homeland Security Training & Exercise Plan. In conjunction with representatives from the Regional RDSTF, staff also attended the State Multi-Year Training & Exercise workshop in Orlando.

Training continued throughout this quarter with courses being organized by staff and offered to the Regional response community, including HAZMAT Awareness, HAZMAT Operations and Refresher courses.

The next District 1 LEPC meeting will be held on October 15, 2008, at 10:00am in Crestview. For more information, please contact WFRPC staff at 850-332-7976.

## **DISTRICT 2**

### **Apalachee Regional Planning Council**

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

The Local Emergency Planning Committee held its quarterly meeting on July 23rd at the Tallahassee Fire Department Training Division classroom. The following is a summary of recent LEPC staff activities over the last quarter:

#### ***Hazardous Materials Training***

The following course was sponsored by the District 2 LEPC since the last SERC meeting:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Participants</b>
7/24/08	HazMat IQ	TFD Training Division Classroom	8	19
7/25/08	HazMat IQ	TFD Training Division Classroom	8	23
8/23/08	Awareness	Leon County EMS	3	20
8/26/08	Awareness	Leon County EMS	3	19
8/27/08	Awareness	Leon County EMS	3	23
8/28/08	Awareness	Leon County EMS	3	32
9/18/08	HazMat IQ	TFD Training Division Classroom	8	N/A

Staff used supplemental HMEP Training funds to hold a third HazMat IQ course as the final course of the fiscal year. The two previous HazMat IQ classes were well received by all attendees and the demand for a third course came immediately from the Tallahassee Fire Department HazMat team. All HMEP training funds have now been obligated for Fiscal Year 2007-08.

All training courses are posted on the Apalachee Regional Planning Council's website: [www.thearpc.com](http://www.thearpc.com).

#### ***Fixed Facility Hazards Analysis***

Staff completed efforts to address the FDEM-recommended revisions to the 2007-08 hazards analyses for Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jefferson, Liberty, Leon and Wakulla Counties. Staff will distribute the completed Hazards Analyses to county first responders pending approval by the FDEM.

#### ***LEPC Plan Update***

Staff has continued to update the District II LEPC Hazardous Materials Plan with current figures and recent accomplishments, including hazardous materials training, planning, and exercises. Staff will distribute the updated Plan pending approval by the FDEM.

### ***LEPC Biennial Exercise***

Staff held two planning conferences with Robby Powers, Emergency Coordinator of the City of Tallahassee, and Dave Bujak of Florida State University to work jointly on a CSX-based tabletop exercise. The planning conferences resulted in the determination of a location of the derailment and the development of additional exercise parameters. The exercise was held on June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and involved the participation of 16 agencies and 35 participants. Staff completed and submitted the Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) compliant After Action Report during this quarter.

### ***Next LEPC meeting***

The next meeting of the District 2 LEPC will be held on October 15, 2008 at 10:00 am EDT at the Tallahassee Fire Department Training Division classroom. The meeting will immediately be followed by the FDEM Region 2 Coordinator meeting. 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 (Florida District 3) met at the Price Creek Water Treatment Plant in Lake City on August 15, 2008. Items discussed included LEPC elections, Tier Two data distribution using E-Plan, and conducting outreach seminars. Immediately prior to the LEPC meeting, the First Responders Subcommittee met to discuss training plans for the upcoming year.

The LEPC reviewed the list of recently appointed members and received a report from the Nominations Subcommittee for recommendations for officers. Ron Mills was elected as the new Chair of the LEPC to replace Edye Rowell. Mr. Mills is the Emergency Management Chief for Gilchrist County and has been active in the LEPC and the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team for many years.

Gracie Kennedy was elected as Vice Chair of First Responders. Ms. Kennedy is an Emergency Response Specialist from the Northeast District of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Shayne Morgan was elected as Vice Chair of Public Information. Mr. Morgan is an Emergency Management Specialist for Columbia County. The LEPC will bring its Shelter In-Place doll house to the Columbia County Safety Expo being scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2008 in Lake City. Special Operations Chief Donnie Sessions from Gainesville Fire Rescue was re-appointed as the District 3 Representative on the training workgroup, with Captain Dan Smith as his alternate.

The main focus of this year's hazardous materials training program has been to provide training to ensure the proper use of the 2008 ERGs. This quarter, the LEPC conducted a series of

Awareness Level and Awareness Train-the-Trainer classes in both Lake City and Gainesville. Additional classes scheduled to conclude this fiscal year include Hazmat IQ, Awareness and Operations level classes. The LEPC is also paying tuition for three firefighters to attend technician training at the Florida State Fire College.

There was discussion by LEPC members concerning access to Tier Two data stored in E-Plan by emergency managers. The staged distribution system was explained where regional hazmat teams would be the first authorized to download data directly from E-Plan over the internet. The Committee concluded that County Emergency Management personnel need access to E-Plan data as soon as possible.

As part of an HMEP outreach project, a "Helping Florida Businesses to Survive Disasters Seminar" was presented following the LEPC meeting. A second seminar sponsored by the Regional Planning Council on Proper Used Oil Storage and Effective Hazardous Waste Management Workshop also followed the LEPC seminar. The LEPC has found that holding hazardous material and hazardous waste seminars back to back increases the overall attendance of both. Planning is underway to offer a similar seminar in Alachua County on September 16<sup>th</sup>. A How-to-Comply seminar is being scheduled near the end of 2008.

Staff activities include providing staff support to the LEPC, scheduling training classes, and using CAMEO ofm to update hazards analyses for seven counties. Staff continues to provide administrative support for the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team.

Staff helped teach a Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) class at the North Florida Community College in Madison and is scheduled to help teach an additional class at Florida State University on September 11 and 12, 2008. Staff is scheduled to give a presentation on Florida LEPCs at the Second Annual EPA Region IV Hazardous Materials Conference being held in Savannah, Georgia the last week of August.

The next LEPC meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 14, 2008, at a location to be determined.

#### **DISTRICT 4**

##### **Northeast Florida Regional Council**

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

The last District IV Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting was held on August 28, 2008 at the St. Johns River Water Management District Office at 7775 Baymeadows Way, Suite 102, in Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

**2007/2008 Hazards Analysis (HA)** Staff has completed and submitted the 2007/2008 Hazardous Analysis information to the Division of Emergency Management for the five counties that include Baker, Clay, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns counties. Staff is in the process of updating information on corrections received from the State.

**Emergency Response Guides** Received 22,059 ERGs at the NEFRC office and we assisting DEM with their disbursement to the counties, emergency responders, and amongst other Regional Planning Councils. The NEFRC will keep a stockpile of these guidebooks for distribution until the next edition is printed.

## **HMEP**

### ***Training***

Some of the District's Training Goals for this year include the following classes: a Chemistry Refresher, Toxic Medic, Haz-mat Operations Refresher, and Drug Lab Course. Our training for this quarter is:

**AHLS Tox-Medic Class-** July 30-31, 2008 District IV of the LEPC sponsored seven Northeast Florida First Responders. This training was held by the Florida Poison Information Center – Jacksonville, the Department of Emergency Medicine – University of Florida Health Science Center, and Shands Jacksonville Medical Center. This course of instruction helped train the First Responders in providing rapid assessment of HazMat patients, hazardous materials exposure management and chemical/bio-hazard readiness and response, as well as how to administer specific antidotes.

### **Upcoming Training for the Year:**

**ICS 300/400-** Will be offered November 3-7, 2008 with emphasis on the position and duties of Planning and Logistics Section Chief. Clay County Fire Rescue will be hosting this training during the week with Mike Roush and David Fogler serving as instructors.

**2008 Fire Department Safety Officers Association Annual Safety Forum-** Will take place October 27-31, 2008 in Orlando, FL. Four participants from the Region will attend the Safety Forums and the Incident Safety Officer (ISO) Academy. This is a 16-hour certification course designed to improve firefighters' effectiveness as the Incident Safety Officer on scene, through in-depth knowledge and training, as well as situational exercises and scenario practice.

### ***Planning***

**Quality Control of Submitted Tier II Information-** On behalf of the LEPC, Staff will perform a quality control of the Tier IIs that are being submitted by the Section 302 and 311/312 facilities within the district. Staff will contact these facilities' Tier IIs that contain 4 or more errors to

educated the facility representative on the proper completion of Tier II forms and use of the State Emergency Response Commission How-to-Comply Handbook. Staff will then prepare and submit to the Division a report of the Tier IIs reviewed and recommended corrections submitted to the facility(s). Records of Staff time will be maintained and stored appropriately. The results of this planning project will be incorporated into the annual update of the LEPC's hazardous materials emergency response plan.

## **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 July 10 and 11, 2008. The regular quarterly LEPC Training Committee meeting was held prior to the LEPC meeting on July 16. The training committee opened the floor for training needs and suggestions for this upcoming funding cycle.

The LEPC held its election for new Chairman and Vice Chairman. The voting was tallied at the July meeting and Deputy Chief David Cooper of Marion County Fire Rescue was elected as the Chairman. In a run off due to a tie, Assistant Chief Patty Jefferson of Citrus County Fire Rescue was elected for the Vice Chairperson. Both represent numerous years of experience in the HazMat world as well as fire rescue operations and training. Jamie Arleo will remain training Chairman and continue to represent District 5 in Tallahassee.

On June 30 District 5 LEPC, with assistance from the RDSTF, conducted an Evaluated Drill testing the Marion County Hazardous Materials Team and Special Operations Team in a scenario requiring them to work together: sharing the same space, using the unified command structure, mitigating chemical hazards, and removing trapped victims simultaneously.

Questions regarding the above may be directed to Michael Arnold at (352) 732-1315, extension 228 or via email at [MArnold@wrpc.cc](mailto: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 July 25, 2008 at the Regional Planning Council office in Maitland. LEPC member, Lt. Ed Allen of the Seminole County Sheriff's Department gave a presentation on the updates to NFPA 472. Also, at this meeting Jennifer Hobbs was re-elected as the LEPC Chair and Lt. Robert Coschignano was elected as the LEPC Vice-Chair.

The Training sub-committee met before the LEPC meeting in July. A HazMat IQ Course was held at the Kissimmee Civic Center on July 17th. The LEPC co-sponsored six 4-hour Gas Emergency Courses with the Central Florida Fire Academy on September 3, 4 and 5. Three 24-hour Intro to CAMEO courses were offered in September at the Orange County EOC. Also, the LEPC is co-sponsoring an Advanced Radiological Monitoring Course with the Central Florida Fire Academy in mid-October. Additional courses beginning organized in the future for the district includes Foam/Ethanol training, HazMat Operations Refresher courses, Awareness Classes and a Propane Gas Class.

Staff has completed this year's planning project, Community Workshops and Section 302 Facility Outreach. The two final How to Comply Workshops were held on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in Maitland and Rockledge, respectively. Discussions have begun about which planning project the District will undertake for next fiscal year.

Initial Planning has begun for the 2008-2009 LEPC Biennial Exercise. The exercise will be a Table-top taking place in Osceola County. The Initial Planning Conference was held on September 5<sup>th</sup> at the Osceola EOC. Members of the Osceola County Office of Emergency Management as well as members of the District VI LEPC are assisting with the planning and evaluation of this exercise.

Staff assisted with the City of Winter Park's annual Table-top Exercise for city officials on July 17th. Also, the Second Annual EPA Region IV Hazardous Materials Conference was held in Savannah, GA August 27-29th, 2008. Staff spoke about the District VI LEPC and different opportunities for regional collaboration and recent HMEP training events.

The next LEPC District VI meeting will be held October 17, 2008 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

## **JUNE**

During June the staff for District 7 LEPC finalized and delivered a formal HSEEP compliant After Action Report for the Table Top Exercise and Drill conducted in support of the Southwest Regional Domestic Security Task Force (SWRDSTF). These two exercises were designed to focus on a review of policies, plans and procedures during the Table Top Exercise and to set the stage for the Drill the following day. The Drill was designed to allow Explosive Ordnance Disposal units to render safe two separate devices. There were many lessons learned from these events and this was a very well received exercise. Pending funding in FY 09 these exercises will set the basis for the Full Scale Exercise that is being planned for next year.

On June 13<sup>th</sup> Mr. Carter attended a benefit held in honor of Mr. Gene O'Neill. Mr. O'Neill has just retired as the Emergency Management Director for Okeechobee County. Mr. Michael Faulkner has been named as the new EMD for Okeechobee County.

Work continues on the Statewide Evacuation Study with a meeting held in Maitland at the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council. Mr. Carter and Mr. Brett attended this meeting on behalf of the CFRPC.

During March the staff for District 7 LEPC presented one course of instruction on the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program. This class was presented in Miami in support of the South Florida Regional Planning Council.

## **JULY**

On July 10-11 Mr. Carter attended the Training Task Force, LEPC Staff and Chairman, and SERC meetings in Tallahassee. Mr. Mike Linkins (LEPC Chairman) & Mr. Tom Moran (Training Committee Chairman) and were unavailable to attend this quarter due to scheduling conflicts. Mr. Gary Weiss, a member of our LEPC and newly appointed SERC member attended the meetings to also represent LEPC District 7.

LEPC District 7 met for the first meeting of the new fiscal year on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. At this meeting Mr. Gary Weiss was elected as our new chairman and Mr. Tim Bennett was elected as the new vice-chairman. Both of these gentlemen bring a wealth of knowledge to the table and will be invaluable to the members of the LEPC.

## **AUGUST**

It is our sad duty to report that Mr. Gene O'Neill passed away on August 21<sup>st</sup> at the age of 65. Mr. O'Neill served the citizens of Okeechobee County for over 30 years, first as a police officer and for the last 10 years as the Emergency Management Director. Gene was a coach, mentor and friend to many in the emergency management arena and his passing will be missed by all who have ever had the pleasure to meet him.

Members of the LEPC Staff assisted Hardee County in the execution of a Table Top Exercise on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

On August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> meetings were held in support of the Statewide Evacuation Study to allow Dr. Jay Baker to discuss the behavioral analysis that will be developed based on telephone surveys earlier this year. This behavioral analysis provides the county Emergency Management Directors with statistically sound data on what to expect their citizens to do in the event of an emergency situation, particularly one regarding a hurricane. These meetings were well received by the EMDs.

On August 21<sup>st</sup> LEPC District 7 sponsored an Operations Level OSHA in Highlands County that drew over 50 persons. Mr. Burt McKee from Polk County Safety presented an excellent course of instruction.

Work has continued throughout the quarter on preparing an HSEEP compliant After Action Report on the January 8, 2008 multi-car pileup on I-4.

## **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 July 10-22, 2008. Staff conducted two LEPC Meetings on July 30, 2008 and September 24, 2008. At the July meeting, Asst Chief Scott Ehlers was reelected as Chairman of the LEPC and Jeff Tobergte, Florida DEP Bureau of Emergency Response was elected Vice-Chairman.

Most significant during this quarter was the Roundtable on Emergency Response to Anhydrous Ammonia Transportation Incidents, sponsored by the USDOT Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), and held at the University of South Florida Downtown Center in the Tampa Port Authority Building, Tampa on August 26, 2008. The LEPC was actively involved in the planning for this roundtable and staff served as coordinator for the Panel Discussion entitled Emergency Planning Partnerships. Speakers from CF Industries, Yara, North America, and Mosaic provided an excellent presentation on the anhydrous ammonia industry.

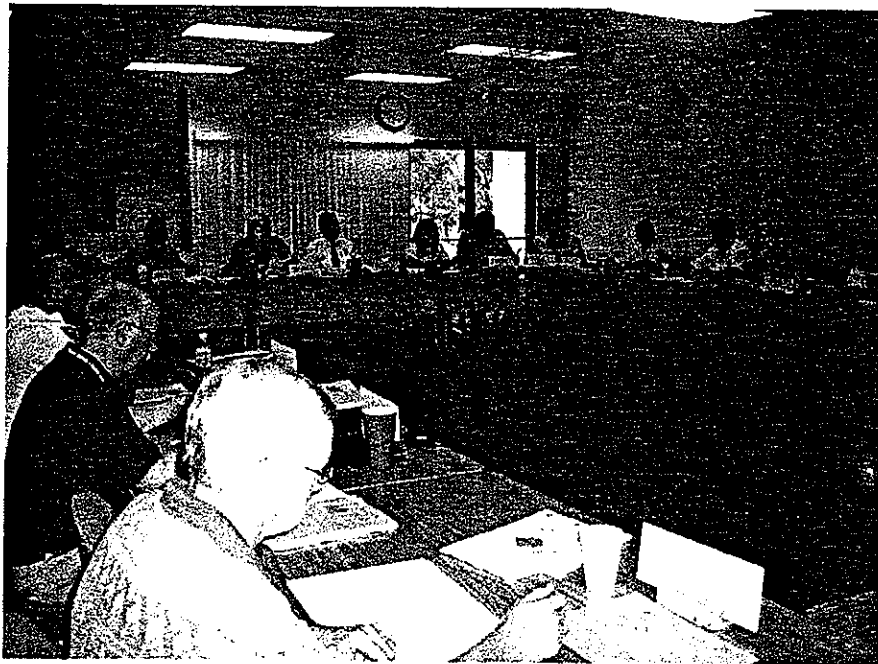
The Tampa Bay LEPC is continuing with the HMEP Planning Project with Facility Disaster Planning Workshops as a follow-on to the planning workshops held previously. Two workshops were held at the TBRPC on July 29, 2008 and September 11, 2008 at the Port of Tampa. Additionally, two Ammonia Siren Warning Briefings were held at the Tampa Port Authority on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

There were a number HMEP training classes conducted this quarter: Rail Safety for Public Responder, July 8-10, Manatee County; but two 3-day Foam/Ethanol Classes were held: 1) Pinellas County in Clearwater, August 26-28; and Pasco County in Brooksville, September 24-26, 2008. Hospital 24-Hour First Receivers Courses were conducted at South Florida Baptist Hospital July 30-31, 2008; and at Community Hospital, New Port Richey, September 22-23, 2008. A 24-Hour Chlorine Class for Chlorine Technicians was held at the Pinellas County Young-Rainey Star Center on September 17-19, 2008. Additionally, the Tampa Bay LEPC will be co-hosting the CSX Transportation Tabletop Exercise to be conducted at the St. Petersburg College Allstate Center on November 13, 2008.

Staff represented the Tampa Bay LEPC at the Tampa Bay Spill Committee on August 12, 2008 as well as the US Coast Guard Area Committee on the same dates following the Spill Control meeting. The Area Committee is assisted in the USCG PREP Exercise held September 17, 2008. Exercise was industry-led by Progress Energy and held at the Anclote Power Plant in Holiday.

The Pinellas Police Standards Council continues to meet at the TBRPC under LEPC sponsorship and staff assisted with the July 9<sup>th</sup>, August 13<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup> meetings.

The next LEPC meeting will be November 19, 2008. LEPC Staff Coordinator Bill Lofgren retires after 47 years of public service on December 1, 2008, and will be succeeded in this position by 23-year TBRPC veteran, John Meyer.



## **DISTRICT 9**

### **Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council**

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

The Southwest Florida (District IX) Local Emergency Planning Committee met August 28, 2008, at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. The meeting centered around administrative matters and final training program initiatives for the year. The issue regarding invocations during future meetings will be resolved during the next official meeting of the Southwest Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee. Stability was the course of action of the day by the body as Sgt. Bruce Porter (Retired Law Enforcement Officials) was re-elected Chairman and Ms. Louetta Muller was re-elected Vice Chairman.

Captain Doug Wolfe will continue to serve in the capacity of Training Chair and Richard Zyvoloski will continue to serve the Committee as its Exercise Chairman.

The recipient of the Tom Yatabe Awards Program was selected and approved by the Committee. LEPC Member Richard Zyvoloski was recommended as the recipient for his leadership and work as exercise chairman over the years.

In another matter, the final HMEP training programs for the 2007-08 year are to be conducted during the noted dates:

- 2008 Emergency Response Guidebook and CHEMTREC Training, September 10, 2008, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, 1926 Victoria Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida 33901.
- Hazwoper/Hazmat Awareness Level I Course, September 12, 2008, Collier County Government Center, 3301 East Tamiami Trail, Health Building, Room 216, Naples Florida 34112.
- A Clandestine Drug Lab Awareness and Operational Level Course, September 25 - 26, 2008, Hodges University, 4501 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers, Florida 33912.

The next quarterly meeting of the Southwest Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee is scheduled December 5, 2008. Additional information regarding the programs and activities of the Committee can be obtained by viewing [www.swfrpc.org](http://www.swfrpc.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 meeting was held August 7, 2008 at the Indian River State College Chastain Campus, Stuart, Florida. The next meeting is November 6, 2008 at the Indian River State College Chastain Campus, Stuart, Florida.

### **LEPC Activities**

The Planning Sub-committee completed the update of the District 10 Regional Hazardous Materials Response Plan. The plan was submitted and approved by the Florida Division of Emergency Management. The Planning Sub-committee met on August 7, 2008 to define concepts and develop preliminary objectives for the 2009 biennial exercise. Discussion focused on stakeholders, discussion and operations based exercise options and areas for improvement or training. The exercise date will be decided by the sub-committee at the Initial Planning Conference.

## **Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP)**

### Training

District 10 is scheduling Hazardous Materials Awareness classes for December and January. The following classes are currently being sponsored in the region:

- Awareness /Operations Clandestine (Methlab) September 23-24, 2008, Stuart, FL
- Hazardous Materials Medical Technician offered September 25-27, 2008 Boca Raton, FL
- IQ Smart Charts Hazardous Materials Identification October 6, 2008, West Palm Beach, FL

### Planning

The District 10 LEPC has selected Planning Project Option 7, Shelter-in-Place Education Enhancement, from the list of approved activities to be carried out under the planning grant for the 2007/2008 cycle. Tasks include workshops and seminars, creation of a website, and the construction of a scaled portable community model. Staff is currently finalizing the presentation materials, developing a brochure and preparing information for the website.

### **Hazards Analysis**

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council utilizing District 10 LEPC staff conducted the 2007 Hazards Analysis for St. Lucie and Martin Counties. Staff distributed completed analyses of updated Section 302 facility information to the respective county emergency management offices and hazardous materials teams. Hazards Analyses are conducted annually for those facilities reporting annually to the Florida State Division of Emergency Management under the Emergency Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA). The 2008 Hazards Analyses for these counties is currently underway.

## **DISTRICT 11**

### **South Florida Regional Planning Council**

Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties

LEPC District 11 met on June 25, 2008 at the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) offices in Hollywood, Florida. The Committee voted to accept two new members and submit their names for consideration by the SERC (Yvette McLeod and Alain Donderiz). The 2008 HazMat Emergency Response Plan was adopted for submission to FDEM in time for the June 30, 2008 deadline. As part of LEPC11's "green initiatives", the Committee voted to begin meeting on a quarterly basis and utilize electronic documents whenever possible to minimize waste and reduce costs.

LEPC District 11 also met on August 27, 2008 at the SFRPC offices in Hollywood. The Committee welcomed six new members and submitted their names for consideration by the

SERC (Ron Khawly, Charlie Boyd, Gregory Thompson, Sheri Archambault, Bret Maxwell and Jose Tovar). The current officers were reelected for another two-year term (Chair George Danz and Vice-Chair Gary Koen). In consideration of her many years of service to the District, the Committee voted to submit the name of former member Paulette Kandel for the SERC Thomas Yatabe Award. The Committee also submitted the names of Vice-Chair Gary Koen and Chief William Wagner for SERC Certificates of Appreciation.

LEPC District 11 hosted its biannual exercise on June 12, 2008 in Miami. The Table Top Exercise (TTX) was also part of the HMEP Plan an Exercise Grant Option selected earlier this year by District 11. The TTX featured multi-jurisdictional/multi-disciplinary groups responding to a simulated hazmat event resulting from a traffic accident. The scenario was depicted on a three-dimensional city scale model arranged to resemble a heavily traveled intersection of U.S. 1 in Homestead, Florida.

Several training courses were presented during this reporting period. The **Chemical Compatibility and Storage Class** was held at the SFRPC offices in Hollywood on June 19, 2008 and again on August 14, 2008. Both classes were very well attended and a third session is planned in the City of Key West on October 30, 2008.

Two classes on the **Proper Use of Emergency Response Guidebooks and CHEMTREC** were scheduled for August 18 and 19, 2008 in Miami. Unfortunately, Tropical Storm Fay intervened and the classes had to be postponed. LEPC11 staff is working with the instructors and Miami locale representative to reschedule the classes as soon as possible.

Coming up, LEPC11 will host a **CSX Railroad Functional Exercise** on September 3, 2008 in the City of Hialeah. Also planned is a **HazMat Awareness Class** on September 30, 2008 in Hollywood.

The next meeting of LEPC District 11 will take place December 3, 2008 at the SFRPC office in Hollywood.