

**District 1 Local Emergency Planning Committee****West Florida Regional Planning Council**

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

**Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)**

- Staff attended the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Training Task Force (TTF) and LEPC Chair/Staff Meetings held on April 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> in Tallahassee.
- The District 1 LEPC held its quarterly meeting on April 20, 2011, at the Escambia County Emergency Operations Center in Pensacola. Twenty five members and visitors attended the meeting. Items discussed included new LEPC Trainer Guidelines, an overview of the recent LEPC biennial exercise, and the progress of this year's HMEP Planning Project.
- Staff prepared and released the annual EPCRA public availability of information notification.
- Preparations are being made for the State Emergency Response Commission quarterly meetings to be held at the Pensacola City Hall on July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Biennial Exercise**

Every two years, the State of Florida requires through the State Emergency Response Committee that each LEPC carry out an exercise to test the Local Emergency Comprehensive Plan. This year, participants decided to hold a tabletop exercise based on a terrorist event at the Murphy Oil Plant, located in Freeport, Fl. The exercise was held on March 24, 2011 at the Okaloosa County Public Safety Facility in Niceville.

This exercise gave participants an opportunity to evaluate current response concepts, plans, and capabilities for an incident involving a terrorist event that resulted in a chemical release, explosion and hostage situation. The exercise focused on local incident command and regional coordination and communications as well as multiple agency policies and procedures responding to the incident.



District 1 LEPC Tabletop Exercise

The following agencies attended the exercise:

- Bay County Regional Hazmat Team
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation
- Freeport Fire Department
- Okaloosa County EMS
- Okaloosa County Public Safety Emergency Operations
- Okaloosa County Regional Hazmat Team
- Walton County Emergency Operations
- Walton County Sheriff's Office
- West Florida Regional Planning Council

### **HMEP Planning**

District 1's Planning Project this year is Shelter-in-Place, Education Enhancement. Community outreach events were conducted throughout the region in the months of January through March.

Preparations have started for three Shelter-in-Place Train-the-Trainer Workshops to be held in Escambia, Okaloosa and Bay Counties.

### **HMEP Training**

Staff coordinated the following training opportunities in March:

- Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program Training (HSEEP) was offered on March 8-10 at the Okaloosa County Public Safety Facility in Niceville, with 18 attendees.
- Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Training (Hazwoper) was offered on March 18-20 at the Pace Fire Department, with 13 attendees.
- HazMat Technical Level Training was held on April 26, 27, 28. Fifty-two firefighters attended the training.

### **Regional Domestic Security Task Force**



**RDSTF 1 Functional Exercise**

Staff coordinated a three day RDSTF Interoperable communications functional exercise on May 10-12. The exercise was held at the Walton County Sheriff's Office in DeFuniak Springs. It was designed to establish a learning environment for players to exercise emergency response plans, policies, and procedures as they pertain to bioterrorism, transportation, and tactical interoperable communications and to exercise our Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP). The exercise used a building block approach, utilizing workshops, drills, and finally a functional

exercise. The workshops topics included the Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP), Emergency Deployable Communications Systems (EDICS), Communication and Systems Management (CASM), and Incident Command System (ICS); along with Florida Interoperability Network (FIN) training. Rob Fortner with the Bay County Sheriff's Office was Lead Evaluator and Russell Beaty with the Walton County Sheriff's Office was the lead Logistics' Chief. The American Red Cross was able to test their plan by providing support services.

Seventy-three personnel attended the event in Walton County. Thirty-two agencies from around our region and throughout the state participated in the exercise, either onsite or offsite via the FIN network.

*If you have questions, please contact Kathy Ahlen at West Florida Regional Planning Council at: (850) 332-7976, ext 210.*

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## **LEPC District 2**

### **Apalachee Regional Planning Council**

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

The District 2 Local Emergency Planning Committee held its quarterly meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Tallahassee Fire Department Training Facility. The following is a summary of recent LEPC staff activities over the last quarter:

### **Hazardous Materials Training**

Staff sponsored the following training courses since the last HazMatters publication:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Hours</b>
5/25/11	Rapid I.D. and Risk Assessment of Hazardous Materials	TFD Training Facility	8
5/26//11	Rapid I.D. and Risk Assessment of Hazardous Materials	TFD Training Facility	8
5/27/11	Rapid I.D. and Risk Assessment of Hazardous Materials	TFD Training Facility	8

Staff has been working with the Tallahassee Fire Department and Louisiana State University, Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education to sponsor a 3-day Introduction to Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) on July 20<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup>. Staff has continued to work with the Tallahassee Fire Department to schedule a series of 4-hr Chemical Suicide courses in late summer. 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 all site visits for Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Leon, Liberty and Jefferson Counties as part of the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Hazards Analysis contract with the Florida Division of Emergency Management. The Division has approved the final deliverables. Staff mailed out the Notice of Availability letters to all Section 302 facilities.

Staff is working with Tallahassee Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Team to install the hazards analysis data on their field laptops. In addition, staff published the Public Availability of Information Notice in the June 5, 2011 edition of the Tallahassee Democrat.

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

Staff has started work on the annual update to the District 2 LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan. The update to the LEPC Plan will be completed and submitted to FDEM staff prior to the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline

### ***HMEP Planning Project***

Staff continued work on the District II LEPC's planning project, Facility Hazards Analysis Summary. A planning project schedule was completed and a summary table format was developed. Staff continued the process of entering the Hazards Analysis data into the proposed summary table format to determine readability.

### **Next LEPC meeting**

The next meeting of the District 2 LEPC will be held on Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 10:00 am at the Tallahassee Fire Department Training Facility. As always, anyone interested in attending the LEPC meeting is welcome.

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### **LEPC 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 LEPC) last met on 6 May 2011 at PCS Phosphate, a Section 302 site located in White Springs. The group discussed the 2011 Update of the LEPC Plan, the draft Memorandum of Understanding regarding electronic Tier 2 access, and Tier 2 quality control. The LEPC also discussed proposed changes to the way that Threshold Planning Quantities are calculated for solid Extremely Hazardous Substances.

The update of the 2011 LEPC Emergency Response Plan was discussed. The group discussed that a main priority will be updating the Communications Chapter. Other items identified as needing updating included incorporating results from the training and planning projects. The LEPC also discussed the guidance memo provided during the last LEPC Chair and Staff meeting held in Tallahassee. The LEPC reviewed links web page on its home page ([www.ncflepc.org](http://www.ncflepc.org)). It was decided to update that page and add additional sources of hazardous materials information.

The LEPC discussed a proposed Memorandum of Understanding regarding electronic Tier 2 access, and Tier 2 quality control. The current planning project is being used to check for data entry errors in both hard copy and online data. The LEPC supported proposing a new HMEP scope of work to support the use of electronic Tier 2 data so that responders are aware of what chemicals are transported in our communities on their way to fixed facilities.

The LEPC discussed proposed changes to the way that Threshold Planning Quantities are calculated for solid Extremely Hazardous Substances. The LEPC was in agreement with the proposed revised methodology that incorporates the assumption that not more than twenty percent of a solid will be released into the air with the wind blowing at 3.4 miles per hour. Staff reported that this should not change the quantity that must be reported when released.

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 served as an exercise controller at interoperable communications exercises held in Fort Myers and Steinhatchee and as an evaluator at the Statewide Hurricane Exercise held at Camp Blanding. He is also helping plan a Regional Public Health Strike Team Exercise scheduled for mid-June. Staff attended the Governors Hurricane Conference and helped moderate a session on the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study.

The next LEPC meeting is tentatively scheduled for 8 August 2011, in Bell followed by a tour of a nearby natural gas compressor station.

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#### **LEPC District 4**

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

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

#### **May 2010**

The previous District IV Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting was held on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Northeast Florida Regional Council offices located at 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216.

#### **HMEP**

##### **Conducted Training**

*International HazMat Conference*, Baltimore, MD – **May 18-22, 2011:**

The LEPC sponsored two (2) officers from St. Johns County Fire Rescue to attend this annual conference. This conference is an excellent opportunity for HazMat personnel to receive top quality training from the country's finest instructors and experts. This learning experience is extremely worthwhile due to the information that the participants bring back with them to their local organization and what they can share. Training courses and workshops deliver a variety of information pertaining to HazMat, among which includes: Illicit WMD and Drug Lab, Critical Decision Making, Chemical Properties and Reactions, use of research tools like WISER, REMM, and CHEMM, recognizing and responding to incidents, UN/DOT Hazard Classifications, Tactical Chemistry, and more. The LEPC has determined that the value of this conference is so great that it sponsors two members from its three Regional HazMat teams to attend in a rotating basis.

*Clandestine Drug Lab Awareness*, Jacksonville, FL – **June 1-3, 2011:**

This 8-hour Awareness Level course will give participants the knowledge to identify equipment, chemicals, hazards, and processes encountered in clandestine drug lab operations in order to provide a safe response to such incidents. Over 90 students attended the three day, shift-friendly course. The class was team taught by Mike Hopkins (Law Enforcement) and Bob Coschignano (Fire/HazMat) in association with Emergency Response Educators and Consultants.

##### **Upcoming Training**

The District Training Committee met last fall to discuss the training goals and priorities for Northeast Florida's HazMat Response community. This Training and Exercise Planning Workshop will be used to formulate the District's long-range plans for required, necessary, and wanted training for the next three years, as well as to discuss the exercise requirements that must be fulfilled by the LEPC. The training items discussed are for planning purposes only and are not designed to be set in stone.

COURSE	DATE	LENGTH
Rail Safety for First Responders	July 11-15, 2011	4 hour
ICS 339 & 430 (tentative)	July/August, 2011	32 hour
Advanced Radiological	August 23-25, 2011	8 hour
Offensive LP/NG Hands-On Training	September 14-16, 2011	12 hour
E-Plan Training Workshops	June - September, 2011	3 hour

## **Planning**

**Option 2: Quality Control of Submitted Tier II Information** - With the advent of the electronic submission, like E-Plan and FL HMIS, it is important to ensure that correct information is being transferred amongst these databases. Staff will begin the Quality Control review with each county's Section 302 facilities to ensure that those facilities that contain the worst of the worst are correct. Staff will then move to the 311/312 sites. All facilities with 4 or more errors will be contacted to inform them of the status their Tier II Chemical Inventory. All facilities will then be invited for a series of How-To-Comply Workshops.

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## **LEPC 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2011. The regular quarterly LEPC Training Committee meeting was held prior to the LEPC meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The training committee continued to accept new training needs and requests for this upcoming funding cycle.

In this quarter, staff of the LEPC continued working on the hazardous material Commodity Flow Study for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant planning project. The study used the following roads. State Roads 40, 44 and 50 as the East-West corridors and Interstate 75, US 301 and US 19 as the North-South corridors. Staff has completed the observations for the study and is in the final stages of completing the study document.

Training this quarter consisted of four days of Hazwoper training on March 24<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup> in Marion County. Each of these days had a morning 4 hour session. They were well received and brought much needed awareness level training to many local governmental agencies of the region. The district is currently working on two 16 hour Air Monitoring courses and an Oil Spill Booming course in Cedar key in follow up to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. In continued support of local emergency response agencies, the district provided outreach support materials. This includes printed manuals and model city demonstration pieces used for outreach, training and officer testing. Other training courses will be considered as funding and requests are made available or brought forward.

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).

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## **LEPC 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 May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council. The Training sub-committee met before the LEPC meeting in February.

### **HMEP Training**

Recent trainings have included:

E-Plan for First Responders – April 2011

Local upcoming training opportunities include:

HazMat IQ – August 1 and 2, 2011

HAZWOPER – September 2011

TRANSCAER – est. September 2011

Other trainings under consideration for District VI include:

Radiation Training

Hospital Training

### **HMEP Planning**

The LEPC is in the data collection process for a Commodity Flow Study for road transport in the Orlando Metro area. Several locations in the district have already been observed and additional areas will be observed before the final report is released.

### **Biennial Exercise**

The District VI LEPC biennial exercise was held Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Seminole County Emergency Operations Center. The scenario for the TTX involved a train derailment incident at Rand Yard in Sanford, Florida with the release of hazardous materials into the surrounding community. In order to provide some hands-on experience, a drill was completed simultaneously at the Seminole County Fire Training facility for first responders to practice stopping a leak of hazardous materials from a full-size tank rail car.

### **General Activities**

Staff continues to provide support and assistance with EPCRA reporting requirements to facilities within the district. The LEPC also submitted training and exercise data to be included in the State Training and Exercise Plan update for 2012-2014.

### **Next Meeting**

The next District VI LEPC meeting will be held July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 in Altamonte Springs.

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## **LEPC District 7**

### **Central Florida Regional Planning Council**

Desoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk Counties

### **MARCH**

During the month of March the staff for District 7 LEPC worked extremely hard to conduct the inspections and input data for one half of the required inspections under the Small Quantity

Generators of Hazardous Waste (SQG) program. This required the conduct of 30 sites in DeSoto County, 50 sites in Hardee County and 66 sites in Okeechobee County. Almost all of the facilities were found to be in compliance or required only minor corrections.

On March 14<sup>th</sup> Mr. Mitch Smeykal assumed duties as the Emergency Management Director for Okeechobee County. Mitch comes to the EM position with vast experience from service in the State Department of Health and a career in the United States Coast Guard. All of us within the region look forward to working with Mitch for many years to come.

Initial coordination for a series of exercises in support of DEM Region 6 has begun. These exercises will include table top exercises, drills, functional exercises and at least one full scale exercise. The staff from LEPC Region 7 looks forward to working with all of our neighbors to the south and establishing a cooperative relationship that will allow for many future opportunities to assist each other in both training and response.

## **APRIL**

On April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Mr. Carter attended the Training Task Force, LEPC Staff and Chairman, and SERC meetings in Tallahassee. Our LEPC Chairman, Mr. Gary Weiss attended the Staff and Chairman meetings along with the SERC meeting where he serves as a Governor's appointee to the State Emergency Response Commission in the environmental category. Mr. Domenic LetoBarone (Training Committee Chairman) was also in attendance.

Mr. Carter attended the State Training and Exercise Planning Workshop in Altamonte Springs to represent DEM Region 6. Three of our LEPC Counties are members of Region 6 and this is an opportunity to assist in developing training events and courses of instruction that will fit the needs of our smallest counties.

During April we were once again able to co-sponsor the annual Co-operative training with ACT to provide free training to hazardous materials response teams from the public and private sector. This year the training was presented by Mr. Ron Gore from Safety Systems Emergency Counter-Measure Services with a focus on Patching (Leak Repair and Containment) and extremely well received. We were able to train 38 students over two days and look forward to conducting similar training in the future.

Also in April "live fire" training began on the use of foam to extinguish fires. This training is being conducted each Friday for over two months to allow the rotation of fire departments through the training. To this date we have trained almost 300 firefighters from six departments on the correct use of foam. By the time we complete the training we will have trained between 350 and 400 students free of cost to them or their departments using HEMP Training Funds.

## **MAY**

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

On May 5<sup>th</sup> Mr. Carter attended a coordination meeting for the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study in Tallahassee. Extensive work on the study continues as we work toward the goal of finishing the study by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Carter met with DeSoto County EM to discuss and identify their evacuation zones that will be used in the study. These evacuation zones are important in

that they not only identify areas for evacuation but they are also used in the processing of the transportation model to establish times required to conduct the evacuation.

On May 10<sup>th</sup> LEPC District 7 held its quarterly meeting at in Arcadia. The meeting was well attended and we were able to accomplish a large amount of work. Copies of our LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan were once again distributed to the County Emergency Management Directors for review in preparation of this year's update. Last year there was a major rewrite of this document and it was modularized so that only those sections that require changes will have to be submitted. Initial feedback shows that other than a few name changes and new facility address for the Okeechobee County Emergency Operations Center/Public Safety Offices there should be very few changes to what was submitted last year.

Between May 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Carter along with several of our emergency management directors from within the region attended the Governor's Hurricane Conference. Once again this event was well worth our time and effort to attend and the classes offered provided each of us the opportunity to advance our professional skill set.

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### **LEPC 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 during the quarter. Staff attended the Quarterly SERC meetings held in Tallahassee at the Betty Easley Conference Center on April 7-8, 2011 and conducted the District 8 LEPC meeting on May 25, 2011. Staff additionally attended the FDEM Region 4 quarterly meeting delinquenty conducted at the Hillsborough County Emergency Operations Center on June 1, 2011 under the leadership of Mr. Paul Siddall. District 8's next LEPC meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2011.

Short of a formal meeting, the LEPC's Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (FDPS) Chair Chet Klinger met with LEPC Staff Coordinator John Meyer on met on April 21, 2011 to discuss strategies designed to renew or invigorate Subcommittee participation, bolster new membership, potentially redefine Subcommittee purpose, and brainstorm future training opportunities. It is envisioned that a "Facility Disaster Preparedness Forum" will be scheduled in late June or early July of this year. A new database of e-mail addresses of potential Subcommittee members was amassed while recently performing (and completing) an assessment of LEPC hard copy Tier II hazardous material inventory records with those of the State's electronic database. A listing of all discrepancies was compiled and shared with FDEM staff. Upon receipt of a response from FDEM staff regarding these discrepancies, the response will be shared with the LEPC membership. The LEPC website (i.e. [www.tbrpc.org/lepc](http://www.tbrpc.org/lepc)) is routinely and frequently updated to ensure all activities and initiatives of the LEPC are current.

LEPC staff and/or member(s) participated in a series of teleconferences administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management regarding Training Task Force initiatives (March 16 & May 25, 2011).

No Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) program courses/workshops were conducted during the quarter. The LEPC's pre-scheduled Training Subcommittee meeting was canceled due to numerous scheduling conflicts. However, Subcommittee members were contacted, reminded and encouraged to identify training initiatives desired for the remainder of the 2010-11 HMEP funding cycle. A listing of HMEP funded courses conducted over the past

couple of years by three of the LEPCs was compiled by LEPC District 4 staff Mr. Jason Taylor. This listing was additionally transmitted to Subcommittee members with the hopes of spurring ideas and/or consideration.

Staff represented the Tampa Bay LEPC at the March 8 and May 10, 2011 meetings of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee and the U.S. Coast Guard Area Committee which immediately followed.

The Pinellas Police Standards Council (PPSC) continues to meet at the TBRPC under LEPC sponsorship. Staff assisted with the March 9 & April 10, 2011 PPSC meetings.

The Preventative Radiological Nuclear Detection Committee met on March 23, 2011 at the TBRPC offices under LEPC sponsorship.

Staff and various LEPC members attended the Ammonia Handlers/Operators meetings held on March 24 (@ C.F. Industries), April 26 (@ Hillsborough County EOC) and May 24, 2011 (@ Mosaic). The meetings are rotationally located and are focused on discussing initiatives and activities of the ammonia operations facilities located within or adjacent to the Port of Tampa.

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### **LEPC 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 May 26, 2011, at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. Important issues that came before the Committee included; the Southwest Florida LEPC Draft No-Show Training Policy; Establishment of a Regional LEPC Continuing Education Program initiative; and a EPA-Certified Refrigerant Reclaimers (Ozone Layer Depletion Regulatory Program). Changes were made to the proposed No-Show Policy and the item is to be addressed again during the August 25, 2011, meeting. The policy is intended to encourage registration of training classes of only those individuals who have a very high probability of attending classes. Finalization of the Southwest Florida Continuing Education Program was also postponed until later during the year. Officials from Florida Gulf Coast University are being called to address unanswered questions. This program is being considered to provide educational credits for courses offered by the LEPC. The

Committee was advised that four (4) EPA-Certified Refrigerant Reclaimers are located in Southwest Florida. Three (3) facilities are located in Sarasota County and one (1) is located in Charlotte County. Refrigerant reclaimers take used refrigerant, purify it, and put it back into circulation.

An administrative matter involved the approval of Mr. John Levering of Hope Healthcare Services, Mr. Brian Cotterill of Lee County Mosquito Control, and Deputy Fire Chief Shane Sibert of the Lee County Sheriff's Office/Bonita Springs Fire Department for membership on the Committee. Three (3) members on the LEPC officially retired and were removed from the membership roster.

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

- Foam/Ethanol 8-hour Training Course, June 8, 2011 (Fort Myers)
- Hazwoper Refresher Course, August 18, 2011 (Fort Myers)
- Hazwoper Refresher Course, August 19, 2011 (Naples)

The LEPC directed staff to send a training survey to EMS, Law Enforcement Personnel, and Fire Departments for input regarding training programs and training needs.

Following the LEPC meeting, the Southwest Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Teams Group meeting was conducted to focus attention on the issues and initiatives likely to impact Florida's Hazardous Materials programs and communities.

The next quarterly meeting of the Southwest Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee is scheduled August 25, 2011. Additional information regarding the programs and activities of the Committee can be obtained by viewing [www.swfrpc.org](http://www.swfrpc.org).

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### **District 10 Local Emergency Planning Committee 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 5, 2011 at the Martin County Fire Rescue offices in Stuart, Florida. The next meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2011. The location will be posted in the upcoming meeting's preliminary agenda.

### **District 10 Local Emergency Planning Committee Activities**

The Planning Subcommittee has completed the review of the District 10 Hazardous Materials Regional Response Plan for informational update and revision. Staff is making the revisions and will be submitting to the Florida Division of Emergency Management for review.

Planning has begun on the 2011 LEPC biennial exercise. The initial planning conference was conducted on April 12, 2011 and the mid-term and final planning conferences will follow. Exercise goals and objectives, scenario and invitational materials have been developed. The exercise priorities are to test functions within the Hazardous Materials Regional Response Plan. These include; communications, notification and identification in response to a chemical release

breaching multiple county boundaries. Elements of the exercise will include operational chemical hostage response, shelter-in-place and public information strategies.

## **Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness**

### Training

During the third quarter, District 10 LEPC did not conduct training however coordinated with instructors to schedule Tox-Medic and Monitoring classes.

### Planning

The 2010/2011 Planning Project Option 3, Local Emergency Planning Committee Plan Exercise was selected for this cycle. The LEPC Planning Subcommittee is currently working to fine tune the details for the exercise including the development of the Exercise Plan, Situation Manual and Evaluator and Controller Handbook.

### Hazards Analysis

District 10 LEPC staff completed Section 302 facility site visits in fulfillment of the Hazards Analysis contract agreement with St. Lucie County and the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM). Staff has received comments from FDEM and will incorporate changes then notify the applicable facilities and response agencies of the updated hazards analysis information.

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## **District 11**

### **South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee (District 11)**

Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties

Training classes are well underway, starting with a HAZWOPER Refresher course on April 28 at the Federal Corrections Institution in South Dade near Metro Zoo and two additional HAZWOPER courses May 17 and 18 at the Broward County EOC in Plantation. Two HazMat IQ classes are scheduled for May 31 (Miami) and June 1 (Hollywood) and a HazMat Awareness class on June 9 in Key Largo. Negotiations are underway to bring three HAZWOPER Refresher classes in early July to downtown Miami.

The Division notified District 11 that it had completed its review of the **FY1011 Monroe County Hazards Analyses** update and the evaluation indicated the analyses met the criteria outlined in the contract.

The South Florida LEPC held a regularly scheduled meeting on May 25, 2011 in Hollywood. The Committee accepted membership applications from Jose Torres (Primary) and Fernando Perez (Alternate) of the Federal Corrections Institute and Robert Taylor (Primary) of the Federal Detention Center, all three in the Law Enforcement Category. Two additional applications were also accepted, Miguel Hidalgo (Primary) and Joe Cabrera (Alternate) from the City of Miramar in the Emergency Management Category. The Committee authorized funding for a **Chemical Suicide First Responder Awareness** Class in the near future. The 2011 HazMat Emergency Response Plan for South Florida was accepted for transmittal to the Division by the June 30 deadline. The meeting concluded with a very informative CSB video presentation dealing with

the dangers associated with unregulated hot work. The next meeting of the South Florida LEPC will take place August 24 in Hollywood.

For additional information, please visit our website at <http://www.sfrpc.com/lepc.htm> or contact the **SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Manny Cela** ([celam@sfrpc.com](mailto:celam@sfrpc.com)).