



**Northeast Florida
Local Emergency Planning Committee**
Wednesday, February 12, 2014



10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

A meeting of the District IV Local Emergency Planning Committee was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida. Chair Richard Knoff called the meeting to order with the following members:

Present

Morrison Braren – Facility Owner
Amy Pilgrim for Henry Bonar – Facility Owner
Terry Carr – Environmental
Sandi Courson – Health
Bill Decker – Environmental
George Faucher, Jr. – Firefighting
Gracie Kennedy – Local Environmental
William Lord – Facility Owner
Chief Richard Knoff – Firefighting
Jonathan Lamm - Firefighting
James Murphy – Community Group
John Russell – Environmental
John Ward – Emergency Management

Excused

Chief Michael Bazanos – Firefighting
Paul Christ - Transportation
Roger Studenski – Transportation
Sheriff Joey Dobson – Law Enforcement
Gerry Gividen – Interested Citizen
Ben Huron – Local Environmental
Charles Johnson – Firefighting
Harvey Silcox – Firefighting
Chief Joel Sneed – Firefighting
Ken Wilkey – Facility Owner

Absent

Quin Romay – Emergency Management
Andy Sikes – Hospital
Brad Elias – Health
Chief Mike Williams – Law Enforcement
Lt. John Scott, III – Firefighting
Lenny Ensalaco - Firefighting
Steven Millican – Emergency Management

Guests: Chris Porter, US Coast Guard
Andy Coen, Florida Air National Guard
Mitch Snead, Florida Air National Guard
Allison Allwine, Florida Air National Guard
Kenneth Thompson, Seminole Electric
Brian Teeple, NEFRC

Staff Present: Eric Anderson and Angelique Carnley

Chair Knoff called the meeting to order and led the pledge allegiance to the flag. He requested a roll call, which confirmed a quorum. The Chairperson then asked the guests to introduce themselves and he extended a special welcome to the guests.

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Knoff called for a motion to approve the August, 2013 minutes. A motion to approve was made by George Faucher, seconded by John Russell. The motion carried unanimously.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant: Mr. Anderson provided an overview of the Tabletop Exercise planned for St. Augustine on February 27th. He showed a video presentation on the increase in rail transport and possible safety defects.

The scenario for the Tabletop Exercise will be based on an incident that happened in Graniteville, South Carolina, in 2005. The Railroad Accident Report on this collision was included in the meeting Agenda Packet. Mr. Anderson discussed the proposed agencies who will be sending representatives to attend the exercise. The exercise will be reviewed at the next LEPC meeting, where scenario information and maps, along with observations and results will also be provided. Mr. Carr requested a copy of the powerpoint and provided comments regarding the need for training in this area. Chair Knoff commented that reaching out to rural volunteer fire departments is extremely important and he is hoping to increase participation in training. The Chair said he would reach out further to Chief Silcox in this regard.

Training Updates: Chair Knoff commented on the January TRANSCAER training, which he felt was excellent. Mr. Anderson said there were about 50 people in attendance per day. There was a grant provided, which covered meals for each day as well as other supplies. We trained about 100 for a total of \$87. There was a comment on wishing that there was the ability to attend all three classes, rather than have to select two out of the three. Mr. Anderson said he will continue working with TRANSCAER to provide more training in the future. Chair Knoff said that TRANSCAER is driven by participation, so if there are more people interested, they will continue trainings.

Lt. Lamm provided an overview of the Second Annual Hazardous Materials Symposium, including a powerpoint presentation that he prepared on the symposium. Lt. Lamm said there was a great turnout. There were over 150 participants who registered for the symposium, which was attended by over 300, since attendance at the symposium was included in the Fire Rescue East Conference. SERC is onboard for the Symposium to be held again next year. Some of the instructors were from as far away as Maryland. Several classes were completely full. There was hands-on training along with classroom training, which provided actual scenarios. The HazMat competition used Level A Suits, which were donated – and participants were able to keep the suits afterward. Precautions were taken to provide Safety Officers and Evaluators to make sure everyone was safe. Mr. Lamm discussed the trophies that were awarded and praised the volunteers and sponsors. Chair Knoff complimented Lt. Lamm for his hard work on this project. He said his region sent 33 people from the LEPC district. Mr. Anderson said he has received more emails regarding how to get involved for next year's symposium.

Mr. Anderson discussed the workshops he has been holding on "EPCRA - How to Comply". He said that the three classes had over 100 people in total. He showed the folder and information that is being provided to the participants. The region is over 80% compliant with Tier II filing thus far this year.

Mr. Anderson went on to discuss two additional trainings scheduled for this year. First is the second in a series of Compressed Gasses, which is being held March 4, 5, and 6. He showed the flyer that was

provided in the packet. He said that Ron Gore provides a lot of props, which makes his classes more interesting and hands on.

There will be three additional 8-hour trainings for Clandestine Drug Lab held in various areas throughout the region: Yulee in Nassau County; Green Cove Springs, in Clay County and Bunnell in Flagler County. There is a target of 24 participants each day. This will finish our fiscal year of training through July of this year. He feels we have been prudent with our training dollars this year.

Hazards Analysis Update: Mr. Anderson said there has been no decision from the Hazards Analysis Working Group regarding the recommendations to be made to the SERC at the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Training Task Force Update: Lt. Lamm said they are still working with the Coast Guard. He also mentioned trying to get information out on E-Plan. Most of their efforts had gone to the Hazardous Materials Symposium.

B. LEPC Chair/Staff Meeting: Mr. Anderson said the group covered what the initial recommendations would be for the Hazards Analysis Working Group and a discussion on how to implement the program. The group needs to go back to the drawing board and engage in a larger open discussion. Mr. Robert Bing Crosby provided a presentation on their Anti-Terrorism Standards. Mr. Anderson said he may be asking Mr. Crosby to address the LEPC at their next meeting to discuss work being done in our region.

C. SERC Meeting: Chair Knoff said he attended the SERC meeting which basically covered what was discussed during Mr. Anderson's presentation on the Chair's meeting.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Chair Knoff said we did not have to use the CD balance to fund any part of the HazMat Symposium, although monies were approved for that use. Fortunately, sponsors were found to cover those expenses.

Hazardous Materials Release Report – Mr. Anderson said that under Section 304 investigations involving EHS – there were two in the District: Ethylene Oxide and Mineral Oil. He has not seen the follow up reports. There were also two Anhydrous Ammonia releases at the same facility during the same period, which indicates the facility didn't learn anything with the first release. Mr. Anderson said we are working with the facility to remedy the situation. The EPA make levy fines and/or how to get them back into compliance and develop a response plan. Should a fine be levied, the facility could request a supplemental environmental project within the community. This works well for our side, to make the area safer. Mr. Anderson said he is following up on supplemental environmental projects and the possible creation of a data base. Chief Knoff said the EPA would contact the DEM, who would advise of possible projects and coordinates with the LEPC and other departments to negotiate with the spiller. Further discussion on the release ensued regarding determining reportable quantity. Mr. Anderson said the most important thing is to make the call.

There were no materials incidents and evacuations during the quarter. There was a diesel fuel incident with injuries involving 740 gallons of diesel fuel.

As of 7:00 last night, all of the rail cars involved in yesterday's derailment had been cleared, with the exception of the one that was overturned, which had been up righted. The rail line was hoping to be operational by 11:30 last night and all fire operations had ceased. As of this morning a test train had gone through. It appeared to have been a 20 to 40 gallon spill. One of the LEPC members reported that there were between 5 and 9 ethanol tank cars on that particular train that derailed, and the overturned car was only about 75 feet away from the river. This was a Unit Train, which had been 82 and 92 tank cars of ethanol. Mr. Anderson that our region doesn't currently have an Ethanol Response Plan and he is checking into what stakeholders could be involved to create such a plan. It was felt that the recent TRANSCAER training was very beneficial to a lot of responders in this incident.

OTHER

Chair Knoff discussed the Thomas Yatabe Award, which was presented to Nassau County Engineer George Faucher at the SERC meeting in Daytona Beach. Mr. Anderson read the award letter, which was contained in the meeting agenda packet. Chair Knoff congratulated Mr. Faucher, who received applause from the group.

Mr. Anderson discussed the progress made thus far in the creation of a District 4 LEPC Website, which is being created in lieu of implementing the Public Information Campaign in January. He said he began doing research on that project, but decided to create an LEPC website for our region. He provided the template for the committee to review. The website will be a one-stop area for information to provide a resource to members. We will also be able to advertise our upcoming trainings. He hopes to have more information at the next meeting.

There were no comments from the public or guests.

Next Meeting – Chair Knoff announced the next quarterly meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2014 at the Northeast Regional Planning Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Florida 32216.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the LEPC, Chair Knoff adjourned the meeting at 11:17 am.