



Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee



Wednesday, November 8, 2017
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

A meeting of the Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 10:05 a.m., in the Board Room of the WJCT Building, 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32202. Chairperson Chief Richard Knoff called the meeting to order with the following members:

Present

Anthony Cinelli – Local Environmental
John Coffey - Health
Chief Lenny Ensalaco – Firefighting
George Faucher, Jr. – Firefighting
Gracie Kennedy – Environmental
Chief Richard Knoff – Firefighting
Michael Laycock – Facility Operator
Michael Lesser – Facility Operator
William Lord – Facility Owner
Fred Rogers – Emergency Management
Chief Joel Sneed – Firefighting
Ken Wilkey – Facility Owner

Excused

Sandi Courson – Health
Ben Huron – Local Environmental
Martha Oberdorfer – Emergency Management
Chief Todd Smith – Firefighting
Roger Studenski – Transportation

Absent

Henry Bonar – Facility Owner
Morrison Braren – Non-Elected Local Official
Don Burdon – Health
Terry Carr – Environmental
Douglas Coleman – Environmental
Paul Crist – Transportation
Bill Decker – Local Environmental
Bek Harrison – Law Enforcement
Chief Joe King - Firefighting
Brooke Martin – Transportation
Steve Millican – Emergency Management
James Murphy – Community Group
Paul Restivo – Law Enforcement
Quin Romay – Emergency Management
Capt. John Scott, III – Firefighting
Chief Harvey Silcox – Firefighting
John Ward – Emergency Management

Guests: Chris Naff (St. Johns County F/R), Gina Lambert (FDEM), Alex Sease (Contanda Terminals), Rick Frain, Molly Keyser (USCG), Gerald Giridi (citizen), Bill Raspet (NAS Jacksonville), Alison Blich (125th FW FLANG), Mitch Snead (125th FW FLANG), and other members of the public

Staff Present: Eric Anderson, Tyler Nolen, Elizabeth Payne and Sheron Forde

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Knoff called for a motion on the August 2017 meeting minutes. Chief Sneed made the motion to approve the August 2017 Minutes, seconded by Mr. Lesser. The motion carried.

Mr. Anderson introduced new NEFRC staff member, Mr. Tyler Nolen, who will be replacing him as the new LEPC Coordinator.

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC) MEETINGS

Mr. Anderson provided an overview of the Training Task Force, LEPC Chair/Coordinator, and SERC meetings that took place October 26-27, 2017 in Destin, FL He highlighted the following:

Training Task Force Meeting

The task force discussed investigation of white papers regarding upcoming and emerging threats and issues such as the fentanyl issue. They are beginning to look at the appropriate PPE to deal with these types of issues and provide information to the first responders. Chief Knoff stated that there is also best practice information on this at the NIOSH website. Also, our Hazmat team assessments for our region are completed; however there is a statewide push for completion by January. It is hoped that the fire college will come back and provide an analysis on those assessments. There was discussion on updating the assessment criteria tool, the evaluation form, and providing training for hazmat team assessors to improve it. The State and the Fire College has asked the LEPCs to work with their local hazmat teams and to provide these assessments over the next year. The Annual HazMat Symposium is scheduled for January 16-19, 2018; 65 classroom courses and seven hands-on training for a total of 196 hours of training. Registration can be done online at www.flhazmatsymposium.org. Currently over 400 people are registered and drawing people from outside not only Florida, but the country.

LEPC Chairs and SERC Meetings

Mr. Anderson reminded the Members about the State DEP Notification Rule requiring notification of any spill or release to DEP and the State Watch Office. The adoption of the Small Quantity Generator/Large Quantity Generator Rule has been delayed until 2018 or 2019. The Risk Management Program Rule has also been pushed back to 2019. There were discussions on the Port of Pensacola obtaining a Maritime Fire Simulator, funded by FEMA, which could possibly be used as a maritime hazmat simulator. Staff is still awaiting the HMEP contract from the State; however, funding for the symposium attendance and hazmat classes are being committed until it is received. Also, Dwayne Mundy, our staff's counterpart in Gainesville, is working with the State to develop a secure GIS based platform to access facility hazmat information. The State recently hired two new RMP inspectors, bringing the total to four for the entire state.

CURRENT BUSINESS/REPORTS

Hazardous Material Release Report

Mr. Anderson provided an overview of Section 304 Release Investigations, as well as traffic evacuations, injuries or deaths from HazMat incidents within the district.

LEPC Contract Changes

An overview of the LEPC contract was provided, including the status of the specific tasks as follows: 1) staffing the LEPC - done, 2) attend SERC meetings – done, 3) conduct two public presentations on the EPCRA that includes an overview of the LEPC – due by June 30, 2018, 4) publication in a general circulation newspaper – will be published June 2018, 5) provide an updated LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan – will be completed June 2018, 6) provide technical assistance – done, 7) assist with at least a hazmat related exercise – not yet completed for this quarter, 8) provide a shelter-in-place presentation and an evacuation workshop – not yet done, 9) provide planning and coordination of Hazardous Materials Emergency

Preparedness (HMEP) training as well as transportation and Community Awareness and Emergency Response (TRANSCAER) training – done, and 10) submit quarterly report - done.

Mr. Anderson also stated that the contract provides more funding this year. As a result, it is an opportunity to pick up the training exercises, public outreach and a lot more. This will provide the ability to conduct some fixed facilities training/exercises. The contract tasks status will be highlighted in each meeting to ensure that we are meeting the requirements and engaging the Members.

Nassau and St. Johns County Exercises

Mr. Faucher provided an overview of the October 10-12, 2017 Nassau County HazMat Initial Response exercise. Chief Sneed provided an overview of the November 1-3, 2017 St. Johns County HazMat Initial Response exercise. Both Nassau and St. Johns County were pleased with the results of the exercise. It is hoped that this exercise can be provided to the rest of the region.

American Industrial Hygienist Association Fall Conference - Tampa

Mr. Anderson attended and provided a presentation related to the CSX training conducted last year. This was the second presentation provided regarding exercises and public/private partnerships. This was more a facility specific audience; therefore, the presentation was more baseline. He believes that, generally, it was well received.

Transcaer Magazine

The training and exercise partnership between the LEPC and CSX was highlighted over the summer at the national level by Transcaer magazine. A link to the article was provided. Mr. Anderson also stated that it could not have been accomplished without Brooke Martin and her CSX team. This provided 20 training opportunities and culminated with a regional hazmat full scale exercise. This included the use of a real train.

Training Number

Mr. Anderson stated that this year 23 courses were offered resulting in the training of 751 people; 542 of them receiving free training. The free training helped to offset what would normally be needed for paid training. This allowed for covering the higher cost classes such as sending people to the hazmat symposium, conducting air monitoring, and hazmat 160 courses. He highlighted the value of the HazMat 160 Hybrid and its cost effectiveness. There is a possibility of doing one class in the region and the departments attend that class instead of having to go to the fire academy.

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The Pipeline Emergency Response Initiative, picked up in about 10 states, is an agreement between pipeline operators and the response organizations to develop a training, exercise and public outreach methodology. The federal government would like to have this implemented in the State of Florida. Three LEPC Coordinators, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Mundy and Ms. Cechowski, have decided to pursue this. Mr. Mundy submitted and was awarded a \$12,500 PHMSA grant to get this initiative up and running. They will meet together in November, with the HazMat Symposium Board in January along with the Pipeline Operators to discuss the nuances of getting this set up. A progress report will be provided at the February meeting.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training – Chief Sneed stated that in the last quarter: 24 people in Clay County were trained in **HazMat160 Hybrid**. This completes the HMEP grant training year. Upcoming free training for **Radiological Classes-Florida Department of Health** will be offered Nov 7-9 at JFRD – Operations, Nov 14-16 at Clay County – Operations, Nov 28-30 at Nassau County – Operations, Dec 12 at Clay County – Technician, Dec 13 at Nassau County – Technician, and Dec 14 at JFRD – Technician. The Training Committee is currently working on

sending 50 people to the HazMat Symposium. They are also looking at doing tanker truck training. However, they may roll out to one department first and invite others to observe to see if they would like to do this as well.

Chief Knoff mentioned that the Department of Health offers free RAD meters and monitors that can be placed on your apparatus for use in testing for RAD releases. They provide the meters as well as annual calibration. This is out of their Orlando office at no cost. Contact Mr. Anderson for more information.

Special Projects

There were no Special Projects identified or requested.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Next Meeting – The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for 10:00am, Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at Crowley Maritime in the Port of Jacksonville.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the LEPC, Chair Knoff adjourned the meeting at 11:15am.