



Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee



Wednesday, August 10, 2016
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

A meeting of the Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee was held on Wednesday, August 10, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place Jacksonville, Florida. Vice Chair Ken Wilkey called the meeting to order with the following members:

Present

Morrison Braren – Non-Elected Local Official
Don Burdon - Health
Terry Carr – Environmental
Sandi Courson – Health
George Faucher, Jr. – Firefighting
Ben Huron – Local Environmental
Gracie Kennedy – Environmental
William Lord – Facility Owner
James Murphy – Community Group
Capt. John Scott, III – Firefighting
Chief Joel Sneed – Firefighting
Dawn Sollee – Poison Center
Roger Studenski – Transportation
Martha Wagaman – Emergency Management
Ken Wilkey – Facility Owner

Alternates

Julius Rinosa (for Paul Crist) – Transportation
Shawn Hall (for Chief Todd Smith) – Firefighting
Amy Pilgrim (for Henry Bonar) – Facility Owner
Jean Richards – Local Environment
Chris King (for Ronald Lendvay) – Law Enforcement

Guests: Anthony Gedris (Putnam County Fire Marshall), Bing Crosby (DHS), Lt. Col. Stephen Stroud (FL Nat'l Guard), Lt. Col. Mike Ladd (FL Nat'l Guard), Alex Sease (Westway Terminal Company, LLC), Jean Richards (City of Jacksonville), Fred Rogers (US Marine Corps), Sgt. Alison Allwine (FL Air Nat'l Guard), Sgt. Mitch Sneed (FL Air Nat'l Guard), Bill Raspert (NAS Jacksonville), and Frank White (EM Student), Bruce Matthews (Diamond-R)

Staff Present: Eric Anderson and Sheron Forde

Excused

Bill Decker – Environmental
Chief Richard Knoff – Firefighting
Brooke Martin – Transportation
Steve Millican – Emergency Management
Medardo Monzon – Citizen
Chief Harvey Silcox – Firefighting
John Ward – Emergency Management

Absent

Bek Baker – Law Enforcement
Chief Michael Bazanos – Firefighting
Douglas Coleman – Environmental
Tim Devin – Hospital
Chief Lenny Ensalaco – Firefighting
Sheriff Joey Dobson – Law Enforcement
Quin Romay – Emergency Management

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Chair Wilkey called for a motion on the May 2016 meeting Minutes. Mr. Faucher made the motion to approve the May 2016 Minutes, seconded by Mr. Scott. The motion carried.

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC) MEETINGS

The Training Task Force, LEPC Chair/Coordinator, and SERC met on July 14, 2016 in St. Augustine, FL. An overview of the meeting follows.

Training Task Force

Chief Sneed provided an overview of Training Task Force meeting, which included discussion on the LEPCs purchase of HazMat trailers; however, the maintenance would be the sole responsibility of host agency. It is believed that the monies would be better used in sponsoring training. Those discussions are continuing. He also mentioned that the call for presentations for the Annual Symposium is due by August 31, 2016. The Task Force is still looking into a concept of a response to Marine HazMat. Information is provided in the agenda packet regarding resources for the trailer; however, there are some items in the region that the LEPC would like to have for training and will look into the possibility of purchasing specific items instead. The Task Force will be reviewing that and make a recommendation to the Committee. A brief discussion followed.

LEPC/Chairs

Mr. Anderson stated that the LEPCs have been requested to assist the State Fire College in conducting HazMat Team Self-Assessments. The Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department's assessments will take place this Friday. Staff will be working with Clay and St. Johns to schedule their assessments. This Type I and II Capabilities Assessments is to ensure that equipment is in place, certification training, etc. A brief discussion followed.

SERC

The SERC meeting was basically a review of the Task Force and LEPC/Chairs meetings.

CURRENT BUSINESS/REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: There is currently \$162.55 in the LEPC account.

Hazardous Material Release Report: Mr. Anderson stated that 304 releases were reported in involving hydrogen peroxide in Duval County, sulfuring acid in Flagler County, and anhydrous ammonia in Nassau County. There were several traffic related spills, which were mostly diesel fuel. An overview of the Hazardous Materials Incident Report, which now includes liquid Petro/LNG/propane, covering December 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016 was provided. Discussion followed.

Tier II Reporting: Mr. Anderson stated that the State/ SERC have approved three new Tier II Reporting questions this year. They will be below the tabs for chemical inventory recording for all facilities; however, they will be optional this first year, but will be required in following years. The questions are: 1) Does your facility have a written emergency response plan? (Yes or No); 2) Does your facility have a hazardous materials response team? (Yes or No); and 3) Does your local fire department have an up-to-date pre-plan for your facility? (Yes or No). Discussion followed.

It was suggested that educational information should be provided to the regulated facilities to assist them understand the questions; a guidance document to let them know exactly what is being sought.

Mr. Anderson will seek clarification from the State on the terminologies used, such as contingency/emergency response plan, as well as facility versus Fire Department responsibilities as related to the new questions. He also added that these questions will be included in the 'How to Comply' training in February.

2016 Emergency Response Guides (ERG): Distribution of the ERGs to each County Emergency Management is winding down. They are also available electronically at <http://phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/outreach-training/erg> or by contacting your local Emergency Management Office.

Exercise: Based on the after action report of last year's large regional exercise, some issues were identified that could be worked on independently with the local departments prior to reconvening to conduct another large regional exercise for 2017. Three smaller exercises are being conducted for Clay, Jacksonville and St. Johns Counties on August 3rd, 12th and 18th respectively. The exercise deals with the initial arriving units to a HazMat incident. Staff has offered to provide this exercise to any requesting department. An overview of the Clay County exercise was provided.

Marathon Petroleum Exercise: Mr. Anderson provided information on, and brief overview of, the upcoming Marathon Petroleum Exercise scheduled for August 16-18, 2016. A drill book was provided, which includes the location and schedule for the exercise. Anyone interested in being an observer is asked to let Mr. Anderson know so their names can be placed on the list.

LNG Exercise/LNG LEPC Meeting: Staff is working to provide a Liquefied Natural Gas based LEPC meeting in the near future to include presentations, identification of major players, why it's a growing industry, expectations, etc.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training – Staff highlighted completed training in the district; 122 received HazMat Tech Refresher-16-hr certificates. The LEPC sent members of Clay County Fire/Rescue to the International HazMat Conference in Baltimore. Future training include HazMat Incident Command (8-hr) course in August 2016, Ethanol Safety Seminar in October 2016, CSX Rail Training in January-March 2017, HazMat 160 throughout 2017, HazMat Symposium in January 2017.

Lt. Colonel Ladd stated that Camp Blanding is available to the LEPC for conducting future HazMat exercises utilizing their state of the art equipment. He also offered to provide a presentation at one of the LEPC meetings.

Hazards Analysis – No update.

Public Outreach – The Sub-Committee has changed its focus from a shelter and place effort that would have taken place in September to work with the Hazards Analysis Sub-Committee on notifications using the Code Red and the EverBridge systems. Mr. Anderson stated that the State is transitioning from Code Red to EverBridge and is providing access to the free system. Brief discussion followed.

PRESENTATIONS/ISSUE ITEMS

Anhydrous Ammonia Transportation Incident – Mr. Faucher provided highlights of the incident, the steps taken to secure the scene with assistance from the City of Jacksonville and local towing company which were vital in avoiding a potentially harmful spill.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Next Meeting – Vice Chair Wilkey announced the next quarterly meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2016 at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place Jacksonville, Florida 32216.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the LEPC, Vice Chair Wilkey adjourned the meeting at 11:10am.