



Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee



Wednesday, May 11, 2016
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

A meeting of the Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at 10:05 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

Henry Bonar – Facility Owner
Sandi Courson – Health
Paul Crist – Transportation
Bill Decker – Environmental
Chief Lenny Ensalaco – Firefighting
George Faucher, Jr. – Firefighting
Gracie Kennedy – Environmental
Chief Richard Knoff – Firefighting
Ronald Lendvay – Law Enforcement
James Murphy – Community Group
Chief Harvey Silcox – Firefighting
Chief Joel Sneed – Firefighting
Roger Studenski – Transportation
Martha Wagaman – Emergency Management
Ken Wilkey – Facility Owner

Alternates

Jennifer Stagg – Firefighting

Excused

Morrison Braren – Non-Elected Local Official
Tim Devin – Hospital
Ben Huron – Local Environmental
William Lord – Facility Owner
Brooke Martin – Transportation
Steve Millican – Emergency Management
Medardo Monzon – Citizen
Quin Romay – Emergency Management
Capt. John Scott, III – Firefighting
Lt. Todd Smith – Firefighting
John Ward – Emergency Management

Absent

Chief Michael Bazanos – Firefighting
Terry Carr – Environmental
Douglas Coleman – Environmental
Sheriff Joey Dobson – Law Enforcement

Guests: Alex Sease, Westway Terminal Company, LLC; Fred Rogers, US Marine Corps; Victor Almodova, US Coast Guard; Martha Oberdorfer, Nassau County Emergency Management; and Arthur Buff, DOT Pipeline Safety

Staff Present: Eric Anderson and Sheron Forde

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Knoff called for a motion on the February 2016 meeting Minutes. Mr. Decker made the motion to approve the February 2016 Minutes, seconded by Mr. Studenski. The motion carried.

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC) MEETINGS

The SERC met on April 7, 2016 in St. Petersburg, FL. An overview of the meeting follows.

Training Task Force

Mr. Anderson provided an overview of Training Task Force meeting, which included discussion on the purchase of HazMat training apparatus for \$25,000+ which would be maintained by the host departments. The hybrid 160-hour HazMat Technician course was approved by the Fire College; LEPCs can now develop classes for review and approval. Funding has been set aside for this. The IAFF can do 80 hours of book for free, then the other 80 hours will need to be arranged, which must include hands-on. Coordination with local governments will be required to determine how best to complete the 160-hours.

LEPC Chair/Coordinator

Mr. Anderson provided copies of the LEPC Policies update in the agenda packet for the Members' review.

SERC

The revised RMP Rule Update: Proposed Exercise Program Requirement (provided in agenda packet) were discussed. There was some opposition to this revision, with the main concern being that the update is requiring that full-scale field exercises be conducted every five years for each facility. This would present a huge challenge for locations with many facilities, such as Jacksonville with 30+ facilities.

Florida HazMat Symposium Results

An overview of the fourth HazMat Symposium was provided, which showed an increase in attendance of approximately 68 percent – 18 percent from the Northeast Florida LEPC. There were 42 trainings provided of a 3-day period. This event is turning in a national level symposium with folks from other states and countries attending.

CURRENT BUSINESS/REPORTS

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

Hazardous Material Release Report: Mr. Anderson stated that there were a couple of small minor releases; however, no 304 releases were reported during this time period. A brief overview of the Hazardous Materials Incident Report covering December 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016 was provided.

LEPC Policies: Mr. Anderson stated that the LEPCs and SERC approved updated policies, which were last updated in 2009. The policies were updated to today's expectations of the LEPC. The new policies were included in the agenda packet.

2016 Emergency Response Guides (ERG): These have been released and are currently available online at <http://phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/outreach-training/erg>. Mr. Anderson expects to be receiving hard copies shortly and will be available for anyone who wants them.

Exercise: The LEPC's training/exercise schedule was reviewed.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training – Chair Silcox highlighted the training completed, which included the 16-hour advanced HazMat Life support (19 trained) and Propane Emergencies (96 trained). Upcoming training includes an International HazMat Conference, and HazMat Tech refresher. The training calendar was provided in agenda packet.

Hazards Analysis – Chair Decker reported on the discussions regarding ways to promote registration for the Code Red system. This sub-committee will work together with the Public Outreach Sub-Committee to help get

the information out to communities. Nassau County Emergency Management provided a brief description of their process in utilizing the Everbridge application.

Public Outreach – No update.

PRESENTATIONS/ISSUE ITEMS

Sulfuric Acid spill in Flagler Beach – Highlights provided on the possible cause, expediency of reporting, steps taken to secure the scene, inter-agency and owner cooperation, which ensured reduced risk to the area.

Office of Pipeline Safety – Mr. Arthur Buff, US DOT/PHMSA, Office of Pipeline Safety, provided a presentation on Pipeline safety initiatives taking place in the southern region.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Next Meeting – Chair Knoff announced the next quarterly meeting is scheduled for August 10, 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, Chair Knoff adjourned the meeting at 11:35am.