



Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee



Wednesday, August 12, 2015
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

A meeting of the Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2015, 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

Terry Carr – Environmental
Sandi Courson – Health
Paul Crist – Transportation
Bill Decker – Environmental
Chief Richard Knoff – Firefighting
Ronald Lendvay – Law Enforcement
William Lord – Facility Owner
Steve Millican – Emergency Management
James Murphy – Community Group
Capt. John Scott, III – Firefighting
Martha Wagaman – Emergency Management
Ken Wilkey – Facility Owner

Alternates

Alvin Barker – Firefighting
Maria Haney – Emergency Management
Matthew Harris – Local Environmental
Jonathan Lamm – Firefighting
Larry Legg – Local Environmental
Amy Pilgrim – Facility Owner

Guests: Chris King, JSO; Brooke Martin of CSX; Mitch Snead, FL Air National Guard; Alison Allwine, FL Air National Guard; Alex Sease, Westway Terminal Company, LLC; Shawn Hill, JFRD; Todd Smith, JFRD

NEFRC Staff Present: Eric Anderson, Sheron Forde and Brian Teeple

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Knoff called for a motion on the May 2015 meeting Minutes. Mr. Lendvay made the motion to approve the May 2015 Minutes, seconded by Capt. Scott. The motion carried unanimously.

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC) MEETINGS

Training Task Force - Lt. Lamm

The HazMat Check off competencies for Technician Operations has been approved by SERC and is available online on the SERC's website. It also goes over the operational guidelines for all four competencies. The Fire College is still accepting the old competency check-offs while they transition to the new one; they are still in the

rule-making phase of the Hazmat Technician portion. Anyone affected are encouraged to submit their comments to the Fire College. One issue they are working on is enabling non-emergency responders to take the State test for HazMat Technician.

The Hazardous Materials Symposium will be held on January 20 – 23, 2016 at Fire Rescue East; competition will begin on Wednesday. A call for white papers has gone out and will remain open until 8/14/15; they will begin scheduling classes on 8/21/15. Sponsors are being sought to help support the event and Members are encouraged to see if any of their contacts may be able to help.

LEPC/Chairs - Mr. Anderson

A sub-committee has been tasked with working on hazardous analysis recommendations on extra information that can be collected from the Tier II portion from private facilities each year as part of their annual Tier II submission. SERC has approved some of the Sub-committee's recommendations to add additional questions to the electronic submissions of Tier II forms in March 2016. They are: Under the State Defined Fields Facility Tab; 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; 3) Does your local fire department have an up-to-date pre-plan for your facility: Yes or No. Under the State Defined Fields Chemical Tab: 1) Frequency of shipments (pick one) – Daily, Weekly, Monthly, Annually, infrequent, Not Shipped; 2) Mode of Shipments (check all that apply) – Highway, Rail, Pipeline, Ship or Barge, Other; and, 3) All Facilities shall submit a site plan. Discussion followed.

SERC - Mr. Anderson

A brief overview of the July, 2015 SERC meeting was provided. The state website is now up and running for supplemental environmental projects (SEPs). Due to recent Legislative changes, there are now only 10 LEPCs statewide; there are new maps and boundaries, with some counties being shifted to different LEPC regions. As a result of these changes, there are discussions regarding how to proceed with new logos and branding. It is hoped that a new logo will be approved by the next SERC meeting.

CURRENT BUSINESS/REPORTS

Treasurer's Report - Chief Knoff

There is currently \$162.55 remaining in the LEPC account.

Hazardous Material Release Report - Mr. Anderson

An review of the hazardous materials release report was provided, which included: Table 1) list of incidents by LEPC District from March 1 through May 31, 2015; Table 2) a breakdown of fixed facilities where evacuations, injuries or deaths were reported; Table 3) transportation incidents and differentiation between chemical and traffic accident related deaths; Graph 1) incidents within the State from January 1, 2002 to May 31, 2015; and Graph 2) incidents within each LEPC district from June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015. The tables and graphs were included in the agenda packet.

LEPC Regional HazMat Exercise: - Mr. Anderson

An overview of the upcoming Regional LEPC HazMat Exercise, which will be held on September 10, 2015 at the Clay Port, Reynolds Park, was provided. Currently, FDEP along with fire rescue teams from Clay, Gainesville, Jacksonville, Nassau and St. Johns County will be participating. An after-action report will be provided at the next meeting.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training - Mr. Anderson

An overview of the training sub-committee activities was provided stating that a 2-day HazMat refresher course has been completed with the City of Macclenny, Baker County. Instruction was provided by Chief Sessions and Captain Smith of the Gainesville FR and will do so again on August 28-29, 2015 in the City of Palatka, Putnam County. There is an on-going HazMat Tech 160-hours pilot program taking place in Clay County. Chief Knoff was instrumental in getting this done and at a much lower cost. If successful, the State is willing to take this program statewide. Recently completed/upcoming training includes Air Monitoring classes in Nassau County, Clay County and St. Johns County; Radiological class in Nassau County, Orange Park, St. Johns County and Clay County. Lt. Lamm will be attending the Virginia HazMat Conference in Virginia Beach in September 2015; and Compressed Gasses in Transit and at Fixed Facilities class in Flagler County in September 2015. This ends the training program year. Brief discussion followed.

Hazards Analysis - Bill Decker

The Sub-committee has not met since the last meeting, but are still working with the State to provide directions that will most effectively utilize their energy. However, there is value in maintaining the Committee with an assurance of putting forth effort in the right place.

Public Education Outreach - Mr. Carr

The Sub-committee met this morning and discussed establishing this Region's HazMat Awareness Week during September 12-16, 2016. It was determined that the focus for the event could be in line with providing Hazards Analysis information to citizens and community groups on what types of hazardous materials are located in their area that might pose a risk to the community. The Committee also reviewed the supplemental and environmental projects page and will try to advise citizens and agencies of the FloridaDisaster.org/sep web page and encourage utilization of the website to submit suggestions.

CSX Train Derailment Exercise

An overview was provided on the August 11, 2015 CSX Train Derailment Exercise in Gainesville; a mock drill reflecting hazardous material release affecting the community. The objectives included establishment of command and control of the incident, initiating public protection measures, initiating control and containment of spilled products, and establishment of a public information system. If anyone is interested in having CSX provide exercises in their communities, please contact Brooke Martin, brooke_martin@csx.com or 904-233-2519.

PRESENTATIONS/ISSUE ITEMS

Jacksonville Bomb Squad Capabilities - A presentation was provided by Sgt. Chris King of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office describing the activities/services provided by the Bomb Squad Unit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Next Meeting – The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2015 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 11:30am.