



Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee



Wednesday, May 13, 2015
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

A meeting of the District IV Local Emergency Planning Committee was held on Wednesday, May 13, 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

Henry Bonar – Facility Owner
Morrison Braren – Non-Elected Local Official
Terry Carr – Environmental
Sandi Courson – Health
Paul Crist – Transportation
Bill Decker – Environmental
George Faucher, Jr. – Firefighting
Chief Richard Knoff – Firefighting
Ronald Lendvay – Law Enforcement
James Murphy – Community Group
Chief Harvey Silcox – Firefighting
Chief Joel Sneed – Firefighting
Ken Wilkey – Facility Owner

Alternates

Jennifer Stagg – Firefighting
David Dunkley – Transportation
Maria Haney – Emergency Management

Guests: Alex Sease, Westway Terminal Company, LLC; Rob Dietrich, State of FL; Brooke Martin, CSX; Leane Merriweather, CSX; Mitch Sneed, FL Air National Guard; Greg Kassner, FL Air National Guard; and Brian Teeple, NEFRC

Staff Present: Eric Anderson and Sheron Forde

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Knoff called for a motion on the February 2015 meeting Minutes. Chief Silcox made the motion to approve the February 2015 Minutes, seconded by Bill Decker. The motion carried unanimously.

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC) MEETINGS

Training Task Force

Chief Knoff, on behalf of Lt. Lamm, provided an overview of the HazMat Symposium. He stated that District IV was one of the larger regions in attendance. Staff continues to reach out to the other LEPC Districts to encourage attendance. The Clay County HazMat team, which competed for the first time, took 3rd place overall along with an individual award in the category of Tactics and Strategy

LEPC/Chairs

Mr. Anderson provided a brief update on SERC activities. The State is developing a new website for Supplemental Environmental Projects and is currently beta testing it. This process would allow facilities to retain 75% of fines for release within the District for local projects. However, a list of potential supplemental

environmental projects for facilities to negotiate is yet to be established for the District. The State would like to create a database of the projects so that when a release does happen that the negotiations start with these projects. This will be one of the tasks of the Public Outreach Sub-committee, to start developing supplemental environmental projects and begin highlighting some of the needs within District IV.

Training curriculum – there have been some final comments associated to HazMat Tech check-off competencies. This is more of a Fire Fighter base training that will be used toward updating the curriculum statewide.

A representative of 811 Pipeline Safety provided an overview of their system, which is located in central Florida. Mr. Anderson stated that the State is beginning to consider pipelines for the near future.

The State is also looking at doing an overlay on some of the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) mappings in order to provide a statewide overlay that could be utilized by DEM.

Hazard Analysis contracts are due to go out July 1, 2015. The draft facilities lists have been submitted to the counties for review. The State will issued contracts with each county after receipt of the reviews.

A letter was sent to the Director of FEMA asking that more attention be given to chemical potential threats and hazards. The letter also indicated that the District 3 LEPC will move their Hazardous Materials Awareness week to the month of September to align with the National Preparedness Month.

SERC

The SERC meeting was held on April 10, 2015 in Tallahassee. Discussions were held on 811 Pipeline Safety, supplemental environmental projects and kids in safety zones.

CURRENT BUSINESS/REPORTS

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

Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant: Mr. Anderson stated that there were a couple of small minor releases. However, no information has been received from the State as of yet. The Hazardous Materials Incident Report covering December 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015 was included in agenda packet.

HazMat Density Reports: Mr. Anderson shared information on CSX's HazMat Density Report, which provides data on the total number and types of shipments on CSX rail lines. A report is provided for each county, with the exception of St. Johns and Flagler Counties as they are not CSX rail lines. CSX shares this information with staff on a regular basis and will be available online in the near future.

Thomas Yatabe Award Winner: Chief Joel Sneed was presented with the Thomas Yatabe Award.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training – Chief Silcox provided an overview of the training sub-committee activities stating that they have completed the 3-year training calendar that is required for the LEPC and it has been submitted by staff in April to the Regional MyTEP for inclusion into the statewide training and exercise plan. They have scheduled for the FY 2016 training to include pipeline safety, the Florida HazMat Symposium, Advanced HazMat Life Support, Railcar Response, International HazMat Conference, HazMat Tech Refresher and HazMat Air Monitoring. The grant funding should cover the cost for all of these training.

LEPC sponsored training last quarter included 31 people trained at the HazMat IQ class in Palatka in April. Upcoming trainings include two attendees from Jacksonville at the International HazMat conference; a mapping class and a radiological training. There will be a sub-committee meeting following this meeting.

Hazards Analysis – Mr. Decker met this morning to try and define the role and parameters of the sub-committee and what some of their objectives might be. They are very much in the formative stages, but there is a desire and interest to see how they can better evaluate the data that is coming into the system as well as seeking ways of making that data more valuable to the local responders. Anyone interested in joining the sub-committee is welcome to join them at their next meeting, which will be announced.

Public Outreach – Mr. Carr stated that the sub-committee met this morning. The four primary tasks for the sub-committee is to 1) designate a HazMat Awareness Week and determine a theme, 2) plan at least one public outreach event with the possibility of more, 3) working to confirm participation of a PIO on the sub-committee, and still trying to reach out to the media to consider membership on the committee. The sub-committee will also work on come up with ideas for supplemental environmental projects.

PRESENTATIONS/ISSUE ITEMS

Reflections on Bhopal After Thirty Years - A presentation from the Chemical Safety Board was viewed by the Committee.

Risk Management Program - Mr. Robert Dietrich, RMP Inspector for Florida Department of Emergency Management, provided an overview of the Risk Management Program. He highlighted the purpose of Section 112(r) and the program requirements, facilities that are typically regulated under the program, the program elements, level of screening and the typical enforcement inspection findings. The Members were provided in their agenda packets a list of current RMPs within the LEPC District IV. Anyone interested in more information can contact Mr. Dietrich at the FDEM.

Kids In Danger Zones - Mr. Anderson provided an overview of a September 2014 report that looks at the number of children attending schools located within the vulnerability zones of high risk facilities. He highlighted the study results which showed the State of Florida at number three of the top five states with the number of schools and students in vulnerability zones. In the State of Florida, approximately 1.5 million students attend schools within vulnerability zones of a high risk chemical facility. Also highlighted were the top five counties in Florida, with two from northeast Florida, Putnam and Duval; interactive mapping tools to locate and identify specifics associated with the facility and surrounding areas. A brief overview of the steps that can be taken to reduce the risks was also presented; education is a key factor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Next Meeting – Chair Knoff announced the next quarterly meeting is scheduled for August 12, 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.