



Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee



Wednesday, November 10, 2015
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

A meeting of the Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 10:00 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

Bill Decker – Environmental
Chief Richard Knoff – Firefighting
James Murphy – Community Group
Capt. John Scott, III – Firefighting
Ken Wilkey – Facility Owner
Chief Joel Sneed – Firefighting
Morrison Braren – Non-Elected Local Official
Douglas Coleman – Local Environmental
Chief Lenny Ensalaco – Firefighting
George Faucher, Jr. – Firefighting
Ben Huron – Local Environmental
Gracie Kennedy – Local Environmental
Lt. Todd Smith – Firefighting
John Ward – Emergency Management
Martha Wagaman – Emergency Management

Excused

Chief Michael Bazanos – Firefighting
Sandi Courson – Health
Steve Millican – Emergency Management
William Lord – Facility Owner
Henry Bonar – Facility Owner

Absent

Beverly Pitts – Facility Operator
Terry Carr – Environmental
Quin Romay – Emergency Management
Sheriff Joey Dobson – Law Enforcement

Alternates

Alvin Barker for Chief Silcox
Julius Rinoso for Paul Crist
James Watford for Ronald Lendvay
David Dunkley for Roger Studenski
Larry Legg
Lt. Allen Mason
Shawn Hall

Guests: Special Agent Alex Silverstein, FBI Jacksonville Division; Medardo Monzon, Fernandina Beach resident; Alex Sease, Westway Terminal Company, LLC; and Mr. Rogers, Emergency Manager for US Marine Corps.

NEFRC Staff Present: Eric Anderson, Elizabeth Payne and Sheron Forde

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC) MEETINGS

Chair Knoff stated that Lt. Lamm has accepted a position with the City of Cocoa Beach Fire Department and will no longer serve on this committee. He stated that the Training Subcommittee will meet following this meeting and will be discussing the replacement for Lt. Lamm to represent the Northeast Florida LEPC on the Training Task Force for the State Emergency Response Commission.

Training Task Force

Mr. Anderson stated that the 4th HazMat Symposium will be held in Daytona Beach January 20 – 22, 2016 at Fire Rescue East; information was provided in agenda packets. The LEPC will be working on sponsoring some attendees to this event.

Chair Knoff mentioned the 160-hour HazMat Tech Pilot Program that Clay County conducted through the Florida State Fire College; several technicians have taken and passed the State exam.

Also discussed were the Supplemental Environmental Projects. The website, www.floridadisaster.org/sep, provides a listing of supplemental environmental projects. The purpose of the listing is to provide recipients of EPA fines to see if there are any projects that they want to have their fines pay for versus having the funds go to the EPA. The intent of this is to try and publicize more local needs so that when and if a fine is given to a business, they can elect where a portion of that money goes.

LEPC/Chairs

Congratulations to Chief Knoff who was elected as the Vice-Chair of the LEPC/Chair Subcommittee for the State Emergency Response Commission!

The LEPCs and Regional Councils were consolidated to 10 from 11 districts in the State of Florida. As a result, the LEPCs will be rebranding/renaming the LEPCs by region with a new map designating the new boundaries.

Marathon Petroleum will be holding a large petroleum based exercise in our region in the upcoming year; August 16-18, 2016. They have asked for representatives of the LEPC to be a part of the planning team; Eric Anderson will be attending their December planning meeting and will report back at the next LEPC meeting. Mr. Ward requested involvement in the discussions with Marathon Petroleum regarding use of grant funds in lieu of HSEEP Lite. Anyone who would like to get involved with the planning of the exercise or even participation, please let LEPC Staff know and he will pass that on. A brief discussion followed.

SERC

A representative from the Department Agriculture spoke regarding their healthy gas inspection program, 11 inspectors for the entire State, and their efforts to build a better relationship with first responders to help identify healthy gas violations. These inspectors are required to respond when there are large releases, injury and/or deaths.

CURRENT BUSINESS/REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

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

Hazardous Material Release Report

An review of the hazardous materials release report was provided for the Northeast Florida LEPC, which included an investigation at the Pulp Mill in Putnam County, a breakdown of fixed facilities where evacuations, injuries or deaths were reported, and transportation incidents related to differentiation between chemical and traffic accident related deaths. Hazardous materials incidents reported in the State were 1,243 so far through 2015. A graph depicting the Hazardous materials incidents reports within each LEPC region from September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015 was discussed.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training

Mr. Anderson provided an overview of the training sub-committee activities, which included recent training on Air Monitoring, Radiological, and Compressed Gases. The annual training report showed that the HMEP funded 14 classes or conferences in which 264 people were trained at an average cost of \$205 per student. There were 10 free classes provided in which 201 people were trained. Thus, a total of 24 classes were held with 465 people trained at an average cost of \$116.50 per student. Upcoming 2016 training opportunities include the 4th Annual Florida HazMat Symposium in January, Advanced HazMat Life Support in February, and Propane Emergencies in March. Chair Knoff acknowledged Mr. Anderson's efforts in realizing these training opportunities and results.

Hazards Analysis

Although the State has yet to provide tasks for this subcommittee, a suggestion was made at the last meeting regarding conducting county profiles. This would involve taking information from the Hazard Analysis, placing it on a map, and analyzing each county. The Public Outreach Subcommittee could use the results to target groups or areas for future outreach activities. Additionally, the Hazards Analysis Subcommittee would provide an overview of the county profile at each LEPC meeting for two years. The Hazards Analysis Subcommittee Chair will contact LEPC staff to discuss further.

Public Education Outreach

An overview of the Public Education Outreach Sub-Committee was provided. The group is currently working on 1) the Region's HazMat Awareness Week for September 2016, 2) reviewing shelter-in-place guidance utilizing the Federal Action Plan as a reference to tailor the public outreach based on federal guidelines, 3) reviewing the marketing of supplemental and environmental projects, advertising to the counties who will then populate the State database of projects, 4) working with the First Coast Chapter of the Alliance for Hazardous Materials Professionals who are interested in partnering with the LEPC on public outreach activities.

PRESENTATIONS/ISSUE ITEMS

Tianjin, China – A presentation was made regarding the chemical blast that occurred in Tianjin, China on August 12, 2015 where 173 died, 797 injured and 8 missing, as well as massive property damage.

LEPC Regional HazMat Exercise – A video was shown of the Exercise that was held September 10, 2015 at Clay Port/Reynolds Park with participants from FDEP, Clay County Fire Rescue, Gainesville Fire Rescue, JFRD, Nassau County Fire Rescue and St. Johns County Fire Rescue. An after action report was included in agenda packet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Medardo Monzon, thanked the Members and guests for all that they do to ensure the safety of the Region's residents and property. He shared with the Committee his concerns regarding the potential for the Port of Fernandina Beach becoming a storage area for dangerous hazardous materials.

Next Meeting – The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 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 11:00am.