



## Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee



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

### MINUTES

A meeting of the Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee was held on Tuesday, February 10, 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

Morrison Braren – Non-Elected Local Official  
Terry Carr – Environmental  
Douglas Coleman – Local Environmental  
Sandi Courson – Health  
Bill Decker – Environmental  
Tim Devin – Hospital (*New Member*)  
Chief Richard Knoff – Firefighting  
James Murphy – Community Group  
Capt. John Scott, III – Firefighting  
Chief Lenny Ensalaco – Firefighting  
William Lord – Facility Owner  
Brooke Martin – Transportation (*New Member*)  
Merdardo Monzon – Interested Citizen (*New Member*)  
Chief Joel Sneed – Firefighting

#### Alternates

*Julius Rinos* for Paul Crist  
*Matthew Harris* for Gracie Kennedy  
*James Watford* for Ronald Lendvay  
Larry Legg  
Lt. Allen Mason  
Jean Richards  
Jennifer Stagg

**Guests:** Frank Bernhard (Homeland Infrastructure Security and Protection), Scott Cordero (Jacksonville National Weather Service), Al Sandrik (Jacksonville National Weather Service), Jean Richards (Jacksonville Hazardous Waste), Fred Rogers (Emergency Manager, Blount Island US Marine Corps), Ms. Allwine (Air National Guard), and Greg Kassner (Air National Guard)

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

Chair Knoff extended a warm welcomed the new members

#### \*APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

#### STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC) MEETINGS

### **Training Task Force: LEPC/Chairs & SERC**

Mr. Anderson stated that the Training Task Force discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> HazMat Symposium being held in Daytona Beach. The Northeast Florida LEPC sent the largest contingent of participants contributing to the 300+ registrants. There were approximately 136 CEU credits available during the Symposium. Other discussions included Clay County's Hybrid 160 course, which has been approved by the Fire College; Jacksonville will be the first Port and the first rail location where LNG will be heavily used on the East Coast. The Committee was asked if they would like to conduct an LNG based LEPC meeting to include the private industry and other partners to discuss their expectations of LNG.

The Training Sub-Committee was tasked with partnering with both the public and private industries to set up training programs for first responders. The Port, Rail and Propeller Club were identified as a good source for inclusion in the discussion and training planning. Staff will attempt to invite for the May or August meeting of the LEPC.

### **LEPC/Chairs**

This is the 30<sup>th</sup> year of the Emergency Planning Community Right-to-Know Act, which could be used as a public outreach activity. The Hazard Analysis Working Group recommended additions to Tier II reporting, such as, how are the facilities receiving shipments of chemicals and at what frequency. The changes that were recommended for next year include submission of site plan in their E-Plan to accompany their Tier II.

### **SERC**

Mr. Artie Buff, the U.S. Department of Transportation in Atlanta, will attend the next LEPC meeting to provide a presentation regarding the pipelines in our area, the commodities flowing through them and other insights.

### **Thomas Yatabe Award/Certificates**

Chair Knoff stated that Lt. Sheldon Todd Smith was the recipient of the Thomas Yatabe Award winner, which was presented to him at the SERC meeting in Daytona Beach.

Mr. Terry Carr was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his dedication and contributions, implementations and support of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act.

## **CURRENT BUSINESS/REPORTS**

### **Treasurer's Report**

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

### **Hazardous Material Release Report**

An overview of the hazardous materials release report was provided for the Northeast Florida LEPC Region. There were no evacuations, injuries and/or deaths to report for fixed facilities. Transportation related incidents included diesel/fuel spills. Hazardous materials incidents reported in the State were 1,667 so far through 2015. A graph depicting the Hazardous materials incidents reports within each LEPC Region from December 1, 2014 to November 30, 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, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual HazMat Symposium, and Advanced HazMat Life Support. Future training includes Propane Emergencies in March, HazMat Tech Refresher in the spring, International HazMat Conference in May, Pipeline Safety, and HazMat 160 hybrid classes. Additionally, there were three EPCRA/E-Plan "How to Comply" workshops recently completed that highlighted the rules and regulations that facilities need to abide by along with the States instructions on how to access their E-Plan Tier II reporting system.

### **Hazards Analysis**

There is a unique opportunity to look at Tier II and other data and evaluate them for the purpose of making recommendations to the other two Sub-Committees. Discussion included capabilities of notification system in the Region. Mr. Anderson will be speaking with them at the next meeting about those capabilities so they can possibly highlight or identify any particular weakness in that notification process. Also discussed were high risk situations focusing on Baker, Clay and Nassau Counties and what, if any, threats those have on critical infrastructure or sensitive areas in the community. Their focus will include 'how to better educate the public and train first responders' and sharing the recommendations with the Training and Public Outreach Sub-Committees. Anyone interested in participating in their meetings are welcome.

### **Public Education Outreach**

While the Sub-Committee has not met since the last LEPC meeting, they had agreed to begin information exchanges via email as they have arranged a number of activities for September to coincide with HazMat Week. They are looking forward to getting information concerning the high risk facilities that the Hazard Analysis Sub-Committee will be identifying. The Public Education Outreach Sub-Committee will then seek opportunities for public education related to those.

Mr. Anderson stated that the North American Hazardous Materials Alliance would like to join the LEPC in any outreach activities.

### **PRESENTATIONS/ISSUE ITEMS**

**Sheps Discount** – Mr. Carr provided a presentation on a current investigation into improper storage of large quantities of potentially hazardous chemicals contained in drums stacked on top of each other as well as other hazardous materials at Sheps Discount located in Jacksonville. The presentation highlighted many environmental concerns where possible ground and water contamination will need to be addressed and hazardous materials cataloged and removed. Due to the current status of the owner of record, the cleanup process is expected to be a lengthy one.

**Florida HazMat Symposium** – Captain Scott presented a video of the recent annual symposium, which highlighted the facility where the symposium was held as well as some of the exercises performed by the attendees.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**Next Meeting** – The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 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 11:05am.