



## Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee

Wednesday, February 8, 2017  
10:00 a.m.



## MINUTES

A meeting of the Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee was held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery, 111 Busch Drive, Jacksonville, Florida. Chair Chief Richard Knoff called the meeting to order with the following members:

### Present

Sandi Courson – Health  
Paul Crist – Transportation  
Bill Decker – Environmental  
Chief Lenny Ensalaco – Firefighting  
George Faucher, Jr. – Firefighting  
Chief Richard Knoff – Firefighting  
William Lord – Facility Owner  
Brooke Martin – Transportation  
James Murphy – Community Group  
Paul Restivo – Law Enforcement  
Fred Rogers – Emergency Management  
Capt. John Scott, III – Firefighting  
Chief Harvey Silcox – Firefighting  
Chief Todd Smith – Firefighting  
Chief Joel Sneed – Firefighting  
Roger Studenski – Transportation  
Ken Wilkey – Facility Owner

### Excused

Ben Huron – Local Environmental  
Steve Millican – Emergency Management  
John Ward – Emergency Management

### Absent

Chief Michael Bazanos – Firefighting  
Henry Bonar – Facility Owner  
Morrison Braren – Non-Elected Local Official  
Don Burdon - Health  
Terry Carr – Environmental  
Douglas Coleman – Environmental  
Bek Harrison – Law Enforcement  
Gracie Kennedy – Environmental  
Quin Romay – Emergency Management  
Dawn Sollee – Poison Center  
Martha Wagaman – Emergency Management

**Guests:** Anthony Cinelli (AHMP), Julius Rinoso, Brandon Seymour (St. Johns County F/R), Chris Naff (St. Johns County F/R), Frank White, Gil Horne (HEPACO), Chip Carwell (AHMP), Brian Mitzel (St. Johns County F/R), Brittany Smith (AB-Inbev), Dan Haley (St. Johns County F/R), Joe Durden (St. Johns County F/R), Johnny Seldomridge.

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

### \*APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Knoff called for a motion on the November 2016 meeting minutes. Chief Silcox made the motion to approve the November 2016 Minutes, seconded by Mr. Faucher. The motion carried.

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

Mr. Anderson provided an overview of the Training Task Force, LEPC Chair/Coordinator, and SERC meetings that took place on January 17-18, 2017 in Daytona Beach, Florida. He highlighted the following:

### **Training Task Force Meeting**

The LEPC has completed two HazMat Team Assessments, Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department and St. Johns County Fire & Rescue, for the State Fire College. Clay County Fire & Rescue's assessment should be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Also discussed was the Memorandum of Understanding between the United States Coast Guard and the State Emergency Response Commission's HazMat Teams for maritime Hazmat response. The agreement would allow agencies to recover costs from the responsible party. It is hoped that an agreement can be executed by May 2017.

### **LEPC Chairs and SERC Meetings**

Rule updates to RMP, SQG/LQG and DEP Emergency Rule was discussed and will be covered later on in the agenda. The Thomas Yatabe award for Hazardous Materials was presented to Mr. Johnny Seldomridge.

## **CURRENT BUSINESS/REPORTS**

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

**Hazardous Material Release Report:** Mr. Anderson provided an overview of Section 304 Release Investigations, as well as injuries or deaths from HazMat incidents within the district.

**Hazards Analysis:** A brief overview of the Hazardous Analysis profile for Clay and Nassau County facilities was provided.

**Hazards Analysis Survey:** A survey is being conducted to determine how people use Hazard Analysis, as well as any gaps in using the analysis. A sample of the survey was included in the agenda; however, it has been distributed via survey monkey to local agencies.

**New RPM, SOG/LOG and DEP Rules and Notifications:** Mr. Anderson provided a brief overview of the new rules and notifications as follows:

**Risk Management Program (RMP)** was adopted on January 13, 2017. Amendments to the Rule seek to 1) improve chemical process safety, 2) assist local emergency authorities in planning/responding to accidents, and 3) improve public awareness of chemical hazards at regulated sources. However, this requires 1) owners must annually coordinate response needs with local authorities, 2) conduct a tabletop exercise every three years, and conduct a field exercise every 10 years. The impacts to our region, with 42 RMP facilities, were highlighted.

**SQG/LQG Rule;** the Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule means 1) facilities must make arrangements with response agencies and show documentation, 2) LQGs are required to submit a Quick Reference Guide to their Contingency Plan, and 3) LEPCs will now include this data point in the LEPC Response Plan for Hazardous Materials.

Under the **FDEP Emergency Rule 62ER16-1**, 1) DEP, local governments and the general public through the media must be notified of pollution by any and all responsible parties within 24 hours, 2) DEP, local governments and the general public through the media must be notified of any potential risks to public health, safety or welfare and to surrounding areas by any and all responsible parties within 48 hours, 3) within 24 hours of becoming aware pollution has affected areas off-site, affected property owners, in addition to DEP and local

governments, must be notified of any potential health risks by any and all responsible parties. It was noted that the new rule will apply regardless of whether the impacts of the pollution remain on-site or not. 4) The emergency rule will last for 90 days, during which time DEP will also simultaneously begin the formal rulemaking process to gather public input and make the rule change permanent.

Part of the notification rule was not upheld: 1) facilities are no longer required to notify local media outlets. Instead, FDEP will make the notifications to the media, and 2) expect legislation to be developed and adopted that makes the original proposed rule permanent.

**HazMat Training Exercise with CSX:** Mr. Anderson stated that the LEPC and CSX have been working together to offer a training and exercise plan solely devoted to rail response. This will be a building block of awareness training, hands-on operations training, HazMat scenarios and drills, and a regional HazMat exercise. An overview of the classes, scenarios and drills being offered was provided. The Regional HazMat exercise is scheduled for April 7, 2017.

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual HazMat Symposium:** Mr. Anderson provided an overview of the symposium in which 45 people from our Region attended. The symposium was held in Daytona Beach, Florida on January 17-20, 2017. The symposium attracted 329 pre-registered attendees from all over the Southeast Region as well as Nova Scotia, Canada.

**HazMat Team Competition:** St. Johns County Fire/Rescue sent a team for the first time and was the first Team to participate from the Region. They took home: Team Best in Risk Assessment, Team Best in Leak Control and Team Best Overall; sweeping the team prizes.

**Thomas Yatabe Award:** Staff recognized Mr. Johnny Seldomridge, who was in attendance, for being this year's winner of the Thomas Yatabe Award, from the LEPC District, for his participation in mitigating an anhydrous ammonia release from a transaction incident in Nassau County.

**FFCA – HazMat Responder of the Year:** Chief Richard Knoff, Clay County Fire & Rescue, was given the HazMat Responder of the Year award by the Florida Fire Chief's Association.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Training** – Chief Silcox highlighted the training completed in the last quarter. This included 25 people completing the November 15-17, 2016 CAMEO class and 45 people sent to the HazMat Symposium.

Upcoming classes include: CSX Rail training-Awareness, Air Monitoring, CSX Hands-on Rail Car, Surface Transportation Emergency Preparedness & Security (STEPS), HazMat IQ, SERC/NASTTPO, HazMat 160, and International HazMat Conference.

**Hazards Analysis** – No Update

**Public Outreach** – No Update

## **PRESENTATIONS/ISSUE ITEMS**

**Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals – First Coast Chapter** – Mr. Chip Carwell, President, provided a presentation on the First Coast Chapter of the Alliance. For more information, visit [www.IHMM.org](http://www.IHMM.org).

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

Chair Knoff thanked Mr. Ken Wilkey for hosting the meeting at the Annheuser Busch facility.

**Next Meeting** – Chair Knoff announced the next quarterly meeting is scheduled for 10:00am. Wednesday, May 24, 2017; location to be determined.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the LEPC, Chair Knoff adjourned the meeting at 11:15am.