



Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee



Wednesday, August 16, 2017
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

A meeting of the Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee was held on Wednesday, August 16, 2017, at 10:05 a.m., in the Community Room of the WJCT Building, 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32202. Chairperson Chief Richard Knoff called the meeting to order with the following members:

Present

Amy Pilgrim for Henry Bonar – Facility Owner
Morrison Braren – Non-Elected Local Official
Terry Carr – Environmental
John Coffey - Health
Sandi Courson – Health
Bill Decker – Local Environmental
Chief Lenny Ensalaco – Firefighting
George Faucher, Jr. – Firefighting
Matthew Harris for Gracie Kennedy – Environmental
Chief Richard Knoff – Firefighting
Michael Laycock – Facility Operator
Michael Lesser – Facility Operator
Brooke Martin – Transportation
Steve Millican – Emergency Management
Martha Oberdorfer – Emergency Management
Paul Restivo – Law Enforcement
Fred Rogers – Emergency Management
Capt. John Scott, III – Firefighting
Chief Harvey Silcox – Firefighting
Chief Todd Smith – Firefighting
Roger Studenski – Transportation

Excused

Ben Huron – Local Environmental
William Lord – Facility Owner
James Murphy – Community Group
Chief Joel Sneed – Firefighting

Absent

Don Burdon – Health
Anthony Cinelli – Local Environmental
Douglas Coleman – Environmental
Paul Crist – Transportation
Bek Harrison – Law Enforcement
Chief Joe King - Firefighting
Quin Romay – Emergency Management
Dawn Sollee – Poison Center
John Ward – Emergency Management
Ken Wilkey – Facility Owner

Guests: Chris Naff (St. Johns County F/R), Gina Lambert (FDEM), Amy Pilgrim (Bonar Engineering), Daryl Albury (RDSTF), Alex Sease (Contanda Terminals), Richard Cunningham, Sean Hatchett (JFRD), Matt Harris (FDEP), and Shawn Hall (JFRD)

Staff Present: Eric Anderson and Sheron Forde

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Knoff called for a motion on the May 2017 meeting minutes. George Faucher made the motion to approve the May 2017 Minutes, seconded by Terry Carr. 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 July 20-21, 2017 in St. Petersburg, Florida. He highlighted the following:

Training Task Force Meeting

FDEM website has been updated to include a training section for the LEPCs to reference free training information and contacts. Several plans and curriculum needs updating, an assessment will be conducted followed by the issuance of an RFP or the LEPCs could be asked to complete the updates. Also, Mr. Anderson will be spearheading negotiations on rates for common training vendors in an attempt to lower the costs of training. The 6th Annual HazMat Symposium is scheduled for January 16-19, 2018 with registration beginning September 1, 2017. There is a change in the symposium in which the competition, now limited to 12 teams, has been moved to Tuesday followed by a class session on Wednesday to review best practices.

Mr. Anderson announced that the St. Johns County Fire and Rescue team participated in the North Carolina Association of Hazardous Materials Responders competition and placed third out of 13 teams that participated. Congrats to St. Johns County F/R.

LEPC Chairs and SERC Meetings

Mr. Anderson highlighted the changes to the chemical facility lists for site visits, which includes the use of the new EPlan database. However, there are some inherent issues that are requiring a vetting of the facilities included in the database. He also spoke about the, now official, DEP Notification Rule, published on July 1st. However, although DEP must be notified, this does not negate obligation to notify the State Watch Office. Both must be notified of any pollution in your area. The adoption of the Small Quantity Generator/Large Quantity Generator Rule has been delayed until 2018 or 2019. The Risk Management Program Rule has also been pushed back to 2019. FDEM is currently updating their portable access, which will include a training site of available free training through a variety of sources. The SERC did not have a quorum, and therefore did not approve of new membership changes.

CURRENT BUSINESS/REPORTS

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.

LEPC Contract Changes

An overview of the LEPC contract was provided. Included with the standard requirements were new tasks such as, conduct at least two public presentations in the district on the EPCRA program that includes an overview of the LEPC, assist with at least one hazmat related exercise or facilitate a hazmat tabletop exercise, provide at least one shelter-in-place presentation and one evacuation workshop in the district, and provide planning and coordination of Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) training as well as transportation and Community Awareness and Emergency Response (TRANSCAER) training. Mr. Anderson encouraged members to contact him if they are interested in implementing an exercise or participate in public outreach.

Updated LEPC Website

The LEPC's website has been updated and located at www.neflepc.org. This website will house the membership list, meeting information, Tier II reporting information, videos and presentations, and our contact information.

Nassau County HazMat Commodity Flow Study

LEPC contracted for a commodity flow study in Nassau County at six north/south corridors and one east/west corridor. The study identified hazardous materials transported through Nassau County's roadways such as gasoline, diesel fuel, caustic soda or hydroxide solution, etc.

St. Johns County HazMat Commodity Flow Study

St. Johns County will be conducting a pilot test of the HazFlow Application, pending State approval. The HazFlow App was developed for the Louisiana State Police's Joint Emergency Services Training Center. The aim is to simplify the collection and automation of hazardous commodity flow studies. The pilot project will focus on an area including SR 16, CR 210 and I-95. The scope of the project is to get a comprehensive look at rail and high traffic corridors, analyzing existing data, collecting railroad data, and conducting field observations using the App. Members were encouraged to contact Mr. Anderson if they are interested in taking part in the pilot program. This new technology can be an opportunity to reduce cost and provide a better product.

Toxic Release Inventory Data

The EPA has Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) provides a lot of information about facilities in local communities. The TRI tracks the management of certain toxic chemicals posing a threat to health and environment. Its goal is to provide public information about TRI chemicals in the community. Information can be obtained at www.epa.gov/tri/nationalanalysis. The 'my right to know' (myRTK) tool was highlighted, which can be used to locate specific facilities TRI information. In terms of the LEPC's community outreach program, this could be an opportunity to implement things like 'Good Neighbor Agreement,' etc. Discussion followed.

GATOR Mapping Tool

The Geospatial Assessment Tool for Operations and Response (GATOR) is the State's GIS web based mapping tool. It now includes a tab, under critical facilities, for Hazardous Materials EPlan, and Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substance facilities. Other beneficial uses were highlighted, including location of chemical facilities and proximity to critical facilities or population, and informational resources. The website to access this tool is <https://maps.floridadisaster.org/gator/map.html>. Discussion followed.

A concern was raised as to the availability to allow anyone to access information, which could be dangerous in the hands of terrorists. It was recommended that layers of security should be included to protect facilities.

Pipeline Mapping Tool

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration developed the Pipeline Information Management Mapping Application for use by pipeline operators and federal, state, and local government officials only. This App contains hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines, liquefied Natural Gas plants and breakout tank information. General pipeline maps, produced by the App, were highlighted for the Members information.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training – Chief Silcox highlighted the training completed in the last quarter: 20 people trained in **HazMat160 Hybrid**, 20 people trained in **HazMat Vessel Leak Containment and Patching**, Seven (7) people trained in **Advanced HazMat Life Support (16-hour)**. Free training included **Ethanol-Renewable Fuels Association**. Training currently taking place is the **HazMat160 Hybrid**, in which 24 people are attending. This completes the HMEP Grant training year. Upcoming free training for **Radiological Classes-Florida Department of**

Health will be offered Nov 7-9 at JFRD – Operations, Nov 14-16 at Clay County – Operations, Nov 28-30 at Nassau County – Operations, Dec 12 at Clay County – Technician, Dec 13 at Nassau County – Technician, and Dec 14 at JFRD – Technician. Chief Silcox expressed his appreciation for Mr. Anderson’s efforts in obtaining free classes for first responders in the LEPC District. The Training Committee is currently planning for the upcoming year.

Special Projects

The Special Projects Subcommittee will only be activated once a member of the LEPC would like to spearhead and implement a project, with the assistance of the LEPC and its membership. Any member can take the lead on a project. Examples: Shelter-N-Place, speaking engagements, public access, fixed facilities exercises, anything HazMat related, TRI related, etc.

PRESENTATIONS/ISSUE ITEMS

Pipelines: Natural Gas Emergency Response

Mr. Michael Laycock, Damage Prevention/Public Awareness, Florida Gas Transmission Company, provided an overview of pipelines throughout Florida, the dangers associated with them when proper protocols are not taken and the emergency response team’s role.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Next Meeting – The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for 10:00am, Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at NEFRC, 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the LEPC, Chair Knoff adjourned the meeting at 11:53am.