



Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee



Wednesday, February 14, 2018
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

A meeting of the Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee was held on Wednesday, February 14, 2018, at 10:05 a.m., at Jacksonville Port Authority, 2831 Talleyrand Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32206. Chairperson Chief Richard Knoff called the meeting to order with the following members:

Present

Terry Carr – Environmental
Anthony Cinelli – Local Environmental
John Coffey - Health
Sandi Courson – Health
Chief Lenny Ensalaco – Firefighting
George Faucher, Jr. – Firefighting
Ben Huron – Local Environmental
Gracie Kennedy – Environmental
Chief Richard Knoff – Firefighting
Michael Lesser – Facility Operator
Brooke Martin – Transportation
Steve Millican – Emergency Management
Martha Oberdorfer – Emergency Management
Chief John Scott, III - Firefighting
Chief Joel Sneed – Firefighting
Ken Wilkey – Facility Owner

Absent

Henry Bonar – Facility Owner
Morrison Braren – Non-Elected Local Official
Douglas Coleman – Environmental
Paul Crist – Transportation
Bill Decker – Local Environmental
Bek Harrison – Law Enforcement
Chief Joe King - Firefighting
Michael Laycock – Facility Operator
William Lord – Facility Owner
James Murphy – Community Group
Paul Restivo – Law Enforcement
Fred Rogers – Emergency Management
Quin Romay – Emergency Management
Chief Harvey Silcox – Firefighting
Chief Todd Smith – Firefighting
Roger Studenski – Transportation
John Ward – Emergency Management

Guests: Chris Naff (SJCFR), James Vigue (CCFR), Cam Jesse (Eagle LNG), Tammy Brown (JaxPort), William Speiser (JaxPort), Christopher Carney (CCFR), Kevin Ingram (CCFR), Frank Bernard (DHS), Richard Cunningham (Univav), Pete Gunnell (NCFR), Sean Hatchett (JFRD), Michael Fowler (Clay County), Daniel Doyle (Contanda Terminals), Alex Sease (Contanda Terminals), Jason Coburn (Contanda Terminals), Doug Schuster (Eagle LNG), Will Reilly (Aptim), Rami Abusoufeh (Crowely), Robert Gainey (JFRD), Stephen Lamin (Environmental), Benjamin Blount (BHGE Oil & Gas), and other members of the public.

Staff Present: Eric Anderson, Tyler Nolen, Elizabeth Payne and Sheron Forde

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Knoff called for a motion on the November 2017 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Lesser made the motion to approve the November 2017 Minutes; seconded by Mr. Wilkey. The motion carried.

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC) MEETINGS

Mr. Nolen provided an overview of the Training Task Force, LEPC Chair/Coordinator, and SERC meetings that took place January 16-17, 2018 in Daytona Beach, FL.

Training Task Force Meeting

The task force has decided that there will not be a white paper completed; however, they still fully support the cancer safety for firefighters. The HazMat Team Assessments for our region have already been completed, but changes are on the way regarding how they want it done, i.e. self-assessments along with the actual LEPC assessments. An overview of the 6th Annual HazMat Symposium was provided highlighting that 552 attended and included students, instructors, sponsors and staff. There were 65 classroom courses and seven hands-on-courses totaling 196 hours offered. The Symposium continues to grow each year.

LEPC Chairs and SERC Meetings

The LEPC and SERC meetings were an overview of the Training Task Force. Chief Knoff and Chief Sneed presented the Initial Responding Unit Briefing at this meeting and is a statewide effort. A presentation was provided to the LEPC and SERC on activities being conducted by other states regarding the Public Emergency Responders Initiatives (PERI); a method to get training and exercises for firefighters and representatives from the pipeline industry that are specific to their needs. Mr. Anderson provided a brief overview of the Florida initiative. The first statewide meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2018. The Yatabee award presentation took place during the SERC meeting. Two new RMP inspectors have started conducting their inspections, beginning in Jacksonville and Clay Counties. Also during the SERC meeting, it was brought out that the Department of Emergency Management are researching ways of simplifying the process for E-Plan Filing.

Chief Sneed mentioned that the State has a \$1 million grant for purchase of year-round Fire Decon Kits available to fire departments and encourages them to take advantage of this by completing the brief application to outfit the trucks the kits.

Mr. Nolen stated that SERC also discussed an offshore HazMat project that would Decon vessels that are unable to come into port. Discussion was on having regional teams working with the Coast Guard. Staff will provide more information as it is obtained.

CURRENT BUSINESS/REPORTS

Hazardous Material Release Report

Mr. Nolen provided an overview of Section 304 Release Investigations, as well as traffic evacuations, injuries or deaths from HazMat incidents.

LEPC Contract Deliverable Status

An overview of the LEPC contract was provided, including the status of the specific tasks as follows: 1) staffing the LEPC - completed, 2) attend SERC meetings – completed, 3) conduct two public presentations on the EPCRA that includes an overview of the LEPC – due by June 30, 2018, 4) publication in a general circulation newspaper – will be published June 2018, 5) provide an updated LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan – will be completed June 2018, 6) provide technical assistance – completed, 7) assist with at least a hazmat related exercise – completed, 8) provide a shelter-in-place presentation and an evacuation workshop – due by June 30, 2018, 9) provide planning and coordination of Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) training as well as transportation and Community Awareness and Emergency Response (TRANSCAER) training – completed, and 10) submit quarterly report - completed.

Regional First Responder Exercise Plan

Chief Knoff provided an overview of the Initial Responding Unit Exercises, highlighting the positive responses from those who have already completed the exercises. They are currently reaching out to other counties that they have not done this in yet. Clay County have expressed an interest and are working to get is scheduled.

This information was presented at the LEPC Chairs meeting so that they could take advantage of it. Chief Sneed stated that they are modeling it after the new 472 and will be working on an SOG. Interested parties were asked to contact Chief Knoff or Chief Sneed to schedule an exercise in their district.

Awardees

Mr. Nolen stated that Ms. Brooke Martin was awarded the Thomas Yatabe Award for Hazardous Materials. Ms. Martin was instrumental in the LEPC's ability to provide awareness and technical training courses and a regional exercise. Chief Knoff commended Ms. Martin for her role in the CSX exercise that was conducted in 2017.

Firefighter Chris Naff, St. Johns County Fire Rescue (SJCFR), was recognized with a certificate of appreciation for his over 13 years of active involvement in HazMat response and mitigation. He is the team leader on the St. Johns County State Type II HazMat Regional Response Team and was instrumental in the success of the SJCFR in the Hazardous Materials Team Competition, taking first place in 2017 and 2018 during the Symposiums.

Chief Knoff recognized the three Northeast Florida Regional teams that competed in the Symposium's HazMat competition; Jacksonville Fire Rescue – won for best leak control, Clay County Fire Rescue – won 3rd place overall, and St. Johns County Fire Rescue – won 1st place overall.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training

Mr. Nolen stated that three operations level and three technician level courses offered during this quarter, resulting in the training of 123. Fifty people were sent to this year's HazMat Symposium to participate in training classes during the event. There are three 3-hr gasoline tanker truck emergency training coming up; March 14-16 in Putnam County, April 4-6 in St. Johns County and April 16-18 in Clay County. Mr. Anderson stated that the remaining four counties will be scheduled after the summer due to instructor availability. A 2-day HazMat Safety Officer Training will be offered at the Regional Council. Staff is working on development of a 3-day HazMat Transportation Drone course to be held at the Fire College, a first in the State. Additionally, TEEEX will be conducting a facility based 28-hr HazMat Train-the-Trainer course June 12-15 in the district. More information on the upcoming training will be provided as things are finalized. Mr. Anderson stated that after completion of the aforementioned training, there will be approximately \$30,000 in the training fund for the remainder of the year.

Special Projects

There were no Special Projects identified or requested.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

LNG Site Presentation

Mr. David Stubbs, Jacksonville Port Authority, provided a presentation on Liquefied Natural Gas and the new fueling facility at JaxPort. A tour was provided to the LEPC and guests following the meeting.

Next Meeting – The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for 10:00am, Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at the Northeast Florida Regional Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the LEPC, Chair Knoff adjourned the meeting at 11:16am.