

**HAZMATTERS
DISTRICT VI
APRIL 2014**



EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Volusia Counties

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Staff and Chairs attended the SERC meetings in Tallahassee, FL on April 3- 4, 2014.

The District VI Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting was held Friday, April 25, 2014. Key topics discussed during the meeting were the future of the hazardous analysis, 3rd Annual Hazmat Symposium, and Hazmat Team Funding. The Training sub-committee met prior to the LEPC meeting to discuss upcoming trainings and identify needs.

During the last quarter, staff has completed the 2014 update to the LEPC Plan, created a District VI LEPC Pamphlet, as well as completed the annual public information notice. Additionally, staff attended several meetings and provided outreach to the private sector, targeting the resort and entertainment community to enhance their awareness in hazardous materials.

HMEP PLANNING



The 2013 - 2014 Planning Project for District VI is a Tabletop Exercise. On June 12th a tabletop exercise was conducted at Disney's Swan and Dolphin Resort. Participants included law enforcement, fire and emergency management partners, in addition to a large turnout from the private sector. Representatives from the Private Sector included: Disney World, private security agencies, medical, public transportation, conference personnel, hotels, theme parks and health related organizations from or near the International Drive Corridor.

Sixty participants worked through a complex chemical incident scenario that began south east of International Drive (Orlando) with a large leak from a railcar hauling 30,000 pounds of liquefied chlorine. Scenarios and plumes were designed through realistic information inputted into CAMEO software.

This was a significant exercise because liquefied chlorine is the 6th most transported chemical through Central Florida. It is transported in railcars, tanker trucks, ton cylinders, and 150 pound cylinders. In the case of a massive leak from a railcar, the toxic and deadly plume can move miles downwind.

The purpose of this exercise was to allow public safety agencies and community partners to discuss response protocols, plans, and procedures. These procedures need to identify issues that arise from mass evacuation and/or protection in place. An additional important feature of the exercise includes providing



effective and quality information to the public, especially focusing on the tourist population.

At the completion of the exercise it appeared that all of the participants walked away with an appreciation for disaster planning and some good ideas on how to improve the plans in their own agencies and businesses.

HMEP TRAINING

Ethanol Emergency Preparedness and Response to Transportation Emergencies: Alcohol accounts for 42.5% of the hazardous materials traveling by rail through District VI. With that being said, District VI hosted 3 separate 8-hour courses taught by Safety Systems.

Each day started with a brief overview of the properties of ethanol and ethanol blended fuels. The rest of the day was spent on tactical training including foam operations, use of dry chemical extinguishing agents, and proper fire attacks for fuel based fires. Ron Gore, the owner of Safety Systems said; "The only critique that I do at the end of the day includes one question. Did you learn something new today?" Ron went on to say that in his years of training more than one million responders, he has never had the answer "No" to his question.



There were close to 100 individuals trained over the course of the 3 day period. Students engaged in class room lecture, as well as outdoor hands-on activities. There were participants from all six counties.



NEXT MEETING

The next District VI LEPC meeting will be held at the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council on August 1, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.