

LEPC VI Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 18, 2013
10:00 a.m.



309 Cranes Roost Blvd., Suite 2000
Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701

Meeting Attendees:

Primary Members

Chair Jennifer Hobbs, Inomedic/ICSC
Richard Foster, Orlando Fire Department
Ronald Plummer, Orange County EM
Butch Loudermilk, Seminole County Fire
Greg Thompson, Orlando Sentinel
Tom Carpenter, Lake County EM
Chris Geiger, Lockheed Martin
Jill Vogel, InDyne
S. Randy Stafford, FDOT
Eric Alberts, Orlando Health
David Crowe, FDOH
Wayne Kee, NASA
John Warner, Brenntag

Others in Attendance

Tim Kitchen, ECFRPC
PJ Smith, ECFRPC
Frank Snyder, Volusia County
Howard Bailey, Volusia County
Matt Swinshuln, Seminole County
Steven Lerner, Seminole County
Holly Fortune, DEP
Tracey Braley, Canaveral Fire Rescue
Jack Massey, FDLE
Jeff Waters, DEP
John Haskett, Orange County Fire
Ben Thomas, Patrick Air Force Base
Amanda Webb, ECFRPC

Alternate Members

Larry LaHue, Volusia County EM
Spencer Kostus, Lake County EM
Keila Walker, Orlando Health

I. Call to Order and General Business

The District VI LEPC Meeting held at the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chair Jennifer Hobbs.

II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Greg Thompson motioned to approve the August 2013 meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Mr. Ronald Plummer. The minutes were officially approved.

III. Training Updates

Lt. Loudermilk provided an update on behalf of the Training Task Force (TTF) Meeting. He briefed on the status of the 2014 HazMat Training Symposium and Field Operation Guide; he stated that only the oil response portion is awaiting approval.

Ms. Hobbs discussed the DSOC Meeting for Hazmat Team Funding. She noted that only 3 teams in the region will be considered for funded. The district will lose certain funding sources to the additional teams within the region. The fire discipline is currently appealing the DSOC decision.

Tim Kitchen updated the group on free training available from the University of South Florida. He also discussed other training suggestions that were considered at the TTF Meeting such as Toxic Medic Class, Hazmat Command Class, Global Harmonization, Volusia County Haz Tech/160 class, Air Monitoring, and a 40 hour HAZWOPER.

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There was a discussion on The LEPC will sponsor registration and lodging if necessary

Jonathon Lamb from Clay County Fire Rescue provided an update on the 2nd Annual Hazmat Symposium. The HazMat Symposium which will take place on January 23-24, 2014 in Daytona Beach. He discussed the symposium planning organization that is based on the Incident Command Structure (ICS). He stated that the presenters from outside of the state will be the judges for the hazmat team competition. He also mentioned that they are looking for logistical donations such as water, lanyards, shirts, etc. If anyone is interested in donating or volunteering, please contact Ms. Hobbs or Tim Kitchen.

Tim Kitchen provided the last quarter training update for the following courses:

- CAMEO –Lake County and Osceola County
- E-Plan – Orlando
- HazCat – Orange County

IV. SERC Report

Ms. Hobbs discussed the happenings from the SERC Quarterly Meeting. She provided an update on the Hazard Analysis Workgroup. There have been discussions that the counties be able to determine and prioritize which facilities should be visited each year. Several counties HA contracts are still pending.

Ms. Hobbs noted that there will be a How-to-Comply Handbook Update. It is on the website, but not updated yet. Jacksonville is going to coordinate with DEM for the update process.

Ms. Hobbs mentioned there was discussion regarding the staffing allocation numbers during the SERC Meeting. The LEPC's have asked DEM to provide more details on what the remaining monies are spent on for HA and LEPCs.

Congratulations to Lt. Butch Loudermilk; he is the 2013 recipient for the Thomas Yatabe Award.

V. New and Continuing Business

Mr. Kitchen discussed the HazMat Alert System Workgroup. He stated the workgroups is providing outreach and is continuing to work through some existing issues. The next meeting is December 3, 2013 at 10 am in the Orange County EOC.

The LEPC is currently working on providing outreach and training to Chemical Facilities. This year staff will send a hard copy letter and email addressing Tier II filing. Also, the LEPC will send out the how-to-comply booklet and host additional How-To-Comply Workshops

Mr. Kitchen provided an update on the 2013-2014 HMEP Planning Project. Early planning has begun for the tabletop exercise in SW Orlando. Staff has begun identifying vulnerabilities and the planning team. The exercise will take place in March or April.

VI. Announcements/Comments

Eric Alberts stated the next community exercise will take place on March 13 and that they are working with OPD. He indicated that the planning is in the early stages and they are seeking evaluators.

Chris Geiger completed an article for Florida Engineering Society Journal which will be published in November.

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Ron Plummer mentioned that Orange County is hosting ICS 300 / 400 Classes. He noted that Orange County completed the EMAP accreditation in July and last week they received their certificate for accreditation. Volusia County, Orlando and Seminole County are all getting ready to begin the process.

VII. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on February 7, 2014 at Orlando Regional Medical Center details will be forthcoming.

VIII. Adjournment

Richard Foster made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Butch Loudermilk. The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.