



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #V.C

DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2014
 TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
 FROM: STAFF
 SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM STATUS REPORT

South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee Activities (SoFlaLEPC)

EPA's Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know-Act (EPCRA) was passed by Congress in 1986 to provide public access to chemical information reported annually by Section 302 Facilities. Section 302 Facilities manufacture, store, distribute or utilize Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) as defined by EPA in amounts exceeding certain thresholds. The Florida Legislature created 11 Local Emergency Planning Committees in 1988 to implement EPCRA in the State. LEPC Districts coincide with those of Regional Planning Councils. The SoFlaLEPC holds quarterly meetings that are open to the public. Current membership consists of nearly 50 members from categories such as emergency management, public utilities, environmental, fire rescue, law enforcement, hazardous materials, health/medical and private industry.

SoFlaLEPC activities include public outreach and hazardous materials training and exercises for first responders and others provided free of charge. Over the last 12 years, more than 130 class sessions have trained nearly 3,500 responders in the Region.

Recent Training

Date	Class	Students	Location
July 30, 31 & Aug 1 '14	HAZWOPER	82	Miami-Dade DERM
July 21-25, 2014	HazMat Chemistry	24	Hollywood FR Training Ctr.
June 19, 2014	CAMEO	20	SFRPC
March 18 & 19, 2014	HAZWOPER	70	Broward EOC
February 4 & 5, 2014	Chlorine/Ethanol/Ammonia	159	CSX Transflo in Ft. Lauderdale
November 22, 2013	DOT HazMat & HazWaste	32	Miami-Dade WASD
October 7, 2013	Flammable & Combustible Liquids plus Biofuels	40	Broward Environmental Protection & Growth Mgmt
October 3, 2013	DOT HazMat & HazWaste	41	Miami-Dade WASD

HAZWOPER - Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response

CAMEO - Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations

Biennial Exercises (every two years)

Year	Training Scenario	Location
2014	Separate simulated hazmat railcar accidents near Port Everglades, at a South Miami-Dade WTP and near MIA	SFRPC in Hollywood
2012	HazMat truck shipment spilled on US27 from Broward to Healeah	SFRPC in Hollywood
2010	Radiation leak at a construction site due to damaged equipment	Sunrise Civic Center
2008	HazMat spill from car-truck collision in Homestead	Miami-Dade WASD

Regional Domestic Security Activities

Pursuant to Florida Statutes, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) established a Regional Domestic Security Task Force (RDSTF) in each of its seven operational regions for the purpose of enabling FDLE to execute its crisis management responsibilities. Among these responsibilities are establishing implementing and maintaining public information/awareness programs; planning and coordinating training and exercises and providing direction and oversight to interdisciplinary workgroups, such as law enforcement, fire rescue, medical/health, emergency management, K-24, interoperable communications and training/exercise. The Southeast RDSTF/Region 7 includes Miami-Dade, Broward, Monroe and Palm Beach counties. Council staff works with the SERDSTF to assist the Region in scheduling and coordinating training classes and exercises.

Recent Training

Date	Class	Students	Location
February 3-7	Communications Technician	14	Palm Beach Facilities Mgmt
January 13-17	Communications Technician	11	Plantation FR Headquarters

Regional Exercises

Year	Training Scenario	Location
2014	Operation RenderSafe - Active Shooters, Improvised Explosive Devices, HazMat Explosion and Mass Casualty Event	Miami Beach City Hall & Convention Center
2012	Forensics Response Teams - Bus explosion for CSI technicians	PBSO Shooting Range
2012	Pandemic Flu Epidemic - Inform and Review Response Plans	SFRPC in Hollywood
2011	Operation Ready2Connect - Interoperable Communications	Lake Okeechobee, PBC
2009	Federal Reserve Bank of Miami - Plane Crash and Site Evacuation	City of Doral

Southeast Florida Fusion Center (SFFC)

The SFFC provides all-hazards information sharing between law enforcement, fire, emergency management, health, education and private sector partners to deter, detect and prevent terrorist acts as well as prepare for and respond to natural or manmade disasters. Its goal is to break down barriers in communication between agencies and facilitate enhanced information sharing to protect the citizens of South Florida. Through a unique regional partnership, the Council hires Grant Contract Employees (whose positions are contingent upon continued federal grant funding) and stations them at various Fusion Center locations throughout the Region. Four analysts are working with the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (PBSO), three with the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) and one with the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO). Additionally, one Information Sharing Coordinator covers the entire four-county area. The Executive Director, or designee, provide supervision on an ongoing basis to ensure contracts are up to date, renegotiated on a timely basis and sufficient grant funds are available. This includes paymaster services and other administrative support as needed.

Recommendation

Information only.