



**DISTRICT XI
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2008 @ 10:00 AM

**South Florida Regional Planning Council
3440 Hollywood Blvd, Suite 140
Hollywood, FL 33021**

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Manny Cela opened the meeting for Chair Bob Marton at 10:11 am.

2. Introductions

In attendance were LEPC members Bob Marton, Bob Christensen, George Danz, Hugh Johnston, Ron Khawly, Gary Koen, Robert Marton, Ray McDonald, Richard Taylor and LEPC Coordinator Manny Cela. Also in attendance were Michael Stacks, Miguel Alfonso, Steven Zavalney, Mike Ruiz, Yvette McLeod and Farah Brizard.

3. Review of Past Actions

Reviewed the November 7, 2007 Training Subcommittee Meeting Minutes with no comments.

A Vendor List was available for review as well as the 07-08 Training Courses Package and Draft Multi-Year Training Calendar.

4. Training Courses for Upcoming Years

Bob Marton stated his goal to project training out for the next three years as agreed to by the LEPC and then opened discussion on the nine classes listed in the **07-08 Training Courses Package**. Each member present had an opportunity to state their preference from the list of previously agreed upon classes. A motion passed unanimously to assign high priority to the five courses listed below:

- First Responder Awareness (nine the members agreed to this course)
- Hospital HazMat (all members agreed to offer this class as a four hour course)
- Clandestine Drug Labs (five members agreed to this course)
- Chemical Compatibility and Storage (all the members agreed to this course)
- ERG Use (all members agreed to offer this class as a four hour course)



6. Members Comments

- Bob Marton asked the members to provide the names of any additional public and private agencies that would benefit from attending LEPC classes.
- We should try to have classes filled to capacity. It was agreed to ask members to provide an estimate of interested participants for each class within their agencies.
- Members expressed the importance of HazMat Awareness training and how vital it is for both the public and private sector to attend.
- The Clandestine Drug Lab class should generally be offered to the public sector but allow some hazmat oriented private organizations to attend if space allows.
- The LEPC should incorporate hospitals in the hazmat training process since hospital personnel would greatly benefit from this type of training. Hospital personnel are exposed to hazmat victims, running the risk of affecting other patients and staff.
- The LEPC should promote hazmat classes to key hospital employees so they can pass on the knowledge to the operating staff.
- Structure classes to suit the needs of those attending, reach out and involve them.
- Promote attendance to hazmat training given by other agencies.
- Integration of private sector entities into the LEPC can benefit all.
- Members acknowledged the lack of representation on the board by law enforcement personnel. Some members stated law enforcement's role to the public is not public safety but interdiction. Hazmat training is not high on their list nor do they have sufficient funding available to conduct this type of classes even though law enforcement are often first on scene.
- Rename the "On-Scene Incident Command" class to "On-Scene Multi-Agency Incident Command" to target a larger audience.
- A question was raised about calculating class costs in upcoming years since the cost of the individual classes is not known at this time.

Manny Cela asked the members to review the Vendor List and 07-08 Training Courses Package and offer suggestions for the next meeting.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 am.