



SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE - DISTRICT 11

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012 @ 10:00 AM

South Florida Regional Planning Council

3440 Hollywood Blvd, Suite 140

Hollywood, FL 33021

www.sfrpc.com/lepc.htm

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Chair George Danz at 10:03 am.

2. Introductions

In attendance were Dario Alfonso, Miguel Ascarrunz (HazMat Plan Chair), Bob Christensen, George Danz (Chair), Mike DiGiovanni (Training Sub Chair/SERC TTF), Larry Doyle, Ana Gannon, Mike Graham, Miguel Hidalgo, Paulette Kandel, Gary Koen (Vice Chair), Bret Maxwell, Ray McDonald, Jeffry Peleg, Gregory Thompson, Irene Toner (via phone) and Coordinator Manny Cela. Also in attendance were Keith Wall, Al Lageyre and Rafael Pozo.

3. SERC Thomas Yatabe Award and Certificates of Appreciation Presentations

Chair Danz briefly described the SERC Yatabe Award and Certificates of Appreciation. He went on to detail the presentation of the Yatabe Award to Nick Kontax at the January 6, 2012 SERC Meeting in Altamonte Springs. Neither of the Certificate recipients, George Colson and Bob Marton, was present at this meeting. Chair Danz thanked them on behalf of the Committee and Manny Cela read a brief note detailing their accomplishments.

4. Previous Meeting Summary

Paulette Kandel made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 30, 2011 Meeting. Jeffry Peleg seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

5. Subcommittee Reports

Training Subcommittee (Mike DiGiovanni, Chair)

Chair Mike DiGiovanni briefed the members on activities related to the upcoming training. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office is interested in offering several Chemical Suicide Response workshops, perhaps two in Marathon and an additional two in Key West. Miami-Dade County DERM and Broward County EP&GM agencies are requesting five HAZWOPER Refresher classes for their staffs. The City of Miami Beach and Fire Rescue in particular, would like to host hazmat awareness classes. None of these are finalized but negotiations are continuing. Manny Cela requested that any agency interested in hosting a class contact him directly.

Planning Subcommittee (Eric Borbe, Chair)

There are no separate Planning Subcommittee activities this year. The Committee chose the "Plan an Exercise" HMEP Option, which is being carried out by the Exercise Subcommittee.



Exercise Subcommittee (Juan Farach, Chair)

Chair Juan Farach was unable to attend the meeting and Manny Cela briefed the members. At the direction of the Committee, an effort was undertaken to locate a suitable “digital simulator” for use in the tabletop exercise. None were found so a diorama will be used instead. Chair Juan Farach and Manny Cela held two preliminary discussions and requested that a date, time and location for the first Exercise Subcommittee Meeting be agreed upon. After some discussion, Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 10 am here in Hollywood was selected.

6. Membership Changes (Manny Cela)

There were no new membership applications this quarter. The Attendance Log was attached.

7. HazMat Emergency Response Plan (Miguel Ascarrunz, Chair)

Miguel Ascarrunz indicated he is ready to start reviewing the existing Plan and requested assistance from the two other Counties. Members Niel Batista and Troy Johnson from Miami-Dade and Irene Toner and Chris Musser from Monroe will be asked to assist.

8. SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report (Manny Cela)

Manny Cela briefed the members on HazMat Awareness activities. Mr. Cela indicated that Governor Scott had signed a proclamation declaring January 22-28, 2012 as HazMat Awareness Week in Florida. The theme for 2012 was Mercury Awareness and Education. As requested by the members at the last meeting, several hundred brochures, pamphlets, flyers, posters and other educational materials were made available to them for distribution at their agencies, places of business, schools and other public places. Many of the materials originated from the counties and their Mercury Recycling Programs. Bret Maxwell told the members that Nick Kontax had taken Broward Recycling brochures and posters to every Regional Library in Broward. Paulette Kandel also distributed materials at her local library and diner. Ana Gannon provided copies at her son’s school. Many others carried materials from the meeting for later distribution.

A new webpage was added to the SoFlaLEPC website to promote HazMat Awareness Week. The page includes colorful graphics, educational information and numerous links to County Recycling Programs and other Mercury resources, including U.S. EPA, FDEP and the Center for Disease Control (www.sfrpc.com/lepc/hazmatweek12.htm).

9. Members Presentations and Comments

Ray McDonald briefed the members via a very informative PowerPoint presentation titled “Mercury in the Everglades”, authored by Don Axelrad from FDEP. The presentation was followed by two very entertaining videos dealing with CFLs and recycling.

The members engaged in a spirited discussion on Mercury cleanup. Among the interesting points that emerged, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue owns a Mercury Analyzer, as does FDEP in their Palm Beach County location (a Lumex unit). SWS Environmental of Fort Lauderdale owns a portable Zeeman Mercury Analyzer, also manufactured by Lumex. Cliff Berry, also of Fort Lauderdale, owns a Jerome Gold Film Mercury Analyzer as well.

10. Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting will take place May 23, 2012 in Hollywood. Information on meetings, agendas and minutes can be found on the SoFlaLEPC website (www.sfrpc.com/lepc/meetings.htm).

11. Adjourn

Larry Doyle offered a motion to adjourn at 11:07 am. It was seconded and passed unanimously.