



SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE - DISTRICT 11

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2011 @ 10:00 AM

South Florida Regional Planning Council

3440 Hollywood Blvd, Suite 140

Hollywood, FL 33021

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1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Gary Koen at 10 am.

2. Introductions

In attendance were Miguel Ascarrunz, Eric Borbe, Bob Christensen, Mike DiGiovanni, Jason Dobronz, Alain Donderiz, Juan Farach, Ana Gannon, Miguel Hidalgo, Hugh Johnston, Paulette Kandel, Vice Chair Gary Koen, Nick Kontax, Bret Maxwell, Ray McDonald, Yvette McLeod, Chris Musser, David Ostrander, Jeffry Peleg, Gregory Thompson, Irene Toner (via Conference .Call) and Coordinator Manny Cela. Also in attendance were Marc Allen, Raul Martinez, Jude Plummer, Fernando Perez, Robert Taylor, Michael Thomson and Jose Torres

3. Awards Presentations

Vice Chair Gary Koen recognized Juan Farach for his selection as this year's SERC Thomas Yatabe award winner. The award was presented by the SERC at its January 7, 2011 meeting in Fort Myers, Florida. Mr. Koen also presented a SERC Certificate of Appreciation to Sgt. Mike DiGiovanni for his assistance in bringing LEPC training to the Florida Keys, especially the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. Capt. Ron White, from Hollywood Fire Rescue, was also awarded a Certificate for his assistance in planning last year's Biennial Tabletop Exercise. Capt. White was unable to attend this meeting.

4. Previous Meeting Summary

A motion was made by Greg Thompson to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2010 Meeting. The motion was seconded by Hugh Johnston and approved unanimously.

5. Subcommittee Reports

Training Subcommittee (Bob Marton, Chair/Vice Chair Mike DiGiovanni)

Manny Cela reported for Chair Bob Marton. The list of classes approved for this year was sent to our Vendor List to find out who is interested and available to offer those services. Two locations have offered to host LEPC-sponsored classes, the Broward EOC and FIU Tamiami Campus. Mr. Cela asked any agencies interested in hosting a class to contact him directly.



Exercise Subcommittee (Juan Farach, Chair)

No report.

Planning Subcommittee (Eric Borbe, Chair)

Manny Cela reported for Chair Eric Borbe. As part of this year's outreach to 302 facilities, we will work with County staffs that to get our educational material distributed. We continue to work with the other LEPCs and FDEM to further develop and enhance FloridaHMIS, the State's online Tier reporting system.

6. Membership Changes (Manny Cela)

Manny Cela provided information on two membership changes presented for board review:

- Jason Dobronz, Emergency Management Coordinator for the Seminole Tribe of Florida, as Primary Member in the Emergency Management Category
- Miguel Hidalgo, Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Miramar. Mr. Hidalgo is currently the Alternate member for the City and is moving up to Primary in the Emergency Management Category

Gregory Thompson made a motion to accept the membership changes. Paulette Kandel seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

There was a long discussion on this matter with many members offering opinions and information. Miguel Ascarrunz described his efforts to date reviewing the current Plan. Ana Gannon, Alain Donderiz, Irene Toner, Paulette Kandel and Manny Cela participated in the discussion.

8. SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report (Manny Cela)

As part of HazMat Awareness Week for 2011, Manny Cela prepared educational materials for distribution to the members and other interested parties. Manny Cela described a webpage developed for HazMat Awareness Week that includes documents in English and Spanish as well as several suited for a younger audience. The webpage address is www.sfrpc.com/lepc/sip.htm. The presentation included two instructive videos and an open forum discussion.

9. Member Presentations and Comments

Nick Kontax from the Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department made a presentation on the County's response to a chlorine gas release at the Everglades Holiday Park on November 24, 2010. Of interest was the fact that the facility had changed ownership a number of years prior to the release and current management were unaware that several chlorine cylinders were still housed in an unused room. Mr. Kontax described the difficulties they had in locating a cylinder "coffin" to safely transport rusting tanks. Lt. Michael Thomson from Miami-Dade Fire Rescue indicated they had such a unit in their inventory.

Miguel Ascarrunz from Broward County Emergency Management made a presentation on a functional exercise the County hosted at the EOC on December 1, 2010. CSX Railroad presented the exercise, which included Hollywood in its scenario.



Mr. Ascarrunz also reported on his attendance to the FEPA conference, where he had an opportunity to meet Bryan Koon, the new FDEM Director.

10. Upcoming Meetings

The next SoFlaLEPC Meeting will take place Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 10 am in the SFRPC Hollywood offices. Additional information on upcoming meetings, agendas and minutes can be found on the SoFlaLEPC website www.sfrpc.com/lepc/meetings.htm.

11. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 11:25 am. The motion was seconded by Alain Donderiz and passed unanimously.