



## SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE - DISTRICT 11

### MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2011 @ 10:00 AM

South Florida Regional Planning Council

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Hollywood, FL 33021

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#### 1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Chair George Danz at 10:02 am.

#### 2. Introductions

In attendance were James Baptiste, Eric Borbe (Planning Sub Chair), George Colson (SERC TTF Rep), George Danz (Chair), Mike DiGiovanni (Training Sub Chair), Juan Farach (Exercise Sub Chair), Jaimie Johnson, Troy Johnson, Paulette Kandel, Nick Kontax, Craig Marston, Yvette McLeod, David Ostrander, Jeffry Peleg, Gregory Thompson, Michael Thomson, Adam Yanckowitz and Coordinator Manny Cela. Also in attendance were Keith Wall and Mark Allen.

#### 3. Previous Meeting Summary

A motion was made by Gregory Thompson to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2011 Meeting. The motion was seconded by George Colson and approved unanimously.

#### 4. Subcommittee Reports

Training Subcommittee (Mike DiGiovanni, Chair)

Chair Mike DiGiovanni reported on the November 17, 2011 Training Subcommittee meeting, minutes of which were attached to the agenda. The Subcommittee discussed training needs in the District and prepared the **FY1112 Training Package** for approval by the Committee. The Package includes **Chemical Compatibility and Storage, "Enhanced" HazMat Awareness, Chemical Suicide Response, HAZWOPER Refresher and HazMatIQ**. Paulette Kandel moved for approval of the Package, which was seconded by Juan Farach and passed unanimously.

Ms. Kandel also moved the item authorizing the Chair, Training Sub Chair and Coordinator to negotiate on behalf of the SoFlaLEPC to offer as many of the approved courses as possible within budget. The item was seconded by Nick Kontax and passed unanimously.

Exercise Subcommittee (Juan Farach, Chair)

Chair Juan Farach recommended selection of the "Plan an Exercise" HMEP Planning Option to assist in planning this year's biennial tabletop exercise. The members engaged in a lively discussion, including the merits of an "electronic, interactive simulator" versus using a diorama. Gregory Thompson recalled using a simulator for an exercise in District 10. Exercise Planning meetings will begin in early 2012.



Planning Subcommittee (Eric Borbe, Chair)

Chair Eric Borbe concurred with previous recommendations that the “Plan an Exercise” Option be selected. The motion was made by Gregory Thompson, seconded by Jeffrey Peleg and passed unanimously.

**5. Membership Changes (Manny Cela)**

Manny Cela presented information on three new membership applications:

Capt. Anthony Trim, HazMat Bureau OIC, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue as Primary in the Firefighting Category

Lt. Michael Thomson, HazMat Certification Program Manager, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue as Alternate for Capt. Trim

Dario Alfonso, Operations Supervisor, Brenntag Mid-South as Primary in the Facility Owners and Operators Category

Jaimie Johnson moved that the new member applications be submitted to the SERC for approval. Gregory Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

Manny Cela indicated Chair Miguel Ascarrunz will continue in that capacity and updates to the Plan will begin after the next meeting.

**7. SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report (Manny Cela)**

Manny Cela presented four dates selected for the 2012 Committee meetings. These are January 25, May 23, August 22 and November 28. A motion to approve was made by Hugh Johnston, seconded by George Colson and approved unanimously.

Chair Danz, Vice Chair Koen and Manny Cela submitted the following nominations to the SERC for the 2012 Thomas Yatabe Award and Certificates of Appreciation. The Yatabe Award will be presented at the January SERC meeting in Altamonte Springs and the Certificates at the January 25 SoFlaLEPC meeting in Hollywood. Chair Danz indicated that members would be included in making the selections next year. The nominees for 2012 are:

Thomas Yatabe Award	Nick Kontax
Certificate of Appreciation	Robert Marton
Certificate of Appreciation	George Colson

Manny Cela reminded the members that January 22-28, 2012 will be **HazMat Awareness Week**. Our next meeting (January 25) was scheduled to coincide with this event. The theme this year is **Mercury Awareness and Education**. Mr. Cela requested member input and suggestions.

There was a lengthy and lively discussion on how to best promote HazMat Awareness Week. Jeffrey Peleg will send links to Mercury websites. Nick Kontax suggested we encourage more recycling of CFLs and other items containing Mercury. Paulette Kandel suggested we ask FPL to put a brochure in its next utility bill. She will also contact local public library directors for permission to distribute flyers in their lobbies. Eric Borbe indicated that in Miami-Dade, CFLs



and other bulbs can be taken to the South Dade Transfer Station. Troy Johnson suggested preparing a brochure that county inspectors could bring with them during site visits. Yvette McLeod suggested the announcement be placed in the Miami-Dade County website. Juan Farach suggested that Comcast and other cable operators might provide free Public Safety Announcements on the subject.

It was agreed that educational materials, such as flyers and brochures, would be prepared and made available to the members for distribution at their places of business and other locations.

**8. Member Comments**

George Colson briefed the members on the activities of the SERC Training Task Force, which is currently rewriting the “suspicious white powder” response protocols.

The Port of Palm Beach will conduct a Full Scale Exercise on February 12, 2012 to include FBI, USCG, FDLE, PBSO and PBFIR among others.

**9. Upcoming Meetings**

The next SoFlaLEPC Meeting will take place Wednesday, January 25, 2012 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](http://www.sfrpc.com/lepc/meetings.htm).

**10. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made at 11:10 am by Eric Borbe. The motion was seconded by Jeffry Peleg and passed unanimously.