



**SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
DISTRICT 11**

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2008 @ 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 Chair George Danz at 10:05 am.

2. Introductions

In attendance were LEPC Members Eric Borbe, Charlie Boyd, Chair George Danz, Alain Donderiz, Juan Farach, Jamie Johnson, Hugh Johnston, Paulette Kandel, Martin Klett, Vice Chair Gary Koen, Craig Marston, Training Chair Bob Marton, Ray McDonald, Yvette McLeod, Richard Stover, Stephen Threet and SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Manny Cela. Also in attendance was Howard Vollovick for Rich Taylor.

3. Previous Meeting Summary

Minutes from the August 27, 2008 LEPC Meeting were moved by Charlie Boyd, seconded by Gary Koen and approved unanimously.

4. Subcommittee Reports

Training Subcommittee (Bob Marton, Chair)

The members reviewed the minutes from the September 24, 2008 Training Subcommittee Meeting and a summary of the courses offered last fiscal year.

The recommended Course List (HazMat Awareness, WMD-HazMat Awareness, Chemical Compatibility and Storage, HAZWOPER, HazMatIQ and CAMEO) was moved by Charlie Boyd, seconded by Gary Koen and passed unanimously.

A recommendation to authorize the Chair, Training Subcommittee Chair and Coordinator to negotiate on behalf of the SoFlaLEPC to offer the approved courses within budget was moved, seconded by Martin Klett and passed unanimously.

Information on upcoming classes as well as training opportunities can be found on the LEPC website www.sfrpc.com/lepc/training.htm.



Exercise Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

No exercises are scheduled or required this year.

Planning Subcommittee (Eric Borbe)

The members chose Eric Borbe to Chair this Subcommittee. A long discussion followed the recommendation to choose "Quality Control of Submitted Tier II Information" as the Planning Grant Option. Some members expressed concern that too many facility inspections from the counties, FDEP, SoFlaLEPC, etc. would create problems and recommended coordination and cooperation. The item was moved by Eric Borbe, seconded by Gary Koen and carried unanimously. Gary Koen offered to assist with the planning activities.

Membership Changes (Manny Cela)

The following membership changes were moved by Bob Marton, seconded by Ray McDonald and approved unanimously:

- Richard Stover, Hallandale Beach Fire Rescue Division Chief as Primary replacing outgoing member James Johnson
- Felipe Hermida, Miami-Dade Transit Chief of Bus Operations as Primary replacing outgoing member Derrick Gordon
- Miguel Alfonso, Miami-Dade Transit Bus Operations Superintendent as Alternate for Felipe Hermida
- Paulette Kandel, former member retired from Broward Emergency Management as Primary in the Interested Citizen category

Bob Marton offered to reach out and recruit CSX personnel for membership. An updated Members List is available on the SoFlaLEPC website www.sfrpc.com/lepc/members.htm.

5. **HazMat Emergency Response Plan (Paulette Kandel)**

Paulette Kandel was chosen as the Workgroup Leader. The updated 2009 Plan must be submitted to FDEM by June 30, 2009. The members discussed the need to work with the counties to obtain the latest CEMPs. Bob Marton, George Danz, Alain Donderiz and Charlie Boyd will assist Paulette Kandel with the update.

6. **LEPC Coordinator Report (Manny Cela)**

- LEPC membership categories
The members discussed possible changes to membership categories. Some suggestions included combining Facility Owners and Operators, Print and Broadcast Media, Local and State Elected Officials; renaming First Aid to EMS, Civil Defense to EM and adding HazMat, Safety and Public/Private Utilities. In addition, retired persons should serve in a category based on training and experience.
- HazMat Awareness Week activities
Florida Governor Charlie Crist will designate January 18-24, 2009 as **HazMat Awareness Week**. The theme this year will be **Minimizing Mercury Releases** with a focus on the **Proper Disposal of Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs)**. Coordinators were told that FDEM Director Craig Fugate was interested in activities that reach the largest audiences.



Planned activities for District 11 include making pamphlets available at home improvement stores (Home Depot), distribution of take-home flyers at select public schools, engaging Broadcast Magnet Program students to broadcast a Public Service Announcement (PSA) in their school and other activities. WSVN Channel 7 broadcast a report on Mercury and safe ways to clean-up broken CFLs back in November 2008 and the producer granted permission to use the video. A request will be made to the station to rebroadcast the report during HazMat Awareness Week.

7. Members Comments

Charlie Boyd reported on his LEPC-sponsored trip to the First Annual E-Plan Conference in Dallas, Texas. E-Plan is a web-based system providing access to Tier II facility information, maps and other hazmat related information to approved users. The FDEM is currently evaluating a limited rollout of the system with expanded use expected in 2009.

Several members commented on apparent discrepancies between EPCRA (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act) requiring that hazmat facility information be made public and DHS (Department of Homeland Security) demanding the opposite.

8. Upcoming Meetings

The next SoFlaLEPC Meeting will be March 4, 2009 at the SFRPC office in Hollywood.

Information on upcoming meetings, agendas and minutes can be found on the LEPC website www.sfrpc.com/lepc/meetings.htm

9. Adjourn

Eric Borbe moved for adjournment at 11:30 am. Gary Koen seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.