Second Quarter - April - June 2004

Staff attended the LEPC Staff and Chairs Meeting, and the State Emergency Response Commission Meeting on April 1-2, 2004 in Tallahassee. The Tampa Bay LEPC met on June 2, 2004 at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

Planning activities centered around Port of Tampa Siren Warning System Workshops held at Maritrans Corporation at Harbour Island, April 23, 2004 and at Florida Rock Industries, June 16, 2004. Additionally, in conjunction with the U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office Tampa and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Tampa Bay LEPC conducted a workshop to revise the hazardous materials annex to the Area Contingency Plan on April 6-7, 2004. Workshop was held at the TBRPC Conference Room and approximately 32 first responders, other government personnel, private industry, and interested citizens attended.

Staff participated as a member of the program steering committee for the Clean Gulf Conference scheduled for the Tampa Convention Center, November 17-18, 2004. Committee meetings were held at the Tampa Airport Marriott on April 21 and May 25, 2004.

Bulk of work this quarter was as Exercise Staff to the Region IV Domestic Security Task Force. Numerous meetings were held during April and May to fine-tune the exercises which were held as a Tabletop Exercise on May 14th and as a Full Scale which was held on May 19, the Hot Washup which was conducted at the Hillsborough County EOC on May 20, and the final wrapup conducted at Florida’s Cruise Terminal #6 on June 4, 2004. Duties were under contract between each of the Regional Planning Councils with the Northeast Florida Regional Council and were logistical in nature to obtain needed supplies for the exercise and to pay the bills afterwards.