Third Quarter - July - September, 2006

District 8 was involved in a number of HMEP and LEPC co-sponsored activities this quarter. Staff attended the Quarterly SERC meetings in Tallahassee July 13-14, and conducted two LEPC meetings on July 26 and September 27, 2006.

HMEP Training this quarter consisted of two 4-hour courses on August 7th on Recognition of and Response to Biological and chemical Agents & Bloodborne Pathogens, Emerging Infections and Pandemic Flu; a series of three one-day courses on basic CAMEO for Pasco County being taught by Dwayne Mundy on August 22, 23, 24; a series of three one-day courses on Toxicology for the Pinellas County Hazmat Team at St. Petersburg College, taught by Doug Wolfe, August 22-24; 3-day Hospital Awareness/Operations Course, South Florida Baptist Hospital, Plant City, August 29-31; 3-day Awareness/Operations Course, Blake Memorial Hospital, Bradenton, September 18-20; a series of three one-day courses on Hazmat Foam for Manatee County Hazmat Team, September 26-28, 2006.

We are wrapping up our HMEP Planning Project with the second Facility Disaster Planning Workshop, September 12th and due to overwhelming response have scheduled a third workshop on October 31st. As reported last period, we continue with the Port of Tampa Siren Warning Briefings and planning efforts to upgrade the briefing and the Shelter-in-Place DVD into Spanish.

Staff represented the Tampa Bay LEPC at the Tampa Bay Spill Committee on August 8th, the US Coast Guard Area Committee on August 8th, which met to discuss revision of the Area Contingency Plan. The Pinellas Police Standards Council now meets at the TBRPC under LEPC sponsorship and staff assisted with the July 12, August 9, and September 13th meetings. Staff participated in two Risk Management Plan Audits from DEM: SEA-3 in Tampa, August 10th and TSE Industries in Pinellas Park, August 11, 2006.

Finally, staff participated in the Simulation Cell (SimCell) for the U.S. Coast Guard security exercise, Bay Sentinel 06 on August 1, 2006 at the Marine Safety Office, Tampa.