



LEPC District 8 *HazMatters*

December 2009 - February 2010

District 8 was involved in a number of HMEP and LEPC co-sponsored activities this quarter. Staff attended the Quarterly SERC meetings in Tallahassee on January 7-8, 2010 and conducted the District 8 LEPC meeting on February 24, 2010.

The LEPC Disaster Planning Subcommittee (DPS) met on January 21, 2010 to further efforts designed to bolster the hazardous materials information and resources available on the local LEPC (i.e. www.tbrpc.org/lepc) and Florida Business Disaster Survival Kit (www.fldisasterkit.com) websites. The latest initiative being explored is sending post cards to the Section 302 facilities in the District requesting their participation in a survey to ascertain industry training needs. The Survey results, once compiled, could be used to guide future training efforts. During the last meeting, the Subcommittee decided to pre-schedule all future Subcommittee meetings on a quarterly basis. *Minutes* from the any/all of the DPS meetings are available at: http://www.tbrpc.org/lepc/lepc_disaster_planning_subcommittee.shtml. The next DPS meeting has been scheduled for April 15th.

LEPC staff participated in a series of teleconferences administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management regarding such topics as: *Model Protocols* (December 3, 2009), *Hazards Analyses Scope of Work* (December 4, 2009) and *Operational Training Guidelines* (February 9, 2010).

LEPC staff participated in a February 11th meeting to launch the planning efforts associated with the conduct of a Biennial LEPC exercise to be completed by June 30, 2010. It is expected that the exercise will jointly fulfill the requirements of, at minimum, the LEPC, the RDSTF, the City of Tampa and the USCG. While the details of this anticipated full-scale exercise are still being determined, the specifics of the scenario are not expected to be publicly revealed in order to gauge the actual, unplanned, responses from many of the participants. However, as required by the FDEM Contract, it is acknowledged that the scenario will need to be approved by FDEM a minimum of 30 days prior to conduct and a *After Action Report* provided within 60 days following the exercise. A minimum of two "functional" areas will be tested, as required. The next Exercise planning meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2010.

A *Foam/Ethanol Training* course was conducted for Hillsborough County on December 14-16, 2009. In addition, the LEPC assisted in advertising a *Introduction to CAMEO* course (January 19-21, 2010) and two *Advanced Incident Management (ICS 400)* courses (January 26-27, 2010 & February 2-3, 2010) for Pinellas County. HMEP-funded courses on the horizon include a *Chemical Compatibility and Storage* course for Manatee County scheduled for May 3-5, 2010.

Staff represented the Tampa Bay LEPC at the Tampa Bay Spill Committee at their meetings of December 8, 2009 and February 9, 2010, as well as the U.S. Coast Guard Area Committee meetings which immediately followed. Staff additionally participated as a Science Fair judge at DeSoto Elementary School on December 9, 2009.

The Pinellas Police Standards Council (PPSC) continues to meet at the TBRPC under LEPC sponsorship. Staff assisted with the December 9, 2009 and January 20, 2010 PPSC meetings.

The next LEPC meeting will be May 26, 2010.