



## Tampa Bay LEPC (District 8) *HazMatters* June 2010 – August 2010

District 8 was involved in a number of HMEP and LEPC co-sponsored activities during the quarter. Staff attended the Quarterly SERC meeting held at the ECFRPC on July 8-9, 2010 and conducted the District 8 LEPC meeting on August 25, 2010. District 8's next LEPC meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2010.

The LEPC's Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (FDPS) met on July 15, 2010. The self-assigned initiatives of the Subcommittee continue to include: incorporating an interactive hazardous material component into the *Florida Business Disaster Survival Kit* ([www.fldisasterkit.com](http://www.fldisasterkit.com)) as funding permits; perpetually populate the LEPC website (i.e. [www.tbrpc.org/lepc](http://www.tbrpc.org/lepc)) with data pertaining to LEPC activities and initiatives as well as serving as an invaluable resource for hazardous materials planning; solicit local hazardous materials industry's input of training needs through participation in a brief on-line survey; and to meet the local training needs to the maximum extent possible and feasible. The next meeting of the FDPS has been scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup>.

LEPC staff and/or member(s) participated in a series of teleconferences administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management regarding the *Hazmat Field Operations Guide* and updates to TTF's "Project Board." (June 9 and August 11, 2010).

LEPC staff assisted in the completion and submittal of the "*Grand Response After Action Report*." The Report was based on a full-scale exercise conducted in May at the Tampa Port Authority and involved the simulated release of Methyl Bromide at the facility. FDEM staff has determined that the exercise and corresponding Report met the biennial exercise requirement.

Staff has updated and submitted the *Tampa Bay Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan* prior to the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. FDEM recently submitted a request for a few "minor" revisions which will be incorporated into the Plan and resubmitted. Upon FDEM approval, the modified Plan will be distributed electronically to all the required entities.

During the quarter, the following courses were funded under the District 8 HMEP Contract: an *Intro to CAMEO* course in Pinellas County (June 15-17, 2010); and a *Hazcat Level 1* training course in Pasco County (August 24-27, 2010). Following the conduct of the pre-approved *Hazardous Materials Life Safety and Command* course (September 8-10, 2010), the District 8 HMEP training funds will have been expended. The LEPC's Training Committee has scheduled a November 17, 2010 meeting to solicit nominations for Chair of the Training Subcommittee and strategize training opportunities for the 2010-11 HMEP funding cycle.

Staff represented the Tampa Bay LEPC at the July 13, 2010 meeting of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee and the U.S. Coast Guard Area Committee which immediately followed. The newly-appointed Commander of U.S. Coast Guard/Sector St. Petersburg (Captain Sheryl Dickinson) was introduced to the Committee.

The Pinellas Police Standards Council continues to meet at the TBRPC under LEPC sponsorship. Staff assisted with the March 10 and April 14, 2010 PPSC meetings.

Staff and various LEPC members attended the Ammonia Handlers/Operators meetings held on June 23 & July 28 (at the Hillsborough County Emergency Operations Center) as well as August 24, 2010 (at CF Industries). The primary purpose of the meetings is to discuss initiatives and activities of the ammonia operations facilities located within or adjacent to the Port of Tampa.