



## **Tampa Bay LEPC (District 8)**

### ***HazMatters***

### **December 2010 – February 2011**

District 8 was involved in a number of HMEP and LEPC co-sponsored activities during the quarter. Staff attended the Quarterly SERC meetings held at the Crowne Plaza in Ft. Myers on January 6-7, 2011 and conducted the District 8 LEPC meeting on February 23, 2011. Staff additionally attended the FDEM Region 4 quarterly meeting conducted at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office on February 25, 2011 under the leadership of Mr. Paul Siddall. District 8's next LEPC meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2011.

The LEPC's Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (FDPS) met on January 20, 2011. While currently seeking to bolster membership and renew interest in the Subcommittee, the primary objectives of the Subcommittee remain: to providing valuable hazardous materials emergency and response planning informational resources to the facilities and the public; to involve facilities with hazardous materials training to the maximum extent feasible; and to continually update the LEPC website (i.e. [www.tbrpc.org/lepc](http://www.tbrpc.org/lepc)) with pertinent data and information. Current Subcommittee initiatives include an assessment of LEPC Tier 2 records received over the past three years in comparison with the current electronic SERC listing. Although not complete, initial findings are that the LEPC does not have record of nearly 450 facilities within our District and that the SERC apparently does not have record of about 200 facilities that the LEPC possesses records in hard copy form. Upon completion of the task and compilation of the data, the results will be shared with FDEM staff for review, comment and possible supplementation of LEPC records. Subcommittee members were additionally tasked with ascertaining contact information and e-mail addresses of the facilities for future communications purposes. These e-mail addresses were recently used for notification of the EPCRA: How-to-Comply Workshops held on February 8-9, 2011 at the Council/LEPC office. The workshops drew 36 attendees.

LEPC staff and/or member(s) participated in a series of teleconferences administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management regarding the TTF's initiatives (December 8, 2010 & February 16, 2011), as well as discussion of "FloridaHMIS.org" electronic filing program issues (February 10, 2011).

During the quarter, a *Decon Zones & Scene Management* course was conducted in Pasco County on January 6, 2011. LEPC's Training Subcommittee met on February 23, 2011 to strategize training opportunities for the 2010-11 HMEP funding cycle.

Staff represented the Tampa Bay LEPC at the January 11, 2011 meeting of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee and the U.S. Coast Guard Area Committee which immediately followed, as well as the luncheon honoring the retiring Hillsborough County Emergency Management Director – Mr. Larry Gispert (January 14, 2011).

The Pinellas Police Standards Council (PPSC) continues to meet at the TBRPC under LEPC sponsorship. Staff assisted with the December 8, 2010 & January 12, 2011 PPSC meetings.

Staff and various LEPC members attended the Ammonia Handlers/Operators meetings held on January 18 (@ Tampa Port Authority) and February 24, 2011 (@ CF Industries). The meetings are rotationally located and are focused on discussing initiatives and activities of the ammonia operations facilities located within or adjacent to the Port of Tampa.