



## Tampa Bay LEPC (District 8) *HazMatters* June 2012 – August 2012

District 8 was involved in a number of HMEP and LEPC co-sponsored activities during the quarter. Staff attended the SERC quarterly meetings held in Jacksonville at the Aloft Hotel/Tapestry Park on July 12-13 and will be conducting the District 8 LEPC quarterly meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>. In addition, staff and/or LEPC members attended the FDEM Region 4 quarterly meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> at the offices of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council under the leadership of FDEM Region 4 Coordinator Paul Siddall. LEPC staff and/or member(s) participated in a September 5<sup>th</sup> teleconference administered by FDEM regarding the furthering of Training Task Force initiatives.

The LEPC's Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (FDPS) met on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Invigorated with new membership garnered from prior forums and/or workshops, discussion items included: forwarding of specific FDPS recommendations to FDEM regarding the integration of pertinent hazardous materials information into the *Facility Business Disaster Survival Kit* prior to posting to FDEM's website; FEMA's "*Private Sector Preparedness Certification*" program; updates anticipated for the 2012 Tier II reporting; update on the Memorandum of Understanding between SERC & USEPA regarding potential funding of "Supplemental Environmental Projects" in lieu of EPCRA violation fines; and benefits that would be expected from soliciting and acquiring representation from fire department(s) on the Subcommittee. The FDPS anticipates hosting a workshop designed for first responders to identify the Tier II compliance requirements and procedures in December or January and in conjunction with the annual How-to-Comply Workshops routinely scheduled by LEPC staff.

The LEPC's HMEP Training Subcommittee will meet again on September 19<sup>th</sup> to strategize training opportunities for the remaining \$35,304± in HMEP Training funds. All funds must be spent by the end of the Contract period (i.e. by June 30, 2013). Based on consensus reached at the 5/30/12 Subcommittee meeting, Foam/Ethanol training was commonly requested across the Region. To meet this demand, it is anticipated that this course will be scheduled within each County at varying times of the Contract period. All HMEP training venues: must be intended for public-sector First Responders; must be "cost effective" as determined by FDEM; and must include a transportation component or nexus.

With funding from the HMEP program, a 40-hour "*Hazwoper/Clandestine Drug Lab Certification*" course (July 9-13, 2012) and a 24-Hr. "*Foam/Ethanol*" course (August 23-25) were each conducted and targeted Pasco County first responders. A additionally scheduled *Foam/Ethanol* course (i.e. August 27-29) had to be canceled at the last minute on account of the threat of Tropical Storm Isaac. An alternate course is being actively solicited for the use of these funds.

In terms of miscellany, LEPC staff additionally: submitted the annual update of the *Tampa Bay LEPC Emergency Response Plan* (June 29<sup>th</sup>); coordinated the distribution of 17,600 copies of the *Emergency Response Guidebook* with local Emergency Management agencies (June 28<sup>th</sup> & July 3<sup>rd</sup>); attended the Tampa Bay Spill Committee & U.S. Coast Guard Area Contingency Plan meetings (July 10<sup>th</sup>); submitted deliverables for a biennial exercise entitled "*Investigate Every Danger*" conducted on May 25, 2012 (July 20<sup>th</sup>); attended the Ammonia Handlers/Operators of Tampa meetings (June 20<sup>th</sup> & August 1<sup>st</sup>); facilitated the Pinellas Police Standards Council meetings (June 13<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup> & August 8<sup>th</sup>); apprised the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council of current/recent LEPC program initiatives at their meetings (June 4<sup>th</sup> & August 16<sup>th</sup>); loaned 97 LEPC exercise vests to FDEM Region 4 Coordinator Paul Siddall for use at the Republican National Convention event (August 17<sup>th</sup>); and coordinated authorization for the attendance of one LEPC member (i.e. Jeff Patterson/Hillsborough County Emergency Management) to the future E-Plan Users Conference in Atlanta, GA (August 17<sup>th</sup>).