



Tampa Bay LEPC (District 8) *HazMatters* September – November 2014

District 8 LEPC staff was involved in a number of activities during the quarter. Staff attended the SERC quarterly meetings held at the Betty Easley Conference Center in Tallahassee on October 2-3, 2014. The quarterly LEPC District 8 meeting was held on November 19th.

The LEPC's Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (FDPS) met on October 22nd. The meeting included a variety of discussions topics. The primary topics included: overview of SERC and LEPC initiatives, including an overview of the anticipated FY 2014-15 Planning project (i.e. Commodity Flow Study); summary of SERC meeting; and significant progress towards initiative of compiling numerous resources and links to serve as an All Hazards Guide for Businesses. As currently envisioned, it will likely be a single electronic database containing various resources and links that could/would assist facilities in planning for a variety of hazards (e.g. hazardous materials, storm surge, hurricane, flooding, tornados...) and will likely include a compilation of past planning efforts made by the LEPC, the TBRPC and the County Emergency Management departments (e.g. *All Hazards Guide, Facility Business Disaster Survival Kit...*). As an end-product, it is envisioned that the consolidated resources could/would be tailored to County level, where applicable.

LEPC staff recently completed a Hazardous Materials Training Needs Assessment as a quarterly, interim, initiative/project. Survey results were solicited from local fire, law enforcement, water management district, Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Department of Environmental Protection and other officials. The Survey results were characterized in the HMEP Quarterly Report submitted to the Florida Division of Emergency Management. While no guarantees of future training were provided to Survey respondents but the Survey results are of intended to provide invaluable insight when strategizing future course offerings through FY 2017-18.

The LEPC's HMEP Training Subcommittee also met on November 19th with the ambition of refining the HMEP training schedule for FY 2014-15. Since the 1st Quarter of FY 2014-15 was encumbered (and extended) as a 5th Quarter to the FY 2013-14 HMEP Contract, the sole HMEP training event was the conduct of **three**, shift-friendly, 24-hr. *Life Safety and Command* courses on dates ranging from August 4-15, 2014, primarily for the Manatee County fire department personnel. A total of 50 first responders attended the training. No Training was proposed or conducted during the slightly overlapping 1st Quarter of FY 2014-15 (i.e. October 1 – December 31, 2014). Anticipated and previously proposed training for FY 2014-15 consist of conduct of: **four** 3-Hr. *E-Plan for 1st Responders* courses (January 6-7); attendance/lodging of 10 @ *Hazmat Symposium* (January 21-23); conduct of **one** 40-Hr. *Clandestine Lab Certification* course for Pasco County & Tampa Bomb Squad (February 2-6); conduct **three** 8-Hr. *Hazmat IQ* courses (February 24-26); funding of three to attend 160-Hr. *Hazmat Technician Certification* course and conduct of **three** 8-Hr. *Hazmat Spill/Leak Containment* course (actual dates TBD but in 3rd Quarter). Course(s) contemplated for the 4th Quarter have yet to be determined but will likely be reflective of the recently-conducted Hazardous Materials Training Needs Assessment Survey discussed above. As is customary, the pre-requisites for all HMEP training is that the course: must be designed for public-sector First Responders; must be pre-approved and deemed "cost effective" by FDEM staff; and, at minimum, must include a transportation component or nexus.

In terms of miscellany, LEPC staff additionally: participated in teleconferences regarding the FY 2014-15 HMEP Program (September 4th & 17th); attended the bi-monthly meeting of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee (September 9th & November 18th); facilitated the nearly monthly meeting of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (September 10th, October 8th & November 12th); facilitated the nearly quarterly meeting of the Preventative Radiological Nuclear Detection Committee (September 11th & November 13th); provided significant backup documentation regarding the 3rd & 4th quarters of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) FY 2013-14 Program (September 19th); attended the nearly monthly Ammonia Handlers/Operators meeting (September 24th & October 21st); attended the State Emergency Response Committee quarterly meetings in Tallahassee (October 2-3); accompanied FDEM personnel to the Risk Management Plan Audits/Inspections in Hillsborough County - Sunshine State Dairy Farms in Hillsborough County (Oct. 14th), the C.F. Industries Inc./Mosaic Phosphate Complex in Plant City (Oct. 15th) and the Americold Logistics in Plant City (Oct. 16th); attended a half-day Ammonia trailer training workshop conducted by Grammar Industries at the Tampa Fire Rescue Training Facility (October 20th); transmitted a Hazardous Materials Training Needs Assessment Survey to determine future hazmat training needs of public-sector First Responders (October 24th); facilitated a budgetary meeting for the Pinellas Police Standards Council (November 7th); and attended the tri-annual U.S. Coast Guard Area Contingency Plan meeting (November 18th).