



## Tampa Bay LEPC *HazMatters* January – March 2017

Tampa Bay LEPC staff was involved in a number of activities during the quarter. Staff attended the SERC quarterly meetings held at the Plaza Resort and Spa in Daytona Beach on January 17-18, 2017. The quarterly Tampa Bay LEPC meeting was held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

In conjunction with the February 22<sup>nd</sup> Tampa Bay LEPC meeting, Chair Jeff Patterson unexpectedly announced his retirement and resignation from the LEPC effective March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Chair Patterson will be missed by all. Chief Patterson has served on the Tampa Bay LEPC since his initial appointment in July 2012, as staff to Hillsborough County Emergency Management. Shortly following his acceptance of a *Special Operations Chief* position with Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, Mr. Patterson was elected to serve as LEPC Chair from February 2014 until his recent retirement announcement. An election of the next LEPC Chair will be held in association with the May 24<sup>th</sup> Tampa Bay LEPC meeting.



The Tampa Bay LEPC's HMEP Training Subcommittee also met on February 22<sup>nd</sup> to strategize expenditures associated with the FY 2016-17 HMEP Training contract. Training needs and desires were identified for each of the LEPC's six Counties, which were all present. It was identified that FY 2016-17 HMEP Training expenditures commenced by sending 27 to attend the 2017 *Hazmat Symposium* in Daytona Beach. Three, shift-friendly, three-day, 3-Hr. *Responding to Gasoline Tanker Emergencies* courses have been/will be scheduled for conduct in May – June at various locations within the District. The following additional training courses were identified as needs and may be solicited: three 8-Hr. *Advanced Hazmat IQ* Courses & a 40-Hr. *Toxmedic/Hazmedic* (cost share with Pinellas County); 8-Hr. Chlorine and 8-Hr. Ammonia "Technician Level" courses (Manatee County); 8-Hr. Chlorine and 8-Hr. Ammonia "Awareness Level" courses as well as a 4-Hr. Air Monitoring course (Pasco County); four students to attend 160-Hr. *Hazmat Technician Certification* course at Florida Fire College (Hernando County); a 3-Hr. *Hydro Carbon* course (City of Tampa); and an 8-Hr. *Street Smart for Hazmat* Course (Districtwide).

In terms of miscellany, LEPC staff additionally: e-mailed Flyers regarding Tampa Bay LEPC's EPCRA HTC/E-Plan Filing Instructions Workshops to more than 2,700 individuals (January 6<sup>th</sup>); attended the bi-monthly meeting of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee (January 10<sup>th</sup> & March 14<sup>th</sup>); various LEPC members attended the (nearly) monthly meetings of the Ammonia Handlers/Operators (January 10<sup>th</sup>, February 21<sup>st</sup> & March 23<sup>rd</sup>); facilitated the (nearly) monthly meeting of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (January 11<sup>th</sup> & March 8<sup>th</sup>); participated in the (nearly) semi-quarterly teleconference of SERC's Hazards Analysis Working Group (January 12<sup>th</sup>); prepared and distributed SERC Recap to LEPC members, TBRPC members and members of the LEPC's Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (January 26<sup>th</sup>); attended the annual *Port Tampa Bay Safety Summit* (February 1<sup>st</sup>); hosted and conducted the 2017 Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Workshops at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (February 6-7); participated in the (nearly)

semi-quarterly teleconference of SERC's Training Task Force (February 15<sup>th</sup> & March 15<sup>th</sup>); attended TBRPC's *Regional Transportation Summit* (February 16<sup>th</sup>); attended the grand opening ceremony of the Hillsborough County Public Safety Operations Complex (February 23<sup>rd</sup>); participated in 2017 Hernando County FDOH exercise *Concepts & Objectives Meeting* (February 24<sup>th</sup>) and *Initial Planning Meeting* (March 21<sup>st</sup>) via teleconference; attended the 2017 Port Safety Funfest planning meetings (March 1<sup>st</sup> & March 22<sup>nd</sup>); provided a box of *2016 Emergency Response Guidebooks* to Tampa Fire Rescue (March 14<sup>th</sup>); and attended the triennial meeting of the USCG's Area Contingency Committee (March 28<sup>th</sup>).