



# **TAMPA BAY LEPC, DIST 8 HAZMATTERS**

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## **Second Quarter - April - June, 2008**

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District 8 was involved in a number of HMEP and LEPC co-sponsored activities this quarter. Staff attended the Quarterly SERC meetings in Tallahassee April 3-4, 2008. Staff conducted one LEPC on May 28, 2008. Staff attended the National Association of SARA Title Three Program Officials Conference in Savannah, GA on April 7-10, 2008.

HSEEP Training this quarter continued with the tag-team with Chuck Carter in District 7 for a class in Bartow on April 16-17th and one in Pinellas Park at the TBRPC on April 29, 30, 2008. No other classes are currently scheduled, but should the demand arise, instructors have plenty of books and are prepared to conduct further classes.

The Tampa Bay LEPC is continuing with the HMEP Planning Project with Facility Disaster Planning Workshops as a follow-on to the planning workshops held previously. While no workshops were held this quarter, plans have been made for two workshops to be held on at the TBRPC on July 29, 2008 and August 21, 2008 at the Port of Tampa.

As part of the HMEP Planning Project, Section 302 Outreach, staff conducted a How-to-Comply workshops for Sweetbay Supermarkets new distribution warehouse in Plant City on April 23, 2008 with 8 people attending. Additionally, the Shelter-in-Place video produced in conjunction with the Port of Tampa Siren Warning briefings is in the process of translation into Spanish with assistance being provided by the Spanish station, Univision.

There were no HMEP training classes conducted this quarter, but two 3-day Foam/Ethanol Classes are scheduled for 1) Pinellas County in Clearwater, August 26-28; and for Pasco County in Brooksville, September 24-26, 2008. Additionally, Hospital Awareness/Operations Classes will be provided in August and September

Staff represented the Tampa Bay LEPC at the Tampa Bay Spill Committee on June 12, 2008 as well as the US Coast Guard Area Committee on the same dates following the Spill Control meeting. The Area Committee is assisting in the USCG PREP Exercise scheduled for September 17, 2008. Exercise will be industry-led by Progress Energy and held at the Anclote Power Plant in Holiday.

Tampa Bay LEPC concluded its Biennial Exercise on May 6-8, 2008 as a full-scale exercise with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and the FBI. The exercise will involve the explosion of a city bus - simulating a terrorist suicide bombing at Tyrone Square Mall in St. Petersburg, but actually blown up at the MacDill AFB Explosive Ordnance Disposal Range (EOD) - that the PCSO and FBI used for evidence collection. The bus was actually exploded on May 6<sup>th</sup>, but there was no exercise play until Day 2, May 7<sup>th</sup>. On Day 3, May 8<sup>th</sup>, law enforcement and hazmat team entered the house used to manufacture the chemical explosive bomb used on the bus and decontaminated the house

prior to evidence collection at that position. The Final Planning Conference (FPC) is planned for April 28, 2008. It was originally proposed that lacking any other preferred scenario, that the Region 4 RDSTF's required Tabletop Exercise employ the same scenario as the LEPC Biennial. After much discussion with the state, it was determined that the RDSTF should collaborate with the LEPC and with this full-scale exercise literally accomplish both requirements with the same exercise. Plans are underway to broaden the scope of the exercise to include at least two county EOCS and to exercise the MAC.

The Pinellas Police Standards Council continues to meet at the TBRPC under LEPC sponsorship and staff assisted with the April 9<sup>th</sup> and June 11, 2008 meetings.

During this period, the USDOT 2008 Emergency Response Guides (ERGs) were finally distributed to selected Florida distribution centers. Tampa Bay served as distribution point for basically the West and Central Florida, with books for Districts 7, 8, and 9. Distribution was made throughout the month of May - to include the arrival in late May of the Spanish editions. The distribution point was graciously provided by the Florida Department of Transportation and the use of the Leslie Road Warehouse was a perfect site for receiving the books. As of this time, all are still awaiting arrival of the CD Roms.

The Tampa Bay LEPC Hazardous Emergency Plan, 15<sup>th</sup> Revision for 2008 has been completed and was approved by the LEPC on voice vote on May 28, 2008 and forwarded to DEM prior to the June 30, 2008 deadline.

The next LEPC meeting will be July 30, 2008. All but one resigning member of the LEPC have been sent to Tallahassee for recertification at the July SERC meeting. Biennial elections for Chair and Vice Chair are scheduled for the July 30<sup>th</sup> LEPC meeting.