



LEPC District 8 *HazMatters*

Third Quarter - July - September, 2009

District 8 was involved in a number of HMEP and LEPC co-sponsored activities this quarter. Staff attended the Quarterly SERC meetings in Tallahassee July 9-10, 2009. Staff conducted a LEPC Meeting on August 26, 2009.

The LEPC Disaster Planning Subcommittee met on July 16, 2009 to refine the mission of the Subcommittee seeking to bolster the hazardous materials sections of the interactive *Florida Business Disaster Survival Kit* (www.fldisasterkit.com) website and the LEPC District 8 webpage (www.tbrpc.org/lepc). Current Subcommittee initiatives include the conduct of an impromptu telephone survey of company representatives receiving prior training from the Subcommittee in order to determine what training is most beneficial. It is envisioned that the outcome of the survey may/will guide future training efforts and would ultimately assist the business community in preparing for and writing plans to address all hazards.

Staff continued to participate in the series of teleconferences administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management. The latest teleconference, conducted on August 5th, addressed the *Chemical Education Initiative* and *Bio-Sampling Protocols*.

The Spanish-subtitled version of the “Shelter-in-Place” Video was recently received from Univision Tampa. The video, now available with English or Spanish subtitled, is designed to identify the appropriate sheltering in place procedures to be administered in the event of an Ammonia incident at the Port of Tampa. Presentations are periodically requested and made to various civic associations, schools or community groups located near the Port throughout the year.

The Hazmat IQ® course was conducted at the TBRPC offices on August 18-20, 2009 and a Confined Space Rescue Operations for Hazardous Material Environments course was held in Manatee County on August 25-27, 2009, as funded under the HMEP Program. The details associated with one additional course are currently being finalized for conduct prior to the end of the HMEP fiscal cycle.

Staff represented the Tampa Bay LEPC at the Tampa Bay Spill Committee on August 11, 2009, as well as the US Coast Guard Area Committee meetings which immediately followed.

The Pinellas Police Standards Council continues to meet at the TBRPC under LEPC sponsorship. Staff assisted with the July 8, August 12 and September 9, 2009 meetings.

The next LEPC meeting will be November 18, 2009.