



## LEPC District 8 *HazMatters*

September - November, 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 on October 1-2, 2009. Staff conducted a LEPC Meeting on November 18, 2009.

The LEPC Disaster Planning Subcommittee met on September 17, 2009 to further efforts designed to bolster the hazardous materials information and resources available on the local LEPC and Florida Business Disaster Survival Kit websites (i.e. [www.tbrpc.org/lepc](http://www.tbrpc.org/lepc) and [www.fldisasterkit.com](http://www.fldisasterkit.com), respectively). Select FDPT members have additionally been conducting an informal poll of company representatives who have received prior training from the Subcommittee in order to determine what practical lessons have been obtained from past workshops and what improvements and practical steps they took to minimize exposures to and risks of their hazardous materials from future area wide disasters. The inputs received from these businesses will be compiled and can/ will be used to guide and/or determine future training needs. It is envisioned that the next Subcommittee meeting will include discussion of potential funding sources to assist with these future training initiatives. Once survey results are compiled, the information will be made available to past workshop participants as well as other businesses accessing the Florida Disaster Survival Kit.

LEPC Staff participated in a series of teleconferences administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management regarding such topics as: *Hazards Analyses Scope of Work* (September 9, October 14, and November 3, 2009), *Sampling Protocols* (September 16, 2009) and the initial presentation of *Electronic Tier 2 Submittals* (November 5, 2009).

The Spanish-subtitled version of the "Shelter-in-Place" Video was recently produced and provided by Univision Tampa. The video, now available with English or Spanish subtitles, is designed to identify the appropriate sheltering in place procedures to be administered in the event of a hazardous material incident at the Port of Tampa (or other locations) requiring such a precaution. Port of Tampa Ammonia Siren presentations are periodically requested and made to various civic associations, schools or community groups located near the Port throughout the year. In fact, the LEPC Committee provided such a presentation at Desoto Elementary School on October 20, 2009 and utilized the newly-obtained Video.

A Clandestine Drug Lab Awareness Course was approved and conducted for Pasco County on September 29-30, 2009 to close out LEPC District 8's 2008-09 HMEP fiscal year. A Foam/Ethanol course has been scheduled for December 14-16, 2009 in Hillsborough County.

Staff represented the Tampa Bay LEPC at the Tampa Bay Spill Committee on October 13, 2009, as well as the US Coast Guard Area Committee meetings which immediately followed. Staff additionally attended the Ammonia Industry luncheon held at the CF Industries offices in the Port of Tampa on September 22, 2009.

The Pinellas Police Standards Council continues to meet at the TBRPC under LEPC sponsorship. Staff assisted with the October 14 and November 4, 2009 meetings.

The next LEPC meeting will be February 24, 2010.