



## Tampa Bay LEPC (District 8)

### *HazMatters*

### June – August 2014

District 8 LEPC staff was involved in a number of activities during the quarter. Staff attended the SERC quarterly meetings held at the Hilton Singer Island in Riviera Beach on July 17-18, 2014. The quarterly LEPC District 8 meeting was held on August 27<sup>th</sup>. During the meeting, Chief Jeff Patterson (Hillsborough County Fire Rescue) was elected LEPC Chair and James “JJ” Johnston was elected Vice Chair for District 8 for two-year terms, coinciding with the biennial reappointment of all LEPC members by the State Emergency Response Commission.

The LEPC’s Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (FDPS) met on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting included a variety of discussions topics. The primary topics included: overview of SERC and LEPC initiatives; 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.

The LEPC’s HMEP Training Subcommittee also met on August 27<sup>th</sup> with the ambition of refining the HMEP training schedule for FY 2014-15. The sole HMEP training event during the quarter 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. Other training events anticipated and previously proposed but subject to scheduling were: attendance at the annual *E-Plan Conference* (for One); **three** 8-Hr. *Chemical & Chemistry* courses [Pinellas]; **four** 3-Hr. *E-Plan for 1<sup>st</sup> Responders* courses [Regionwide]; *Hazmat Symposium* (One Lodging each County); attendance of **up to 10** at 160-Hr. *Hazmat Tech Certification* course [Pasco/Pinellas]; and **three** 8-Hr. *Hazmat Spill/Leak Containment* courses [Pinellas]. 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: attended the (nearly) monthly Ammonia Handlers/Operators meetings (June 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 24<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup> & August 26<sup>th</sup>); attended the final preparatory meeting for the June 14<sup>th</sup> “Community Day” event (June 5<sup>th</sup>); facilitated the monthly meetings of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (June 11<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup> & August 13<sup>th</sup>); participated in the HMEP/FDOT “Indirect Costs” teleconference (June 13<sup>th</sup>); participated in “Community Day” at DeSoto Park for the neighborhood adjacent to Port Tampa Bay gates (June 14<sup>th</sup>); facilitated the (nearly) quarterly meeting of the Preventative Radiological Nuclear Detection Committee meeting (June 19<sup>th</sup> & July 30<sup>th</sup>); submitted annual *LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan* update to FDEM (June 24<sup>th</sup>); attended the “Community Day” Lessons Learned meeting at the Tampa EOC (June 27<sup>th</sup>); submitted the biennial exercise *After Action Report/Improvement Plan* to FDEM (June 30<sup>th</sup>);

attended the bi-monthly meeting of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee (July 8<sup>th</sup>); attended the tri-annual U.S. Coast Guard Area Contingency Plan meeting (July 15<sup>th</sup>); facilitated the three 24-Hr. *Life Safety & Command* courses conducted between August 4-15 under the HMEP Program; participated in teleconference regarding the 2015 HMEP Contract; and submitted *Hazmatters*, LEPC membership modification requests, and *Thomas Yatabe Award* nominations in association with the next SERC meeting (August 29<sup>th</sup>).