



Tampa Bay LEPC (District 8) *HazMatters* December 2014 – February 2015

District 8 LEPC staff was involved in a number of activities during the quarter. Staff attended the SERC quarterly meetings held at the Hilton Ocean Walk in Daytona Beach on January 20-21, 2015. The quarterly LEPC District 8 meeting was held on February 25th.

The LEPC's Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (FDPS) met on January 28th. The meeting included a variety of discussions topics. The primary topics included: overview of SERC and LEPC initiatives, including an overview of the FY 2014-15 Planning project (i.e. conduct of a Commodity Flow Study); summary of SERC meeting; and finalization of the FDPS's "*All Hazards Guide for Businesses: Planning for Risks*" resource document. The document contains much data and a plethora of links regarding hazardous materials planning, as well as business continuity planning addressing a variety of natural and man-made disasters. In addition to the abundance of statewide and national resources to address each of these topics, this document contains identification of nearly all local resources imaginable (i.e. fire stations, law enforcement agencies, municipal websites, local media outlets, school districts, County emergency management websites, local Ports, hospitals, County hazardous waste disposal sites, local power companies, County/municipal stormwater departments, and all local public wastewater facilities). Subsequently posted to the LEPC website, the document is viewable at: <http://www.tbrpc.org/lepc/pdfs/TampaBayAllHazardsGuide4Businesses2015.pdf>.

LEPC staff recently received the executed HMEP Contract for FY 2014-15 and has embarked on planning for the conduct of a Commodity Flow Study as District 8's FY 2014-15 planning project. LEPC staff has coordinated the desired location(s) within Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas County Emergency Management agencies in which to collect manual counts of trucks transporting hazardous materials on the state highway or interstate system. With each site to be monitored twice, the 12 mutually agreeable truck monitoring locations are:

- I-4/Plant City Weigh Station (eastbound & westbound) and U.S. 41 @ S.R. 60 intersection (northbound & southbound) in Hillsborough County;
- U.S. 41 @ S.R. 64 intersection (northbound & southbound) in Manatee County;
- S.R. 54 @ U.S. 41 intersection (eastbound & westbound) in Pasco County; and
- S.R. 694 (aka "Gandy Boulevard") @ S.R. 686 (aka "Roosevelt Boulevard)/S.R. 687 (aka "4th Street North") intersection (eastbound & westbound) and Sunshine Skyway Bridge Toll Plaza southbound (from Pinellas County) and northbound Sunshine Skyway Bridge Toll Plaza (to Pinellas County).

The LEPC's HMEP Training Subcommittee met on February 25th with the goal of finalizing LEPC District 8's FY 2014-15 HMEP training expenditures. The following HMEP training occurred within the District during the past quarter: four 3-Hr. "*E-Plan for First Responders*" courses, one within each County; funded 10 to attend the 2015 Hazmat Symposium, a 40-Hr. "*Clandestine Lab & Site Safety Certification*" course; and three 8-Hr. "*Hazmat IQ*" courses. Plans of Instruction (POIs) were additionally approved for seven to attend the 160-Hr. "*Hazardous Materials Technician Certification*" course and three 8-Hr. "*Hazmat Spill/Leak Containment*" courses and the courses will be conducted in the 3rd Quarter (i.e. April and May). It is envisioned that POIs will

be developed for the 4th Quarter training proposals of a 40-Hr. “*Hazmedic*” course and a “*Command & Control*” course of which the curriculum and length will first need to be developed and/or determined. It is anticipated that this latter course will train the many public-sector personnel participating in a massive regional exercise next year. Upon approval and conduct of these courses, all FY 2014-15 HMEP training funds will have been depleted for the District.

The term “*all good things must come to an end*” is applicable when referencing the fact that LEPC District 8 recently lost six members, nearly simultaneously, through retirements or agency/company attritions. Exclusive of LEPC staff (John Meyer) and LEPC Chair (Jeff Patterson) also pictured to right, these individuals have more than 65 years of combined service to LEPC District 8. Ranked by years of service, those individuals are/were: Ron Kobosky (Mosaic/17 Years), Mike Cooksey (Pinellas County Fire & EMS Administration/15 Years), Roberto Gonzalez (FDOT District Seven/14 Years), Alan Pratt (C.F. Industries → Mosaic/11 Years), Phillip Steadham (Tampa Port Authority/7 Years), and Betti Johnson (Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council/3 Years), although Ms. Johnson’s contributions and dedication could easily extend to when the LEPCs were first established in the state of Florida in the late 1980’s. Mr. Cooksey was unable to attend to receive his service recognition/appreciation award.



In terms of miscellany, LEPC staff additionally: attended the (nearly) monthly Ammonia Handlers meeting (December 3rd); participated in the “*Tools and Technologies for HazMat Planning and Response*” webinar (December 3rd); facilitated the (nearly) monthly meetings of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (December 10th & January 14th); “observed” the Mosaic/Port Tampa Services full-scale exercise (December 10th); attended the HMEP Grant guidance meeting administered by FDEM staff at the NCFRPC (December 16th); participated in the HMEP/Planning & Training Template webinar hosted by FDEM staff (December 18th); attended the bi-monthly meeting of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee (January 13th); verified the “closed” status of the Unilever facility at the request of RMP staff (January 27th); conducted annual “*How-to-Comply/E-Plan Filing Instructions*” workshops (February 2nd & 3rd); attended Risk Management Plan Audit/Inspection of Sysco West Coast Florida, Inc. (February 10th) and FPL Manatee Plant Inc. (February 11th); attended the second annual “*Port Safety & Risk Management Summit*” at Tampa Cruise Terminal #3 (February 13th); and conducted an Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know presentation for the Southern Pressure Treaters Association at their Innisbrook Resort Conference (February 27th).