



## Tampa Bay LEPC (District 8)

### *HazMatters*

### March – May 2015

District 8 LEPC staff was involved in a number of activities during the quarter. Staff attended the SERC quarterly meetings held in Tallahassee at the Betty Easley Conference Center on April 9-10, 2015. The quarterly LEPC District 8 meeting was held on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

The LEPC's HMEP Planning Subcommittee (aka Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee – "FDPS") met on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting included a variety of discussions topics. While an overview of SERC and LEPC initiatives was provided, much of the meeting focused on defining the parameters of the LEPC's HMEP Planning project – Commodity Flow Study/Placard Survey. Each County Emergency Management staff identified their desired locations to collect data, data collection dates were established and volunteers were solicited/coordinated. Subsequently, all data collection associated with the Commodity Flow Study/Placard Survey will have been completed prior to the July SERC meeting. Based on population size and number of hazardous materials facilities, Hillsborough and Pinellas County were able to select two monitoring locations and Manatee and Pasco one location a piece. Each of the locations was scheduled to be monitored twice, on separate days. However, if the initial monitoring results were considerably lower than anticipated, as did occur at one Hillsborough and the Pasco County locations, the location could and was altered, as acknowledged as appropriate by FDEM staff. The data will next be compiled, analyzed, compared and prepared in report form to be provided to each County Emergency Management agency and the FDEM in accordance with HMEP Contract specifications. The Study will state the findings as well as identify applicable recommendations.

The LEPC's HMEP Training Subcommittee met on May 27<sup>th</sup> with the ambition of finalizing the LEPC's training expenditures for FY 2014-15 and to strategize the courses which are likely to be conducted during the FY 2015-16 HMEP cycle. Those expenditures included: attendance at the 2016 *Hazmat Symposium*; two 8-Hr. *Hazmat IQ* courses; a 40-Hr. *Marine Firefighting for Land-Based Firefighters* course; a 40-Hr. *Port Security* course; a 40-Hr. *Hazmedic* course; and a 8-Hr. *Chlorine Refresher* course.

The following HMEP training occurred within the District during the past quarter: seven students were funded to attend the 160-Hr. "*Hazmat Certification*" course held in association with St. Petersburg College; and three 8-Hr. "*Hazmat Spill/Leak Containment*" courses were conducted. It is anticipated that the 40-Hr. "*Hazmedic*" course, proposed for next quarter, will account for all remaining FY 2014-15 HMEP Training funds within the the District. With the recent addition of Hernando & Citrus Counties to the Tampa Bay LEPC District, it is anticipated that additional training funds will be solicited for these entities if an immediate training is needed, can be identified and can be provided in an expedient manner. LEPC staff will coordinate these efforts with these entities as well as with the appropriate FDEM staff.

In terms of miscellany, LEPC staff additionally: attended the bi-monthly Tampa Bay Spill Committee meetings (March 10<sup>th</sup> & May 12<sup>th</sup>); attended the U.S. Coast Guard's tri-annual Area Contingency Plan Subcommittee meeting (March 10<sup>th</sup>); facilitated the (nearly) monthly meetings of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (March 11<sup>th</sup> & April 8<sup>th</sup>); submitted the proposed "Commodity Flow Study" *Scope of Work* to the Florida Division of Emergency Management to serve as the FY 2014-15 HMEP Planning project (March 11<sup>th</sup>); attended the

(nearly) monthly Ammonia Handlers/Operators meeting (March 12<sup>th</sup> & April 24<sup>th</sup>), although a scheduling conflict precluded attendance at the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting; attended multiple planning meetings associated with the 2015 Port Tampa Safety & Fun Festival outreach initiative (March - May) as well as the event itself (May 16<sup>th</sup>); participated in the HMEP "Grant Expenditures Progress Call" administered by FDEM (March 16<sup>th</sup>); facilitated the (nearly) quarterly meeting of the Preventative Radiological Nuclear Detection Committee (March 16<sup>th</sup>); provided FDEM with a tentative listing of hazardous materials training courses to fund within the District under the anticipated FY 2015-16 HMEP Contract (March 20<sup>th</sup>); accompanied Hillsborough County staff on site visits associated with Section 302 Hazards Analyses facilities (April 23<sup>rd</sup>); accompanied FDEM staff to attend SEA-3 of Florida, Inc. (May 12<sup>th</sup>), Americold Tampa/Plant #80527 (May 13<sup>th</sup>) and Bayside Power Station (May 14<sup>th</sup>) Risk Management Plan Audits/Inspections; and conducted nine of the scheduled 12 days of data collection associated with the Commodity Flow Study/Placard Survey at ultimately eight locations (March - May).