



Tampa Bay LEPC (District 8)

HazMatters

June – August 2015

District 8 LEPC staff was involved in a number of activities during the quarter. Staff attended the SERC quarterly meetings held in Cocoa Beach at Hilton Oceanfront on July 16-17, 2015. The quarterly LEPC District 8 meeting was held on August 26th.

The LEPC's HMEP Planning Subcommittee (aka "Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee") met on July 22nd. The meeting included a variety of discussions topics. While an overview of SERC and LEPC initiatives was provided, much of the meeting focused on finalizing the monitoring and data presentation parameters associated with the Commodity Flow Study/Placard Survey, the Tampa Bay LEPC's HMEP Planning project for 2015. Representatives of the County Emergency Management agencies were integral in ultimately determining all monitoring parameters, including frequency, location and timing of data collection. Data presentation composition and format was discussed at great length as was the anticipated timeline for preparation.

The LEPC's HMEP Training Subcommittee met on August 26th to finalize the LEPC's FY 2014-15 HMEP Training expenditures and to refine the scheduling of courses for FY 2015-16. At the current time, it is anticipated that the 2015-16 training will include: 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. HMEP Training Subcommittee Chair James Johnston did advise Citrus and Hernando County officials that the LEPC will fund registration and lodging costs associated with sending four representatives from each of their jurisdictions to attend the 2016 Hazmat Symposium. The Counties were most grateful.

Utilizing FY 2014-15 HMEP Training funds, a 40-Hr. *Hazmedic* course was conducted on July 13-17, 2015 in a cost-share format with Pinellas County. Additionally, Tampa Bay LEPC staff recently solicited and obtained additional funding, previously earmarked for the Withlacoochee LEPC, in which to coordinate for the conduct three 8-Hr. *Hazardous Materials Incident Commander Street Level Command and Control* courses subsequently scheduled for September 28-30, 2015. Although representatives from throughout the District are/were invited, participation from the District's northernmost Counties (i.e. Citrus & Hernando) and the surrounding areas is being targeted.

In terms of miscellany, LEPC staff additionally: facilitated the (nearly) monthly meetings of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (June 10th, July 8th & August 12th); participated in the Hernando County Health Department exercise facilitated by Emergency Response Educators & Consultants (June 12th); facilitated the (nearly) quarterly meeting of the Preventative Nuclear Radiological Detection Committee (June 18th); submitted the annual Tampa Bay LEPC's *Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan* update (June 26th); attended the bi-monthly Tampa Bay Spill Committee meeting (July 14th); attended the U.S. Coast Guard's tri-annual Area Contingency Plan Subcommittee meeting (July 14th); facilitated a meeting of the Threats and Hazards Identification and Risk Assessment group (July 14th); accompanied TBRPC staff on a tour of Citrus County facilities/amenities (July 24th) and Hernando County facilities/amenities (August 28th) associated with the recent encumbrance of these Counties into the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council; attended the (nearly) monthly

meeting of the Ammonia Handlers/Operators (July 28th & August 25th); and participated in the HMEP status teleconference (August 4th) and the semi-quarterly Training Task Force teleconference (August 19th), both administered by FDEM staff.