



Tampa Bay LEPC *HazMatters* October - December 2015

Tampa Bay LEPC staff was involved in a number of activities during the quarter. Staff attended the SERC quarterly meetings held at the Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort in Miramar Beach, FL on October 8-9, 2015. The quarterly Tampa Bay LEPC meeting was held on November 18th.

The LEPC's HMEP Planning Subcommittee (aka "Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee") met on October 28th. This Subcommittee primarily functions to facilitate and assist with many of the planning endeavors conducted by the LEPC. As typical, the meeting included a variety of discussions topics. While an overview of SERC and LEPC initiatives are routinely provided, much of the meeting focused on the final Commodity Flow Study/Placard Survey work product and the next FDPS initiatives of updating the LEPC's *All Hazards Guide for Businesses: Planning for Risks* resource document to reflect the encumbrance of Citrus & Hernando Counties into the LEPC as well as the need to develop a single-page handout describing the role, responsibility and resources of the Tampa Bay LEPC. It is envisioned that this handout will be provided at all hazards analyses conducted districtwide, all Risk Management Planning audits/inspections attended and a variety of other events and occasions.

The LEPC's HMEP Training Subcommittee met on November 18th to refine the scheduling of courses associated with the FY 2015-16 HMEP Training contract. At the present time, it is anticipated that the 2015-16 training will include: a 40-Hr. *Marine Firefighting for Land-Based Firefighters* course; attendance at the 2016 *Hazmat Symposium*; two 8-Hr. *Hazmat IQ* courses; a 8-Hr. *Chlorine Refresher* course; a 40-Hr. *Hazmedic* course; and a 40-Hr. *Port Security* course. Additional FY 2014-15 HMEP Training funds were solicited and approved late in the year to conduct of a 16-Hr. *Assistant Safety Officer: Hazardous Materials* course on December 1-2, 2015 (for Hernando County Fire Rescue) and to purchase a trailer and three Chlorine training props (for Hillsborough County Fire Rescue). Delivery of the trailer, pictured to the right, occurred in early December and the three Chlorine training props by December 15th. Additional training conducted during the quarter consisted of sending ten selected representatives from various Hillsborough and Pinellas County fire departments to a 40-Hr. *Marine Firefighting for Land-Based Firefighters* held at the Resolve Marine Academy in Ft. Lauderdale on December 7-11, 2015. It is anticipated that the LEPC will fund 26 representatives Districtwide to attend the 2016 Hazmat Symposium in late January.



In terms of miscellany, LEPC staff additionally: attended the bi-monthly meetings of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee (November 10th); facilitated the (nearly) monthly meetings of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (October 14th & November 4th & December 9th); attended the (nearly) monthly meetings of the Ammonia Handlers/Operators (October 29th & December 1st); & conducted Hernando County Hazards Analyses with assistance from Treasure Coast LEPC staff (October 20th); attended the U.S. Coast Guard's tri-annual Area Contingency Plan Subcommittee meeting (November 10th); accompanied FDEM staff on the following Risk Management Plan audits/inspections – Trademark Nitrogen (November 17th), Tampa's Howard F. Curren

Wastewater Treatment Plant (November 19th), Tarpon Springs' Wastewater Facility (December 8, 2015) and Tarpon Springs' Keller Water Treatment Plant (December 10th). LEPC staff was unable to additionally attend the Mosaic's Hookers Point Ammonia Terminal (November 18th) & Coca-Cola Refreshments (December 9th) RMP visits due to scheduling conflicts; participated in the semi-quarterly Training Task Force teleconference (November 18th & December 16th), both administered by FDEM staff; attended the annual Tampa Cooperative Safety & Security Initiative Safety Luncheon (December 4th); attended the HMEP Guidance workshop held by FDEM at the ECFRPC offices (December 9th); and facilitated a (nearly) quarterly meeting of the Preventative Nuclear Radiological Detection Committee (December 10th).