



RECAP OF THE APRIL 13, 2018 STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION MEETING

The April 13, 2018 SERC meeting was held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in St. Augustine, FL. The Recap presented below was enhanced by discussions/dialogues which ensued at the April 12th meetings of SERC's Training Task Force and the LEPC Staff & Chairs. The SERC meeting was chaired by FDEP Director John Johnson. The meeting was punctually called to order at 10:00 a.m. and proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance and a roll call of SERC members.

MEMBER MOMENT

While the SERC had instituted a program whereby one SERC member each quarter provides a self-introduction on both a personal and professional level, no SERC member provided a "Member Moment" this quarter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 17, 2018 SERC meeting *Minutes* were approved unanimously upon voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEES APPOINTMENTS** - Chair Johnson requested approval of membership modifications sought by each of the LEPCs. SERC unanimously approved all proposed membership modifications upon voice vote. [The membership changes for the Tampa Bay LEPC approved during the quarter were the redesignation of Primary/Alternates for the Hillsborough County Fire Rescue (*Robert Collins/Holley Wade*), Citrus County Fire Rescue (*Lawrence White/Thomas Fletcher*) and Manatee County Emergency Management (*Jay "Steve" Litschauer/Sherilyn Burris*), as well as the initial "Alternate" appointments for Florida Department of Health (*Ashley Hoskins*) and Duke Energy (*Terese Dodge*)].
- **AUDIT/INSPECTION WORK PLAN FOR THE RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN (RMP) PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19** - FDEM Staff (Robert Dietrich) provided a proposed schedule of RMP audits/inspections for conduct during FY 2018-19. The proposed schedule of audits/inspections were approved unanimously by voice vote. While 42 inspections will be conducted for various RMP facility across the State during the current fiscal year, an increase from 30 in FY 2017-18, the following constitute the three RMP inspections scheduled for Tampa Bay LEPC District facilities:

DATE	FACILITY	COUNTY
March 12, 2019	Reddy Ice/Plant City	Hillsborough
March 13, 2019	Airgas USA LLC/Temple Terrace	Hillsborough
March 14, 2019	M&B Products/Temple Terrace	Hillsborough

REPORTS

- **SERC TRAINING TASK FORCE (TTF) REPORT** - The following highlights of the April 12th TTF meeting were identified by TTF Chair Matt Marshall:
 - **Off-Shore Hazmat Response.** Chief Mike Murphy identified that the initiative of enabling a joint response between the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and the local hazmat teams in combatting off-shore hazardous materials incidents is nearly complete. Federal dollars can be used to aid in such response but an Agreement needs to be formalized between the USCG and 28 individual regional hazmat teams from across the State rather than with the State. Redundant equipment and resources between the two or more teams that would be deployed must be considered and possibly eliminated since space may ultimately serve as a limiting factor when transported to the incident by helicopter or ship. Chief Murphy asked Robert Dietrich (FDEM) for a standard (or sample) FDEM Agreement that could be modified for these purposes. The initiative was intended to protect Florida waters within 12 miles of the coastline. A special thanks was extended to Forest Willis for all his efforts and persistence.
 - **Toxmedic Model Protocols.** It was indicated that the Toxmedic Model Protocols are in the need of updating. Jonathan Lamm agreed to spearhead this effort. While the “training” portion of the Toxmedic model protocols were obviously approved, Frank DeFrancesco questioned whether the “medical” portion of the protocols were ever formally approved since there are numerous Medical Directors throughout the State. Jonathan Lamm affirmed that it was approved by the State Medical Director.
 - **Hazmat Safety Officer/Hazmat Incident Officer Definitions.** Matt Marshall inquired whether it would be beneficial to establish a formal definition for “Hazmat Safety Officer” and “Hazmat Incident Officer”? Jonathan Lamm suggested leaving the terms to define these positions with their respective organization/agency. However, it was ultimately decided to “table” this item for future consideration and/or action.
 - **Hurricane Irma Effects.** FDEP staff member Domenic Leto Barone identified that there were concerns for an Anhydrous Ammonia tank in Tampa in association with Hurricane Irma. Power was out and back-up power supply was “questionable.” Product temperatures and pressure were being monitored. Vessels were not allowed to return back into Port until all Port capabilities were all checked. Jonathan Lamm identified water issues were experienced in Port Canaveral area. Fuel could not be dispatched to the area unless water was restored for potential fire protection. Restoration of water supply was given top priority so that fuel could be delivered at Port Canaveral.
 - **FirstNet.** Mike Murphy identified that the Governor recently signed an agreement to allow “FirstNet” to operate within Florida. FirstNet is an AT&T network whereby first responders would be provided priority line status in the event of a disaster, presuming that cell phone service remains available. AT&T agreed to provide the service for 25 years.

According to information obtained from the AT&T website “*AT&T has been selected by the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) to build and manage the first broadband network dedicated to America’s police, firefighters and emergency medical services (EMS). The FirstNet network will*

cover all 50 states, 5 U.S. territories and the District of Columbia, including rural communities and tribal lands in those states and territories.” Additionally, AT&T Global Public Sector President Kay Kapoor indicated that “there’s no connection more important than one that can save a life” and “FirstNet is unprecedented in its vision, scope and importance to our nation and the future of public safety communications. We’re honored to be selected for this historic and critical initiative.”

However, it must be recognized that some departments have pre-existing Contracts with Verizon and others which cannot simply be dismissed. FirstNet is a federal initiative, not Statewide. FirstNet to provide a presentation in conjunction with the July TTF and perhaps SERC meetings in Cocoa Beach.

- **Future TTF Conference Calls.** The next TTF conference calls have been scheduled for May 16th & June 13th, both at 2:00PM.
- **HAZARDS ANALYSIS WORKING GROUP REPORT.** Mr. Robert Dietrich announced that Mr. Dwayne Mundy was not present to provide an update. Robert Dietrich identified the following recent highlights and overview of recent Hazards Analyses Working Group (HAWG) activities:
 - for the benefit of the new SERC members, an overview of the Hazards Analyses process was provided;
 - Dwayne Mundy had formerly chaired Hazards Analyses Working Group for a number of years and has recently decided to step down from the Chair position. Jessica Sunday (West Florida LEPC Coordinator) and Zach Annett (Apalachee LEPC Coordinator) volunteered to be co-Chairs of the HAWG. As co-Chairs, they will host future conference calls and will brief SERC of progress at future meetings;
 - a current initiative of the HAWG will be to develop standardized procedures for conducting Hazards Analyses; and
 - part of annual fees imposed on chemical industry are used to fund this program.
- **UPDATE ON LEPC ACTIVITIES.** Sitting in for the Richard Delp as the LEPC representative on the SERC, Richard Knopp identified that all LEPC Chairs and staff are in support of the FirstNet initiative.

Mr. Knopp concluded his remarks by encouraging all SERC members to review the *Hazmatters* reports prepared by the LEPCs (for their respective Districts) that were included in the SERC Agenda materials.

The following was identified for the Tampa Bay LEPC District for the period of January - March 2018:

- Tampa Bay LEPC staff was involved in a number of activities during the quarter. Staff attended the SERC quarterly meetings held at the Plaza Resort & Spa in Daytona Beach, FL on January 16-17, 2018. The quarterly Tampa Bay LEPC meeting was held on February 28th at an off-site location - the Pinellas County Public Safety Complex.
- The Tampa Bay LEPC's HMEP Training Subcommittee also met on February 28th. The mission of the meeting was to discuss the training objectives and desires for the FY 2017-18 HMEP Training Contract.
- The following constitutes the training expenses which, at minimum, will be (or has been) requested by the Tampa Bay LEPC in association with the FY 2017-18 HMEP Training Contract: attendance of 24 to the 2018 Hazmat Symposium; attendance of firefighters to 160-Hr. Hazmat Technicians Certification courses (Hernando/ Manatee/Pasco/Pinellas Counties); Registration fees (\$30 each) & Exam fees (\$42 each) for most firefighters taking the 160-Hr. Hazmat Technician Certification course this year across the District (Hernando/Hillsborough/Pasco/Pinellas); 40-Hr. Shipboard Marine Firefighting course (Hillsborough); three 8-Hr. "The Art of Infrared Spectroscopy" courses (Manatee); 40-Hr.

Hazmat Medic course (Pinellas); three 8-Hr. Hazmat IQ courses (Pinellas); and a Decon course of undetermined length and/or frequency at this point (Pasco/Hernando).

- HMEP Training expenses incurred by the Tampa Bay LEPC during this quarter were limited to the funding for 24 to attend the 2018 Hazmat Symposium from all Counties Districtwide except Citrus. Citrus County was invited to attend but due to the timing associated with a change in administrative personnel, their participation and attendance could not be coordinated this year.
- Tampa Bay LEPC staff will be submitting the Hazmat Team Self-Assessment to all eight Hazmat Teams within the District, upon receipt, requesting their completion. Site visits were conducted in association with the following Hazmat Team Self-Assessments in 2017: Citrus County Fire Rescue, Hernando County Fire Rescue, Tampa Fire Rescue and the 48th Civil Support Team during 2016-17. Hazmat Team Self-Assessments site visits will be completed for the remaining Hazmat teams within the District prior to September 30, 2018 (i.e. Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, Southern Manatee Fire Rescue, Pasco County Fire Rescue and Pinellas County). This ambitious schedule clearly meets and exceeds the Florida State Fire College's request for assistance of the LEPCs to complete this task within their respective Districts over a "three- to four-year period."
- In terms of miscellany, LEPC staff and/or members additionally: attended the Sea-Level Rise/Climate Change Workshop held at the TBRPC offices (January 8th); attended the bi-monthly meeting of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee (January 9th & March 13th); facilitated the (nearly) monthly meeting of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (January 10th & March 14th); attended the (nearly) monthly meetings of Ammonia Handlers/Operators group (January 23rd, February 27th & March 27th); hosted the annual EPCRA How-to Comply Workshops (February 5th & 6th); participated in SERC's Training Task Force Conference Calls (February 14th); attended the Economic Development Administration's Economic Recovery & Resiliency Resources Workshop held in Crystal River (February 16th); accompanied FDEM staff in the conduct of a Risk Management Plan Audit/Inspection of Cutrale Citrus Juices USA in Dade City (February 22nd); facilitated and hosted a Preventative Radiological & Nuclear Detection Workshop (March 13th); attended the tri-annual meeting of the USCG's Area Contingency Planning Subcommittee (March 14th); and submitted the Tampa Bay LEPC's Hazmaters report & LEPC membership change requests to FDEM in association with the April 13, 2018 SERC meeting (March 14th).

SERC Member Chief Mike Murphy advised that the LEPC Staff/Chairs had unanimously voted to prepare and transmit a letter to FDEM recommending the appointment of single person to serve as a common grant coordinator (or "specialist") for all LEPCs in order to ensure consistency of reviews and requirements/submittals. Such correspondence will be directed to Robert Dietrich.

- **FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT.** As informational, Mr. Robert Dietrich indicated that the SERC Agenda materials contained numerous tables and graphs depicting program revenues over the past three years and expenditures over the past two years. The following reports were included as part of the Agenda materials:
 - Monthly RMP & EPCRA program revenue allocations since mid-FY 2015-16; and
 - Breakdown of General Appropriations and Expenditures by Category for the Hazardous Materials Planning and the Risk Management Planning Programs during FY 2016-17 and 2017-18 (through February 28, 2018).
- **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS REPORT.** As informational, Mr. Robert Dietrich indicated that detailed listings of Section 304 investigations, fixed facility and transportation-related hazardous materials incidents were prepared and included with the Agenda materials to describe incidents occurring between the period of December 1, 2017 - February 28, 2018. Such Reports included documentation of these incidents and portrayed the number of persons evacuated, injured or deceased down to LEPC District and ultimately County levels. These are all incidents reported to the State Watch Office and are broken down into different categories. Mr. Dietrich affirmed that there has been no major releases or anything catastrophic.

The following constitutes a consolidation of data associated with “*Transportation Incidents with Evacuations, Injuries and Deaths; Hazardous Materials Incidents with Evacuations, Injuries and Deaths [at fixed facilities]; and Potential Section 304 Investigations*”:

County	Date Released	Type	Chemical	Amount Released (Lbs.)	Business Type	# Evacuated	# Injured	# Fatalities
Citrus	NONE							
Hernando	NONE							
Hillsborough	12/06/17	304	Natural Gas	Unknown	Pipeline	N/A	N/A	N/A
	12/12/17	FF	Natural Gas or Propane	Unknown	School	1	0	0
	12/20/17	TR	Natural Gas	Unknown	Traffic Accident	1	0	0
	12/29/17	304	Sodium Hypochlorite	157	Seawater Desalinization	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2/21/18	304	“Liquid”	10	Transportation	N/A	N/A	N/A
Manatee	12/26/17	304	Sodium Hypochlorite	225	Water Treatment Plant	N/A	N/A	N/A
	1/11/18	304	Dry Sulfur	50-100	Traffic Accident	N/A	N/A	N/A
	1/21/18	TR	Diesel Fuel	555	Traffic Accident	0	1	0
Pasco	NONE							
Pinellas	1/23/18	304	Pesticide	3	Traffic Accident	N/A	N/A	N/A
	1/24/18	304	Hydraulic Oil	4	Marine Construction	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2/06/18	304	“Solution”	211	Water Treatment Chemicals	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2/27/18	304	Sodium Hypochlorite	40	“Support”	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL →						2	1	0

KEY: FF = Fixed Facility incident / TR - Transportation-related incident / 304 - Section 304 Investigation Launched

Robert Dietrich identified that when the reportable quantity has not been reached, the amount is typically specified as “unknown.” SERC member Mike Murphy inquired whether a column can be added to the tables to denote whether the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is involved with the release and the release could result in the potential implementation of a Supplemental Environmental Project(s) since “*many opportunities are lost each day due to the lack of SEPs.*” Robert Dietrich responded “yes.”

- **STAFF ACTIVITIES REPORT BY SECTION.** Mr. Robert Dietrich indicated that various graphics were provided within the SERC Agenda materials to depict various staff functions and initiatives.

Information was provided in the Agenda materials to portray:

- annual enumeration of Hazardous Materials incidents from 2002 to current;
- breakdown of statewide *Hazardous Materials Incident Reports* by LEPC District and type from December 1, 2017 - February 28, 2018;
- monthly enumeration of Hazardous Materials Incident Reports from January 2008 to current;
- quantification of *E-Plan Filings* for Year 2017 by LEPC District (as of March 5, 2018);

- monthly quantification of Technical Assistance calls received from March 1, 2017 - February 28, 2018; and
- annual enumeration of Chemical Data in E-Plan since 2011 in terms of the # of statewide facilities and # of chemicals as of March 5, 2018. Reporting Year 2017 Chemical data currently denotes 10,685 facilities in Florida with a total of 30,765 chemicals.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Florida Pipeline Emergency Response Initiative (PERI).** Mr. Jonathan Lamm indicated the inaugural meeting to discuss the Florida PERI initiative was held April 11th at the St. Johns EOC. This program has already been successfully implemented in Georgia and other States. The meeting was attended by James Kelly with the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, several representatives from the pipeline industry within SERC member Dan Calhoun, the Hazmat Symposium Committee, several LEPC representatives and others. The Mission Statement of the PERI program is to improve the *“ability of emergency responders to manage pipeline emergencies through improved training, cooperation and communication with pipeline operators.”* The program is a public-private partnership between first responders, pipeline operators and public officials in an effort to improve safety. The program is designed to enhance responders’ understanding of pipeline risks and hazards while recognizing differences that may exist across each State and the nation. Mr. Kelly acknowledged that 47,340 miles of pipeline exist within Florida and 90,475 miles of pipeline in Georgia. The current thought process was for this program to be introduced and administered by the Hazmat Symposium Committee since it is a pre-established entity, has an established network of contacts, currently operates as a 501(c)(3) and a variety of other reasons.

Mike Murphy emphasized that the involvement and support of the SERC representatives for the Natural Gas Industry (i.e. Dale Calhoun) and the Petroleum Industry (i.e. David Mica) can be pivotal to the success of the program. Mr. Murphy also expressed that this cannot become or be viewed as a mandate. Mr. Lamm concluded by stating that the next Florida PERI meeting will be held following the July 13th SERC meeting in Cocoa Beach and that *“everything will be transparent... nothing will be done behind closed doors”* as well as the fact that the program will be implemented slowly while *“building consensus”* all along the way.

- **Hazmat Team Self-Assessments.** Last year, each of the ten LEPCs embarked on assisting the Florida State Fire College (FSFC) by initiating a Hazmat Team Self-Assessment program within their own Districts on a three- to four-year rotational basis. Scott Chappell indicated that the FSFC is in the process of simplifying the survey, whereby one standardized/unified survey will be transmitted to all Type I **AND** Type II Teams, once again. Instruction will be provided for the Type II Teams to complete only a portion of the Survey. Unifying data and responses is essential to gauge the true capabilities in the State. As requested, the LEPCs will administer and collect the Surveys from ALL of their local hazmat teams again this year as well as perform on-site Hazmat Team Assessments for a portion of, if not all, the remaining Teams within their Districts in which an on-site Assessment was not performed last year.
- **2018 Hazmat Symposium Update.** As Symposium President, Jonathan Lamm reported that the 2018 Hazmat Symposium was a tremendous success, drawing larger numbers than ever before. The mission of the Symposium remains to provide quality training to first responders and industry partners. The 2018 event was held on January 16-19 in Daytona Beach. Mr. Lamm thanked the LEPCs, FDEM staff, members of the Hazmat Symposium Committee and the vendors which continue to contribute to the success of the annual event. [The Tampa Bay LEPC’s Sandy Brooking \(of Pinellas County Fire & EMS Administration\) serves as the Treasurer of the Hazmat Symposium Committee.](#)

COMMENTS

Robert Dietrich welcomed the new SERC members.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon identification of no more issues to be brought before the SERC, Acting Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting and advised that the next SERC meeting will be held on July 13, 2018 in Cocoa Beach. The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.