



Tampa Bay LEPC *HazMatters* 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 *Hazmatters* report & LEPC membership change requests to FDEM in association with the April 13, 2018 SERC meeting (March 14th).