



Tampa Bay LEPC *HazMatters* April - June 2018

Tampa Bay LEPC staff was involved in a number of activities during the quarter. Staff attended the SERC quarterly meetings held at the Hilton DoubleTree in St. Augustine, on April 12-13, 2018. The quarterly Tampa Bay LEPC meeting was held on May 23rd at the offices of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

The Tampa Bay LEPC's HMEP Training Subcommittee also met on May 23rd. The mission of the meeting was to designate the remaining FY 2017-18 HMEP training funds pursuant to the current HMEP 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); 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); one 8-Hr. *Hazmat IQ* course (Pinellas); three 8-Hr. *Riddle Me This* courses (Pinellas); one 16-Hr. *Hazmat Safety Officer/ Transportation* course (Hillsborough) and three 8-Hr. *Hazmat Competencies & Capabilities Assessment* course (Hernando).

HMEP Training expenses which will have been incurred by the Tampa Bay LEPC during this quarter were: a 160-Hr. *Hazmat Technician Certification* course/12 Students of Pasco County Fire Rescue (March 19th – May 18th); a 48-Hr. *Shipboard Marine Firefighting* course in Norfolk, VA/6 Students of Hillsborough County Fire Rescue (May 14-19); a 160-Hr. *Hazmat Technician Certification* course/60 Students of Hillsborough County Fire Rescue (March 18th – May 31st); three 8-Hr. *The Art of Infrared Spectroscopy* courses (June 12-14) in Manatee County; and a 40-Hr. *Hazmat Medic* course (June 25-29) in Pinellas County.

Tampa Bay LEPC staff will be submitting the revised Hazmat Team Self-Assessment survey to all eight local Hazmat Teams within the District, upon receipt, requesting their completion. Site visits will be conducted for the remaining Hazmat Teams which were not validated in 2017 by September 30, 2018 (i.e. Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, Southern Manatee Fire Rescue, Pasco County Fire Rescue and Pinellas County). Noting that all eight Tampa Bay Teams with full or partial hazmat team capabilities being assessed over a two-year period, 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.*" It is anticipated that this schedule will continue to be administered at the prescribed rotational basis.

In terms of miscellany, LEPC staff and/or members additionally: attended the Port Tampa Bay's Safety & Risk Mitigation Summit at Tampa Cruiseship Terminal #2 (April 4th); submitted HMEP Quarterly Report and reimbursement request to FDEM for period of Jan. 1 - March 31, 2018 (April 5th); facilitated the (nearly) monthly meetings of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (April 11th & June 13th); attended the State Emergency Response Commission quarterly meetings in St. Augustine (April 12-13); attended the (nearly) monthly meetings of Ammonia Handlers/Operators (April 17th & May 29th); submitted LEPC Quarterly Report and reimbursement request to FDEM for period of Jan. 1 - March 20, 2018 (April 18th); attended the bi-monthly

meeting of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee (May 8th); attended the FDOH/Hernando County “Point of Dispensing” (POD) workshop (May 10th); participated in the Training Task Force Conference call (May 16th & June 13th); hosted the HMEP Training Subcommittee quarterly meeting (May 23rd); hosted the quarterly meeting of the Tampa Bay LEPC (May 23rd); submitted of the updated *Tampa Bay LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan* (by June 30th); and had the annual EPCRA notice published in the local newspapers with verification provided to FDEM (by June 30th).