



Tampa Bay LEPC *HazMatters*

November - December 2018

Tampa Bay LEPC staff was involved in a number of activities during the quarter. LEPC staff had intended on attending the October 18-19, SERC quarterly meetings scheduled at the San Destin Golf Resort in Miramar Beach, FL. However, these meetings were cancelled on account of Hurricane Michael. Alternatively, the Florida Division of Emergency Management offered for the LEPCs to attend a meeting of another LEPC in order to capitalize on the quarterly travel expense component of the Contract. In this regard, Tampa Bay LEPC staff attended the December 6th meeting of the Southwest Florida LEPC held at Collier Fire Station 45 in Naples, FL. The quarterly meeting of the Tampa Bay LEPC meeting was held on November 28th at the offices of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

The Tampa Bay LEPC's HMEP Training Subcommittee also met on November 28th. The main objective of the meeting was to further strategize training objectives associated with the FY 2018-19 HMEP Training Contract. At the present time, it is anticipated that the following courses will be requested and pursued at minimum: attendance of 32 at the *2019 Hazmat Symposium* in Daytona Beach; three 8-Hr. *Hazmat IQ/Above-the-Line/Below-the-Line* Courses; (1 each in Hillsborough, Pasco & Hernando); attendance of eight at *160-Hr. Hazmat Technician Certification* courses (Hernando County); 40-Hr. *Off-Shore Marine Firefighting* course (Hillsborough County); attendance at 48-Hr. *Shipboard Marine Firefighting* in Norfolk, VA (Hillsborough County); potential conduct of two 40-Hr. *Hazmat Medic* courses (Pinellas & Manatee Counties); and potential conduct of six 8-Hr. *Hazmat Technician Capabilities Evaluation* courses (Pinellas & Manatee Counties).

The following training expenses were incurred by the Tampa Bay LEPC during this quarter: funded six (of 24) students from the Pinellas County Hazmat Team to attend the 160-Hr. *Hazmat Technician Certification* course. The course was instructed at St. Petersburg College.

Tampa Bay LEPC staff and volunteer hazmat team members did transmit the *Hazmat Team Self-Assessment* survey for completion by all eight local Hazmat Teams within the District. All surveys were collected and result validation visits were administered for Southern Manatee Fire Rescue, Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, the Pinellas County Hazmat Team and Pasco County Fire Rescue. Final documentation is currently being prepared and will be placed on a thumb drive prior to delivery to the Florida State Fire College (i.e. Mr. Scott Chappell) in advance of (or in conjunction with) the January 2019 SERC meetings. The Tampa Bay LEPC has administered four validation site visits each of the last two years to address all eight local teams. It is the Tampa Bay LEPC's intent not to conduct any such visits in 2019 but will resume the established visitation schedule in 2020. This schedule does meet/exceed the request to conduct such site visits "*on a three- to four-year rotational basis.*"

In terms of miscellany, LEPC staff and/or members additionally: conducted validations of Self-Assessments for Hillsborough County Fire Rescue (October 1st) & Pasco County Fire (November 20th); LEPC member(s) attended/observed Kinder Morgan's annual butane drill (October 10th); facilitated the (nearly) monthly meetings of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (October 10th, November 14th & December 12th); attended the (nearly) monthly meeting of Ammonia Handlers/Operators (October 23rd & November 27th); conducted a

meeting of the LEPC's Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (October 24th); submitted Invoicing for six HMEP projects and 1st Quarter LEPC Staff Services Report to FDEM (by October 30th); provided listing of LEPC Activities to members of the TBRPC (November 5th & December 12th); attended the bi-monthly meeting of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee (November 13th); attended the triennial meeting of the U.S. Coast Guard's Area Contingency Planning Subcommittee (November 13th); hosted the Tampa Bay LEPC's HMEP Training Subcommittee quarterly meeting (November 28th); will submit reimbursement request for 160-Hr. Hazmat Technician Course & FY 2017-18 HMEP Contract "Closeout" documentation to the Florida Division of Emergency Management (by December 14th); will coordinate with East Central Florida LEPC Coordinator on attendees of the 2019 Hazmat Symposium from the Tampa Bay LEPC District and request one check to cover all their registration costs (December 21st); and will prepare final deliverables of the 2018 Hazardous Materials Self-Assessments for the Florida State Fire College (by December 28th).