



Tampa Bay LEPC *HazMatters* January – March 2019

Tampa Bay LEPC staff was involved in a number of activities during the quarter. LEPC staff and Chair attended the January 22-23, 2019 SERC quarterly meetings at the Plaza Resort & Spa in Daytona Beach. The quarterly meeting of the Tampa Bay LEPC meeting was held on February 27th at the offices of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

The Tampa Bay LEPC's HMEP Training Subcommittee also met on February 27. The main objective of the meeting was to further strategize training objectives associated with the FY 2018-19 HMEP Training Contract. Aside from the sponsorship of 32 to attend the *2019 Hazmat Symposium* from the Tampa Bay LEPC District at the January 22-25, 2018 event, it is anticipated that the following courses will be requested and pursued at minimum: three consecutive 8-Hr. *Hazmat IQ: Above-the-Line/Below-the-Line* Courses; (1 each in Hillsborough, Pasco & Hernando); attendance of three at *160-Hr. Hazmat Technician Certification* course (Hernando County); *40-Hr. Off-Shore Marine Firefighting* course (Hillsborough County); attendance at *48-Hr. Shipboard Marine Firefighting* in Norfolk, VA (Hillsborough County); conduct of two *40-Hr. Hazmat Medic* courses (Pinellas & Manatee Counties); and potential conduct of three-day *8-Hr. Hazmat Technician Capabilities Evaluation* courses (Pinellas & Manatee Counties).

The following training expenses were incurred by the Tampa Bay LEPC during this quarter: sponsored 32 to attend the 2019 Hazmat Symposium from the Tampa Bay LEPC District at an approximate cost of \$16,500. The LEPC funded four each to attend from Citrus County Fire Rescue, Hernando County Fire Rescue, Southern Manatee Fire Rescue and Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, six from Pasco County Fire Rescue, eight from the Pinellas County Hazmat Team and two from Tampa Fire Rescue.

Ms. Hallie Calig of the City of Tampa Office of Environmental Protection was the recipient of the 2018 Thomas Yatabe Award for the Tampa Bay LEPC District. Her nomination read as follows: *Ms. Calig is an Environmental Specialist whose organizational mission is to promote environmentally safe, time responsive, and cost effective collection, disposal and recycling services for nearly 90,000 residential and commercial customers. She has been with the OEP for over 33 years and specializes in Hazmat of petroleum tanks for the city and the regulatory compliance with tanks and petroleum contamination. She inspects the city-owned (approximately 100) tanks and conducts tests with release detection equipment and distributes the test results to other city agencies. The tanks include vehicular, jet fuel, generator, and all regulated petroleum tanks and in this she works closely with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. She deals on a daily basis with the infrastructure of the City of Tampa and writes the Spill Prevention and Control*



Countermeasures Plans and is a highly regarded expert in her field. Ms Calig has been faithfully dedicated to the Tampa Bay LEPC since joining in 1992. She will be missed!!!

Tampa Bay LEPC staff and volunteer hazmat team members did collect Hazmat Team Self-Assessment Surveys for the eight local hazmat teams in late-2018 and conducted validation sites visits associated with Southern Manatee Fire Rescue, Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, Pasco County Fire Rescue and the Pinellas County Hazmat Team. All deliverables were transmitted to Mr. Scott Chappell of the Florida State Fire College on December 28th for data consolidation. The Tampa Bay LEPC had administered four validation site visits in 2017 and four in 2018 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: facilitated a meeting of the Southeast National Guard (January 8th); attended the bi-monthly meeting of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee (January 8th & March 12th); facilitated the (nearly) monthly meeting of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (January 9th & March 13th); provided a listing of *LEPC Activities/Initiatives* and/or *LEPC and SERC Recaps* to members of the TBRPC (February 11th & March 11th); attended the (nearly) monthly meeting of Ammonia Handlers/Operators (January 31st & February 28th); conducted Emergency Planning & Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) How-to-Comply/E-Plan Filing Guidance workshops at the offices of TBRPC (February 4th & 5th) which drew the attendance of 53, representing 32 different agencies, companies and/or facilities; submitted the *Plan of Instructions* seeking authorization for use of FY 2018-19 HMEP funding for the 160-Hr. Hazmat Technician Certification course proposed for three students of Hernando County Fire Rescue on February 11 - April 1 (February 7th); participated in SERC's *Training Task Force* teleconferences (February 20th & March 20th); attended the *Initial Planning Meeting* and the Mid-Term Planning Meeting in association with the Tampa Bay LEPC's regional hazmat exercise tentatively scheduled to be conducted in mid- to late-May 2019 (February 28th & March 27th, respectively); provided Tampa Bay LEPC membership changes & *Hazmat* report to FDEM for inclusion in April 19th SERC meeting Agenda materials (March 11th); and attended the Risk Management Audits/Inspections conducted by FDEM staff for Reddy Ice/Plant City (March 12th), Airgas USA LLC/Temple Terrace (March 13th) and M&B Products/Temple Terrace (March 14th).