



## RECAP OF THE APRIL 19, 2019 STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION MEETING

The April 19, 2019 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) meeting was held at the St. Augustine Historic District Hilton Double Tree Hotel. The Recap presented below was enhanced by discussions/dialogues which ensued at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meetings of SERC's Training Task Force and the LEPC Staff & Chairs. The SERC meeting was chaired by newly-appointed Deputy Director FDEM/SERT Chief Kevin Guthrie. 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 - Amanda Bowen/CEO & Executive Director of Manufacturers Association

Ms. Bowen advised that she and the Manufacturers Association promote responsible hazmat handling. Not only required by federal law but also to ensure the safety of first responders and the communities. How can we better blend industry and Emergency Management? Opportunity to dig deeper into industry from submarines to aerospace, including mom and pop shops. Let them know what responsibilities they have. Ms. Bowen closed by encouraging all to share and identify any outreach needed.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Following no requests for modification(s), Chair Guthrie solicited a motion to approve the *Minutes* from the January 23, 2019 SERC meeting held at the Plaza Resort & Spa in Daytona Beach. Following a motion made by SERC member Richard Delp and a second by SERC member Larry McIntyre, the January 23, 2019 SERC meeting *Minutes* were approved unanimously upon voice vote.

### NEW BUSINESS

- **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEES APPOINTMENTS** - Chair Guthrie indicated that the LEPC membership modifications being requested by the LEPCs are/were included in the SERC packet. Following a motion and a second made by SERC members, all LEPC membership changes were approved unanimously upon voice vote. [The membership changes for the Tampa Bay LEPC approved during the quarter were the redesignation of Primaries/Alternates for Pasco County Fire Rescue (*William Lingo/Walter Lewellen*) as well as the redesignations of Alternates for the Tampa Bay Times (*Marcel Bowen*) and Pasco County Emergency Management (*Courtney Wildes*). In addition, City of Tampa/Office of Environmental Coordination (*Hallie Calig*) was removed from the LEPC membership in conjunction to coincide with Ms. Calig's recent retirement.]
- **AUDIT/INSPECTION WORK PLAN FOR THE RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN (RMP) PROGRAM FOR FY 2019-20** - FDEM Staff (Robert Dietrich) provided a proposed schedule of RMP audits/inspections for conduct during FY 2019-20. The proposed schedule of audits/inspections were approved unanimously by voice vote. While 53 inspections will be conducted for various RMP facility across the State during the current fiscal year, an increase of 11 facilities in comparison with the FY 2018-19 schedule.

The following constitute the six RMP inspections scheduled for Tampa Bay LEPC District facilities:

| DATE              | FACILITY  | COUNTY       |
|-------------------|---|--------------|
| June 18, 2019     | Brenntag Mid-South/Tampa                                | Hillsborough |
| June 19, 2019     | Kinder Morgan CFPL - Tampa Terminal/Tampa               | Hillsborough |
| June 20, 2019     | Tampa LP Terminal/Tampa                                 | Hillsborough |
| February 11, 2020 | City of Dunedin Water Treatment Plant/Dunedin           | Pinellas     |
| February 12, 2020 | City of Dunedin Wastewater Treatment Plant/Dunedin      | Pinellas     |
| February 13, 2020 | Cosme Water Treatment Plant/Unincorporated Hillsborough | Hillsborough |

## REPORTS

- **SERC TRAINING TASK FORCE (TTF) REPORT** - The following highlights of the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were identified by present TTF Chair Matt Marshall:

- **FEMA Team Typing.** Capt. Frank DeFrancesco indicated that numerous comments were received regarding Mutual Aid requests etc. and the fact that Hazmat Technicians should be able to fill multiple roles. When assisting FEMA with Mutual Aid & Deployments, the Teams should send “*the most qualified person(s), not the rookies.*” SERC Chair/FDEM Deputy Director Kevin Guthrie added that Hazmat Teams will be integrated with each USAR team when deployed to all future disaster responses in order to ensure sufficient capabilities and adequate supplies in all affected areas.
- **Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs)/Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).** Capt. DeFrancesco advised that the first six SOGs/SOPs topics (of 19 or so) have been finalized by Subject Matter Experts regarding of each respective topic. Those SOGs/SOPs were for the following topics:

*Hazmat Medical Support*  
*Field Analysis of Unidentified Potentially Hazardous Materials*  
*Flaring of Liquefied Petroleum Gases (LPG)*  
*Toxic Materials, Poisons & Pesticides*  
*Drums & Abandoned Containers*  
*Biomedical or Biological Waste*

It was requested that authorization to release and distribute these updated SOGs/SOPs be solicited from the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) in conjunction with their April 19, 2019 meeting. **The SERC unanimously approved the request to authorize distribution of the six SOGs/SOPs that have been updated, as identified above.**

- **Marine SOGs/SOPs & Potential (future) Marine Firefighting Training.** Forest Willis mentioned that the United States Coast Guard created a policy in 2004 whereby a ship/vessel on fire cannot go the Ports for marine firefighting response. The topics of how the USCG would be compensated

for such a response and who would partner with USCG on the response are still being addressed. Need training for consolidation and coordination of partnerships.

Containers vessel typically carry mixed cargo. However, it is commonly understood that the actual cargo is not always accurately reported on the Manifest since the duty fees/charges may vary greatly based on the actual product being shipped/transported. It must also be noted that not only is cargo a potential hazmat issue so are the ship's supplies. While the local jurisdiction will always be responsible for marine firefighting response, the Coast Guard will always get involved if Life Safety issues are present. Regardless of whether or not the incident was Terrorism/WMD related, the incident still needs to be addressed. Weather, Tides, Currents and bottom conditions would/could all impact hazmat response. Communications and language barriers may be issues aboard a ship. Responders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with all aspects of vessels in advance since you do not know when and where an incident is likely to occur. IF incident occurs in a local Port, commerce in that Port may shut down for up to two years if vessel sinks and the vessel would need to be raised and removed since they all operate in single channels. There is a distinct possibility that Tri-State Maritime Association can assist NOVA in developing and providing the requested Marine Firefighting for Land-Based Firefighting curriculum. Any/all future training can/should be tailored to the various level of responders. May get appropriate personnel from South Florida, Tampa/Hillsborough & Jacksonville together to assist in the development of future marine firefighting curriculum.

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|  | <b>Tri-state Maritime Safety Assn.</b><br><b>A Public/Private Partnership</b>            |
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A motion was made to request that SERC to write a letter to NOVA. **Following a motion and a second by SERC members, the motion carried unanimously for SERC staff to prepare and transmit a letter to NOVA requesting their consideration to develop a local Marine Firefighting for Land-Based Firefighters curriculum and program.**

- **Potential Conflict of Training Task Force (TTF) Membership.** Kevin Guthrie expressed FDEM Legal Counsel's concern regarding the potential appearance of a conflict of interest presented by several members of the TTF. A conflict may be perceived if one (or more) of the TTF members could personally stand to benefit from future training opportunities resulting from a recommendation made by the TTF. While it was acknowledged that the TTF does not unilaterally approve any action, some items are brought before SERC for their endorsement/support/approval as they are advised of all TTF initiatives. Following an outpouring of support by and for the present-day TTF membership, Chair Guthrie indicated that this issue will be re-evaluated and re-evaluated by FDEM Legal Counsel. Initially, it had been announced that TTF Chair Matt Marshall would be "stepping down" from his position and TTF membership as well as other TTF members with potential conflicts. However, this issue is now being called into question and will be further addressed in conjunction with the July 2019 TTF meeting, if not sooner...
- **Domestic Security Oversight Committee (DSOC) Membership Composition.** One attendee inquired whether there was a possibility of adjusting the membership associated with the DSOC to reflect representation comprised of about one-third from (each) law enforcement, firefighting

and emergency management in order to increase the likelihood of comparable funding for each of these disciplines. It was acknowledged that the current membership is comprised of ≈70 percent law enforcement and the remaining ≈30 percent being firefighters and/or emergency management personnel. John Kohnke indicated that the membership composition cannot be mandated and that “*only time will tell.*”

- **Future TTF Conference Calls.** The next TTF conference calls have were scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> & June 12<sup>th</sup>, each starting at 1:30 PM EST.
- **HAZARDS ANALYSIS WORKING GROUP (HAWG) REPORT.** Chair Zach Annett identified the current HAWG initiative remains to develop and standardize a Hazards Analysis guidance document to advise personnel conducting the analyses as well as for the facilities to inform them as to how/why the Hazards Analysis process was developed and information is utilized. FDEM staff will take a “more active” role in the mission of the HAWG. The standardization is likely to include universal symbols to be applied to Site Plans. Bottom line, the analyses data must be accurate and through prior to distribution to first responders. That is the intent of the whole program. While HAWG continues to solicit any suggested improvements to the HA Program, Mr. Robert Dietrich did recognize that Mr. Joe Mastandrea (Hillsborough County Office of Emergency Management) was been a great statewide asset for all of his efforts and his willingness to be involved.
- **UPDATE ON LEPC ACTIVITIES.** Mr. Richard Delp provided the following highlights of yesterday’s meeting of the LEPC Staff/Chairs:
  - **LEPC Contracts.** Extensive discussion ensued about the draft FY 2019-20 LEPC Staff Services Contract which was recently circulated. Much of the discussion focused on the potential requirements associated with the LEPC administering the conduct of annual exercise(s). In particular, how many would be required and what type of exercise (i.e. full-scale, functional or tabletop). While the ***DRAFT*** language would require conduct of “one full-scale” OR “four tabletops” annually, FDEM has indicated that they will reconsider the requirement based on the input provided by the various LEPC staffs. As presented in the ***DRAFT*** Contract, exercise(s) must be HSEEP compliant and include the following documentation: “*Situation Manual, Exercise Plan, Controller and Evaluator Handbook, Master Scenario Events List, Player Handbook, Exercise Evaluation Guides, an After Action Report/Improvement Plan, Sign-In Sheets and Agendas.*” Noting that the exercise component yields such a large portion of the Contract value, it was suggested that each LEPC pre-coordinate their proposed exercise scenarios and details with their FDEM Contract Manager (i.e. Isabell Parker or Donna Ray) in order to determine the extent of acceptance.
  - **Future Awards.** The LEPC Chairs/Coordinators have agreed to determine criteria for a *Lifetime Achievement Award*, solicit nominations associated with the *Thomas Yatabe Awards* for each of the various agencies comprising the SERC and any additional recognition to be provided in the future. **Following a motion and a second by SERC members, the motion carried unanimously for the LEPC Chairs/Coordinators to perform these functions.**
  - **Hazmatters Reports.** Mr. Delp concluded his remarks by encouraging SERC members to review the Hazmatters reports contained in the SERC Agenda materials to find out the activities and training being provided all across the State.

The following was identified for the Tampa Bay LEPC District for the period of January - March 2019 within the Agenda materials:

- 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 8<sup>th</sup>); attended the bi-monthly meeting of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee (January 8<sup>th</sup> & March 12<sup>th</sup>); facilitated the (nearly) monthly meeting of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (January 9<sup>th</sup> & March 13<sup>th</sup>); provided a listing of LEPC Activities/Initiatives and/or LEPC and SERC Recaps to members of the TBRPC (February 11<sup>th</sup> & March 11<sup>th</sup>); attended the (nearly) monthly meeting of Ammonia Handlers/Operators (January 31<sup>st</sup> & February 28<sup>th</sup>); conducted Emergency Planning & Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) How-to-Comply/E-Plan Filing Guidance workshops at the offices of TBRPC (February 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>) 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 7<sup>th</sup>); participated in SERC's Training Task Force teleconferences (February 20<sup>th</sup> & March 20<sup>th</sup>); 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 28<sup>th</sup> & March 27<sup>th</sup>, respectively); provided Tampa Bay LEPC membership changes & Hazmatters report to FDEM for inclusion in April 19<sup>th</sup> SERC meeting Agenda materials (March 11<sup>th</sup>); and attended the Risk Management Audits/Inspections conducted by FDEM staff for Reddy Ice/Plant City (March 12<sup>th</sup>), Airgas USA LLC/Temple Terrace (March 13<sup>th</sup>) and M&B Products/Temple Terrace (March 14<sup>th</sup>).

- **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. For the benefit of several new SERC members, Mr. Dietrich provided an overview of all programs administered by the Technical Hazards section.

The following reports were included as part of the Agenda materials:

- Monthly RMP & EPCRA program revenue allocations since mid-FY 2016-17; and
- Breakdown of General Appropriations and Expenditures by Category for the Hazardous Materials Planning and the Risk Management Planning Programs during FY 2017-18 and 2018-19 (through February 28, 2019).

- **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, 2018 - February 28, 2019. 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 nor seeing any upticks/increases or recent trends. Mr. Chris Stevens these Reports based on calls to the State Watch Office. They are routinely shared with the LEPCs & EPA.

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 | 1/19/19       | TR     | Oil  | 22                     | Traffic Accident          | 0           | 1         | 0            |
|              | 2/20/19       | 304/FF | Nitric Acid/<br>Phosphoric Acid/<br>Dodecylbenzene-sulfonic Acid | 685<br>4,230<br>1,485  | Milk Production           | N/A         | N/A       | N/A          |
|              | 2/26/19       | 304/TR | Natural Gas  | Unknown                | Traffic Accident/Pipeline | 1           | 0         | 0            |

| County         | Date Released | Type   | Chemical                                    | Amount Released (Lbs.)  | Business Type         | # Evacuated | # Injured | # Fatalities |
|----------------|---------------|--------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| Manatee        | 12/13/18      | TR     | Diesel Fuel/Oil                             | Unknown                 | Maritime Accident     | 0           | 0         | 1            |
|                | 2/10/19       | TR     | Gasoline                                    | Unknown                 | Traffic Accident      | 0           | 2         | 0            |
| Pasco          | 12/07/18      | 304/FF | Bleach Substance                            | Unknown                 | School                | N/A         | N/A       | N/A          |
|                | 12/17/18      | 304/TR | Hydrochlorite/Bromine Tablets/Muriatic Acid | Unknown/Unknown/Unknown | Traffic Accident      | N/A         | N/A       | N/A          |
|                | 12/19/18      | FF     | Natural Gas                                 | Unknown                 | Pipeline/Construction | 15          | 0         | 0            |
|                | 1/02/19       | FF     | Carbon Monoxide                             | Unknown                 | Ice Rink              | 1           | 0         | 0            |
| Pinellas       | 12/03/18      | FF     | Natural Gas                                 | Unknown                 | Pipeline/Construction | 2           | 0         | 0            |
|                | 12/12/18      | TR     | Diesel Fuel                                 | 555                     | Traffic Accident      | 0           | 1         | 0            |
|                | 1/30/19       | TR     | Gasoline                                    | Unknown                 | Traffic Accident      | 0           | 2         | 0            |
| <b>TOTAL →</b> |               |        |   |                         |                       | <b>19</b>   | <b>6</b>  | <b>1</b>     |

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 or cannot be determined, the amount is typically specified as “unknown.”

- **STAFF ACTIVITIES & REPORT BY SECTION.** Mr. Robert Dietrich previously provided an overview of: what the FDEM/Technological Hazards Unit does, including descriptions of Tier II, RMP, TRI-Toxic Inventory (TRI) and the Radiological Emergency Preparedness Programs; the role of the SERCs and LEPCs; the purpose of the *Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act* (EPCRA); applicable Statutory references; and funding revenues. Mr. Dietrich had also discussed the E-Plan filing program and recognized that the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) maintains the E-Plan database. The E-Plan program has been designed for the ease of chemical facilities to upload their annual hazardous materials inventories and information annually and the first responders have instantaneous access to this data, including facility contact information, for all facilities throughout the state. This inevitably will save lives and time in response to chemical incidents.

Information was provided in the Agenda materials to portray:

- breakdown of statewide *Hazardous Materials Incident Reports* by LEPC District and type from December 1, 2018 - February 28, 2019;
- sum of Hazmat Releases annually from 2002 to present;
- monthly enumeration of Hazardous Materials Incident Reports from January 2009 to present;
- quantification of *E-Plan Filings* for Year 2018 by LEPC District (1,881 filings within the Tampa Bay LEPC District and 11,478 total filings Statewide as of March 3, 2019);
- monthly quantification of EPCRA Filing/Technical Assistance calls received from January 1 - December 21, 2018; and

- annual enumeration of Chemical Data in E-Plan since 2012 in terms of the # of statewide facilities and # of chemicals as of February 28, 2019. Reporting Year 2018 Chemical data presently denotes 11,478 facilities in Florida with a total of 33,105 chemicals as compared to the 12,227 facilities and 34,174 chemicals reported for 2017.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- **2018 Hazmat Team Assessment Process.** Mr. Scott Chappell acknowledged that the Hazmat Teams throughout the state of Florida are requested to complete a *Hazmat Team Self-Assessment Survey* annually to describe their Team’s capabilities and resources. The results of the Assessment are verified through an in-person site visit/verification performed by their respective LEPC staff and/or Hazmat Technician(s) from an adjacent jurisdiction on a 3-4 year rotational basis. While Scott Chappell indicated that the 2018 results of the in-person validations varied greatly, the observed disparities may be somewhat attributable to the thoroughness of the assessor(s). In association with the April 18<sup>th</sup> TTF meeting, Kevin Guthrie did propose several options in order to ensure that all inspections can be consistently and punctually applied every five years, potentially obtaining baseline data as early as 2020. The following constitute an overview and consensus of each proposal:

| EVALUATION PERFORMED BY                                  | DETERMINATION  |
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| <i>“Third Party”</i>                                     | Would not be cost effective and the associated funding would be better spend acquiring additional Hazmat Team resources.   |
| <i>“Reciprocating Agreement” with another State</i>      | Too many unknowns. Would not be cost effective since there are more than 50 Hazmat Teams in Florida and an unknown number of Hazmat teams in other potentially “reciprocating” states. In addition, it is unclear whether similar Surveys are even being completed nationally in which to perform a validation. Since Hazmat Technicians are typically the ones conducting the Assessments in Florida, their availability and time should not be assumed in order for them to travel to other state(s) to perform this function. |
| Staff of Neighboring LEPC District                       | While LEPC staff could certainly organize such an endeavor, Florida's Hazmat Technicians are actually the ones conducting the Assessments. Their availability and time should not be assumed.  |
| <i>“Temporary” Employee(s) to be hired as FDEM Staff</i> | Prospective employee(s) could be easily trained to perform this task every five years. The advantage to this proposal is that all evaluations would be by the same individual(s) for consistency purposes, there would not be any additional burden placed on the local Hazmat Teams and, noting that the position is only temporary, it would be cost-effective.  |

- **2019 HAZMAT SYMPOSIUM UPDATE.** Chief Jonathan Lamm provided the following statistics/tidbits associated with the 2019 Hazmat Symposium:
  - ➔ 441 attended in the “student” capacity, there were 40 Command staff facilitating the event, there were 82 instructors and 30 vendor spots with 40 vendors (594 total registrants).

- There were 57 training sessions, 190 hours of training and 82 instructors associated with the 2019 Hazmat Symposium.
  - Attendance grew by ≈27 percent in comparison with attendance at the 2018 Hazmat Symposium;
  - At least a dozen states sent representative(s) to the Symposium training and/or Hazmat Teams competition. One attendee even traveled from Argentina.
  - Instructors came from various states including New York, California and even Alaska.
  - Since word has been getting out about the quality of training offered at the Symposium, annual attendance has grown considerably.
  - Volusia County continues to provide the use of their Training Grounds and personnel for the Symposium.
  - More than \$68K of HMEP funding was utilized to send 349 first responders, exclusive of lodging, travel and/or Per Diem expenses. In addition, FDEM continues to contribute \$35K annually towards the event.
  - The Hazmat Teams competition fielded 12 teams to compete in hazardous materials response. Delray Beach Fire Rescue won the top Hazmat Response Team Award. However, it is hereby noted that FF Tyler Olive (of Pinellas County Hazmat Team) did win the “*Modified Cornhole*” competition.
  - The Opening Ceremonies speaker was retired Colonel Danny McKnight, whose military career included combat duty on two occasions – Panama 1989 and Somalia 1993 (basis for the Book and Movie “Black Hawk Down”). Col. McKnight spoke about leadership.
  - Leadership awards were presented to Lt. Butch Loudermilk (Seminole County Fire Rescue) and Batt. Chief Jason Castelli (Volusia County Fire Rescue). Unfortunately, Batt. Chief Castelli did pass away earlier this year.
  - A member of the Florida State Fire College has been added to the Symposium leadership team to ensure the application of proper training credits.
  - It was announced that recently-retired Chief Richard Knoff will serve as the Incident Commander for the 2020 Hazmat Symposium.
  - In closure, Jonathan Lamm mentioned that planning for the 2020 Hazmat Symposium has already commenced. The Symposium will be hosted on January 21-24, 2020.
- **FLORIDA PIPELINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE INITIATIVE (PERI).** Chief Jonathan Lamm provided an overview of Florida PERI Initiative. While James Kelly (PHMSA) initially promoted the Georgia PERI program to various LEPC members and the SERC, Florida saw it as a great opportunity to adopt a similar program and tailor it to our needs. Florida Hazmat Symposium staff has worked diligently with SERC member Dale Calhoun (Liquified Petroleum Gas Industry) to develop. Mr. Calhoun now serves as a Board member for the Symposium. The Florida Hazmat Symposium recently signed a MOU with Florida Pipeline Gas regarding Florida PERI and, as a result, six different instructors from the Gas Industry held courses in association with the 2019 Hazmat Symposium. James Kelly has subsequently acknowledged that the Florida program is now one of the best throughout the Country. Florida PERI representatives have been asked to provide an overview of their program next month in Reno in conjunction with the National Association of Sara Title III Program Official’s (NASTTPO) annual Conference.

## COMMENTS

- **SERC Member/Chief Mike Murphy made a motion to support FDEM’s proposed FY 2019-20 budget. Following a second from another SERC member, the motion was approved unanimously upon voice vote.**

- Kevin Guthrie announced that, as Chair, he has elected to move the start time associated with all future SERC quarterly meetings, **other than the annual January meetings**, from 10:00 to 9:00 AM.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon identification of no more issues to be brought before the SERC, Chair Guthrie adjourned the meeting at 11:12 P.M. and announced that the next SERC meeting will be held on July 19, 2019 at a location to be determined in (or near) Sarasota.