



Tampa Bay LEPC *HazMatters* July-September 2019

Tampa Bay LEPC staff was involved in a number of activities during the quarter. LEPC staff and Chair attended the July 18-19, 2019 SERC quarterly meetings held at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota. The quarterly meeting of the Tampa Bay LEPC meeting was held on August 28th at the offices of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

The Tampa Bay LEPC's HMEP Training Subcommittee also met on August 28th. The main objective of this meeting was to strategize final training expenditures associated with the FY 2018-19 HMEP Training Contract and to initiate identification of training needs and expenditures associated with the FY 2019-20 HMEP Training Contract.

The following training expenses were incurred by the Tampa Bay LEPC sponsored the following courses during the 4th Quarter: three 8-Hr. *Hazmat Technician Capabilities Evaluations* courses for Manatee County on July 29-31; one 40-Hr. *Hazmat Medic* course for Pinellas County on August 19-23; three 8-Hr. *Hazmat Technician Capabilities Evaluations* courses for Pinellas County on August 27-29; and six 4-Hr. *Air Monitoring Strategies & Tactics* courses (3 each in Manatee County & the City of Tampa) on September 23-25. In addition, the Tampa Bay LEPC is currently attempting to solicit a limited amount of additional funding from FDEM in order to acquire a *DOT-406 Tank Rollover Simulator* for use as a training prop for our local hazmat teams. Upon acquisition, the prop would be stored in the previously-acquired regional hazmat training trailer located at Hillsborough County Fire Rescue and all of Tampa Bay LEPC's FY 2018-19 HMEP funds would be fully expended.

In terms of miscellany, LEPC staff and/or members additionally: transmitted the 4th Quarter LEPC Staff Services Quarterly Report and the 3rd Quarter HMEP reimbursement requests to FDEM (July 1); prepared/distributed a revised 40-Hr. *Hazmat Medic* course Flyer (July 8); attended the bi-monthly meetings of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee (July 9 & September 10); attended the tri-annual meeting of the U.S. Coast Guard's Area Contingency Planning meeting (July 9); facilitated the nearly monthly meetings of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (July 10, August 14 & September 11); hand-delivered the FY 2019-20 LEPC Staff Services Contract to FDEM for final execution (July 18); posted the "*Operation Cleansweep*" Flyer to the Tampa Bay LEPC website (July 23); provided suggested edits to the FY 2019-20 HMEP Contract to FDEM (July 29); submitted *Plan of Instruction* (POI) to FDEM for the proposed conduct of aforementioned *Air Monitoring Strategies & Tactics* courses (August 1); prepared/distributed 4-Hr. *Air Monitoring Strategies & Tactics* course Flyer (August 5); solicited nominations for the 2019 Thomas Yatabe Award nominations from LEPC members (August 6 & August 21); provided listing of "*LEPC Activities & Initiatives*" to the members of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council in conjunction with their meetings (August 12 & September 9); provided a copy of the SERC Recap prepared in conjunction with the July 18-19 SERC meetings to TBRPC members (August 12); participated in the SERC's Training Task Force teleconference (August 14 & September 18); attended the bi-monthly meeting of the Ammonia Handlers/Operators (August 15); provided welcoming remarks & LEPC overview to attendees of the 40-Hr. *Hazmat Medic* course (August 19) and the 8-Hr. *Hazmat Team Capabilities Evaluations* course (August 27); provided and submitted this *HazMatters* report and the requested LEPC membership changes to be administered in conjunction with the October 2019 SERC meetings to FDEM (September 5);

provided the 2019 *Thomas Yatabe Award* nominations and award winner to FDEM (September 9th); provided a copy of the *LEPC Recap* prepared in conjunction with the August 28th LEPC meeting to TBRPC members (September 9); provided welcoming remarks & LEPC overview to attendees of the 4-Hr. *Air Monitoring Strategies & Tactics course* in Tampa (September 23) and the same course in Manatee County (September 24); and participated in Kinder Morgan's annual Butane exercise/drill planning meeting (September 25).