



## Tampa Bay LEPC *HazMatters* October - December 2019

Tampa Bay LEPC staff was involved in a number of activities during the quarter. LEPC staff attended the October 17-18, 2019 SERC quarterly meetings held at the SanDestin Resort in Miramar Beach. The quarterly meeting of the Tampa Bay LEPC meeting was held on November 20<sup>th</sup> at the offices of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

The Tampa Bay LEPC's HMEP Training Subcommittee also met on November 20<sup>th</sup>. The main objective of this meeting was to strategize, determine and stipulate training needs associated with the FY 2019-20 HMEP Training Contract.

No training expenses were incurred by the Tampa Bay LEPC during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. However, LEPC staff is currently coordinating training associated with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, such as enrollment of 37 students being sponsored by the Tampa Bay LEPC to attend the *2020 Hazmat Symposium* and the sponsorship of four Hernando County Fire Rescue personnel to the 160-Hr. *Hazmat Technician Certification Course*. Two additional hazmat-related courses are likely to be pursued and conducted during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (i.e. three 8-Hr. *Water Injection for Propane Incidents* for Southern Manatee Fire Rescue/Hillsborough County Fire Rescue and a 40-Hr. *Hazmat Medic* course for Hillsborough County Fire Rescue/Tampa Fire Rescue).

In terms of miscellany, LEPC staff additionally: attended Paradigm's *2019 Florida Pipeline Safety Program* presentation/exercise (October 1<sup>st</sup>); submitted the *FY 2018-19 HMEP Close-Out Report* (October 3<sup>rd</sup>); facilitated the (nearly) quarterly meeting of the Preventative Nuclear Radiological Detection Committee (October 7<sup>th</sup>); requested accreditation for Tampa Bay LEPC & Southwest Florida LEPC to jointly coordinate a large, full-scale, HSEEP-compliant, hazmat exercise entitled "*Operation Jet Lag*" at the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport on February 25, 2020 (October 8<sup>th</sup>); facilitated the (nearly) monthly meeting of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (October 9<sup>th</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup> & December 11<sup>th</sup>); attended the Trademark Nitrogen Safety Day Celebration Luncheon (October 11<sup>th</sup>); provided *LEPC Activities/Initiatives* listing to TBRPC members in conjunction with their October 14<sup>th</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup> & December 9<sup>th</sup> meetings as well as respective LEPC & SERC Recaps; attended the bi-monthly meetings of Ammonia Handlers/Operators (October 15<sup>th</sup> & December 3<sup>rd</sup>); hand-delivered the *FY 2019-20 LEPC Staff Services 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report* (with supporting documentation), the *FY 2018-19 HMEP Program 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report* (with supporting documentation), the original signed copy of the *FY 2018-19 HMEP Contract Modification*, as well as two copies of the *FY 2019-20 HMEP Contract* (October 17<sup>th</sup>); coordinated with FDEM staff to establish Monday, February 4 & Tuesday, February 5, 2020 as the dates in which to host the annual Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know/E-Plan Filing (guidance) Workshops (October 22<sup>nd</sup>); submitted *Plan of Instructions* in association with the request to send four Hernando County Fire Rescue personnel to attend the 160-Hr. *Hazmat Technician Certification Course* for consideration/approval (October 30<sup>th</sup>); attended the *Operation Jet Lag Exercise Planning Meeting* held at the SBIA (November 12<sup>th</sup>); attended the bi-monthly meeting of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee (November 12<sup>th</sup>); attended the tri-annual meeting of U.S. Coast Guard's Area Contingency Planning Subcommittee (November 12<sup>th</sup>); forwarded *Flyer* regarding FREE 8-Hr. *HAZWOPER Refresher* & 24-Hr. *HAZWOPER* course being conducted by (and at) FDEP OER on December 11-13, 2019 (November 15<sup>th</sup>); submitted *Plan of Instructions* in association with the *2020 Hazmat Symposium* for consideration/approval

(November 19<sup>th</sup>); transmitted the *LEPC Minutes* associated with the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to the Tampa Bay LEPC members in “draft” form (November 26<sup>th</sup>); accompanied John Scott III on the Hazmat Team Assessments conducted for Citrus County Fire Rescue (December 4<sup>th</sup>), Hernando County Fire Rescue (December 5<sup>th</sup>), Pasco County Fire Rescue (December 6<sup>th</sup>), Pinellas County Hazmat Team (December 10<sup>th</sup>), Tampa Fire Rescue (December 11<sup>th</sup>), Hillsborough County Fire Rescue (December 12<sup>th</sup>) & the Florida National Guard’s 48<sup>th</sup> Civil Support Team (December 13<sup>th</sup>); participated in *Operation Jet Lag Exercise Coordination Meeting* via teleconference (December 10<sup>th</sup>); transmitted the *Hazmatters* report and the LEPC membership changes to FDEM in conjunction with the January 22<sup>nd</sup> SERC meeting (December 10<sup>th</sup>); attended the Tampa Cooperative Safety & Security Initiative’s (TCSSI) annual Safety Luncheon (December 11<sup>th</sup>); participated in the Training Task Force teleconference (December 11<sup>th</sup>); and coordinated the roster of *2020 Hazmat Symposium* attendees being sponsored by the Tampa Bay LEPC with Symposium Committee to arrange for a single Invoice and payment of registration fees (December 16<sup>th</sup>).