



## Tampa Bay LEPC *HazMatters* January – June 2020

Tampa Bay LEPC staff was involved in a number of activities during the past two quarters. LEPC staff did attend the January 21-22, 2020 SERC quarterly meetings held at the Plaza Resort & Spa in Daytona Beach although the April 16-17, 2020 SERC meetings, scheduled in St. Augustine, were cancelled on account of COVID-19. An in-person quarterly meeting of the Tampa Bay LEPC meeting was held on February 26<sup>th</sup> at the offices of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and a virtual LEPC quarterly meeting of the Tampa Bay LEPC was held on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Tampa Bay LEPC's HMEP Training Subcommittee also met on February 26<sup>th</sup> (in-person) and May 27<sup>th</sup> (virtually). The primary objectives of both meetings were to strategize, prioritize, determine and stipulate training expenditures for the remainder of the FY 2019-20 HMEP Training Contract.

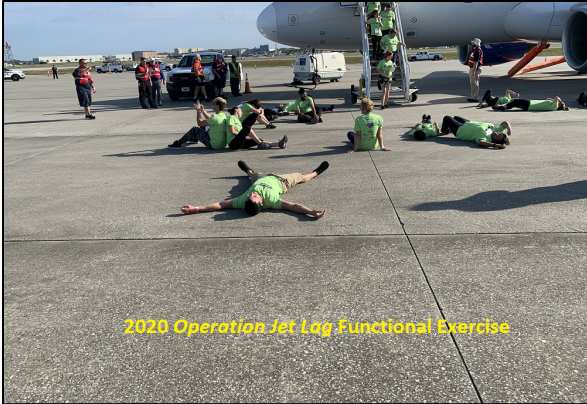
Training expenses were incurred by the Tampa Bay LEPC during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. Those expenses consisted of: sponsorship of 37 students to attend the *2020 Hazmat Symposium*; sponsorship of four Hernando County Fire Rescue personnel to attend the 160-Hr. *Hazmat Technician Certification Course* held at the State Fire College; and conduct of three 8-Hr. *Propane Incidents Response* courses for Southern Manatee Fire Rescue. A total of 53 students attended this latter training over the three days.

While no training expenses were incurred during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter due primarily to COVID-19 and corresponding measures that were implemented, several training events have been scheduled for conduct during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter. Those events are: a 40-Hr. *Hazmat Medic* course on July 13-17, 2020 (attendance of 40 students expected); three 8-Hr. *Rapid ID & Hazards Analysis 2020* courses on July 28-30 (attendance of 24 students daily is expected); conduct of a "Hybrid" 160-Hr. *Hazmat Tech Certification* course for and by personnel of Southern Manatee Fire Rescue from January 7 – August 1 (11 students); conduct of an on-line 16-Hr. *Hazmat Safety Officer* course between July 20 – August 16 (34 students are anticipated); and conduct of three 8-Hr. *Hazmat IQ* courses on September 15-17 (35 students are expected daily). Additionally, conduct of three 8-Hr. *Hazmat Technician Capabilities Evaluations*, primarily for personnel of Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, is currently being considered. If pursued, it would be anticipated that 35 Hazmat Technicians would be assessed daily over a three-day period.

In terms of miscellany, LEPC staff additionally: facilitated the (nearly) monthly meetings of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (January 8<sup>th</sup> & March 11<sup>th</sup>); provided the FY 2019-20 HMEP Contract/1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Report to FDEM staff electronically with no reimbursement(s) requested since no HMEP-funded project(s) was facilitated during the quarter (January 10<sup>th</sup>); attended and participated in the *Operation Jet Lag Exercise Mid-Term Planning/Master Events Scenario List Meeting* (January 14<sup>th</sup>), provided/submitted hard copies of the *FY 2019-20 LEPC Staff Services/2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report* and the *FY 2019-20 HMEP Program/1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report* to FDEM in conjunction with the January 2020 SERC meeting (January 21<sup>st</sup>); submitted the *Plan of Instruction* and other



required materials to FDEM/USDOT in association with a request to send six Hillsborough County Fire Rescue personnel to the 48-Hr. *Robert E. Rumens Marine Firefighting School* in Norfolk, VA on May 18-23 in which only registration fees were requested (February 3<sup>rd</sup>); attended the *Operation Jet Lag Final Planning Meeting* (February 4<sup>th</sup>). All of the meetings and the exercise were held at the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport jointly located in Manatee & Sarasota Counties; hosted the Tampa Bay LEPC's annual Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know/E-Plan Filing (guidance) Workshops (February 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>). The workshops drew the attendance of 58 individuals representing 45 different companies, agencies or facilities; provided the December & January *LEPC Activities/Initiatives* as well as the *SERC Recap* from the January 21-22 meetings to



TBRPC members in conjunction with their February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting as well as the February *LEPC Activities/ Initiatives* and the *LEPC Recap* from the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting to TBRPC members in conjunction with their March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting; participated in the SERC's Training Task Force teleconferences (February 12<sup>th</sup> & March 11<sup>th</sup>); attended the (nearly) bi-monthly meeting of the Ammonia Handlers/Operators (February 20<sup>th</sup>); participated in the *E-Plan Webinar/Workshop* hosted by FDEM staff (February 20<sup>th</sup>); attended and assisted with evaluation of the *Operation Jet Lag* functional exercise conducted at the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport (February 25<sup>th</sup>); while a scheduling conflict did preclude my personal attendance of

the RMP Audits/Inspections of the Dunedin Water Treatment Plant (February 25<sup>th</sup>) and the W.E. Dunn Wastewater Treatment Plant (February 26<sup>th</sup>), as was administered by FDEM staff, other LEPC member(s) did attend; attended the RMP Audit/Inspection of the Cosme Water Treatment Plant (February 27<sup>th</sup>); submitted two additional HMEP proposals to be considered for implementation in the event additional funding is identified by FDEM (February 28<sup>th</sup>); while a scheduling conflict did preclude my personal attendance at the CAMEO, MARPLOT & ALOHA Software Training workshop held at the Hillsborough County Public Safety Complex, LEPC member Joe Mas-tandrea (Hillsborough County Emergency Management) did actually conduct the Workshop (March 2<sup>nd</sup>); attended the Sunshine Skyway Bridge Emergency/*Operation Hot Stuff* Tabletop Exercise coordinated and facilitated by FDOT District 7 staff (March 4<sup>th</sup>); provided list of February *LEPC Activities/Initiatives* as well as the *LEPC Recap* from the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting to TBRPC members in conjunction with their March meeting (March 9<sup>th</sup>); provided *Hazmatters* report and requested LEPC membership changes to FDEM in association with the subsequently-cancelled April 16-17 SERC meetings (March 9<sup>th</sup>); attended the bi-monthly meeting of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee meeting (March 10<sup>th</sup>); attended the triennial meeting of the U.S. Coast Guard's Area Contingency Planning Subcommittee (March 10<sup>th</sup>); facilitated the (nearly) monthly meeting of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (March 11<sup>th</sup>); participated in the SERC's Training Task Force teleconference (March 11<sup>th</sup>); submitted *Plan of Instruction* and other required materials to FDEM/USDOT in association with a request to conduct three 8-Hr. *Rapid ID and Hazards Analysis 2020* courses at the Hillsborough County Public Safety Complex on July 28-30, 2020 (March 16<sup>th</sup>); provided comments following my review of the DRAFT *Operation Jet Lag Exercise After-Action Report/Improvement Plan* as well as provided photos taken during the event for potential inclusion in the final version of the document (March 23<sup>rd</sup>); transmitted an executed Amendment to the FY 2019-20 *LEPC Staff Services Contract* to FDEM electronically (April 8<sup>th</sup>); submitted the following to FDEM - FY 2019-20 *LEPC Staff Services 3rd Quarter Report*

(with supporting documentation and Invoice), the FY 2019-20 HMEP Program *2nd Quarter Report* and requests for reimbursement for three HMEP-funded courses conducted during the quarter to FDEM (April 22<sup>nd</sup>); communicated/coordinated the specific verbiage for public noticing of the May 27<sup>th</sup> virtual LEPC meeting in the *Florida Administrative Register* (May 4<sup>th</sup>); provided review comments regarding *Project Phoenix* scenario questions that will be posed to both small businesses and local governments. *Project Phoenix* is a future, simulated exercise in which a catastrophic hurricane will make landfall in the Tampa Bay Region (May 18<sup>th</sup>); provided review comments regarding the DRAFT *Project Phoenix Situation Manual* (May 20<sup>th</sup>); participated in a virtual meeting with Elizabeth Paredes of Anuvia regarding hazardous materials reporting requirements. Their facility will be sharing the Mosaic site at 660 County Line Road in northern Hillsborough County (May 26<sup>th</sup>); hosted the virtual quarterly HMEP Training Subcommittee and LEPC meetings (May 27<sup>th</sup>); albeit a scheduling conflict precluded my personal participation in Port Tampa Bay's virtual Hurricane Exercise, TBRPC staff did participate (May 27<sup>th</sup>); participated in the virtual quarterly meeting of the Southwest Florida LEPC (May 28<sup>th</sup>); reviewed the proposed FY 2020-21 *LEPC Staff Services Contract* and provided comments to FDEM (May 29<sup>th</sup>); provided electronic copy of approved February 26<sup>th</sup> and draft May 27<sup>th</sup> *LEPC Minutes* to FDEM (June 2<sup>nd</sup>); transmitted the draft May 27<sup>th</sup> *LEPC Minutes* to the all Tampa Bay LEPC members (June 2<sup>nd</sup>); submitted *Plan of Instruction* and other required materials to FDEM/USDOT in association with a request to conduct a virtual 16-Hr. *Hazmat Safety Officer* course on July 20 – August 16 (June 4<sup>th</sup>); submitted *Plan of Instruction* and other required materials to FDEM/USDOT in association with a request to conduct three 8-Hr. *Hazmat IQ* courses on September 15-17 (June 4<sup>th</sup>); provided the March/April/May *LEPC Activities/Initiatives* as well as a *Recap* of the virtual May 27<sup>th</sup> LEPC meeting to TBRPC members in conjunction with their June meeting (June 8<sup>th</sup>); had the annual *EPCRA Public Availability of Hazmat Information Notices* published in the local newspapers in accordance with the FY 2019-20 LEPC Staff Services Contract (June 10<sup>th</sup>); submitted the LEPC membership changes, requested biennial recertification of all present Tampa Bay LEPC members and provided the quarterly *Hazmatters* report to FDEM staff for inclusion in July SERC meeting materials (June 11<sup>th</sup>); and posted the annual update of the *Tampa Bay LEPC Emergency Response Plan* to the State Portal (June 19<sup>th</sup>).

LEPC staff had additionally intended to attend, participate or host the following activities or events although each was subsequently cancelled on account of COVID-19: the *Tampa Bay Safety Summit* scheduled at the Tampa International Airport (March 25<sup>th</sup>); the (nearly) monthly meetings of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (on April 8<sup>th</sup> & June 10<sup>th</sup>); the quarterly State Emergency Response Commission meetings in St. Augustine (on April 16-17); the bi-monthly meeting of the Ammonia Handlers/ Operators (on April 28<sup>th</sup>); and the bi-monthly Tampa Bay Spill Committee meeting (on May 13<sup>th</sup>).