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**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY  
PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Gainesville Regional Utilities Eastside  
Operations Center, Gainesville, Florida

Thursday, February 19, 2015  
10:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Darian Brown  
    For Tim Alexander  
Sandi Courson  
    Sam MacDonell  
Scott Garner  
Robyn Gedeon  
Matt Harris  
Scott Holowasko  
Henry Land  
Bruce Jordan, Madison FR  
Paul Kremer  
Ron Mills, Chair  
Mark Milton  
Shayne Morgan  
John Mousa  
David Peaton  
Donnie Sessions  
    Capt. Dan Smith  
T.F. Smoak  
Ebbin Spellman  
Kimberly Thomas  
Ed Ward  
Leigh Webb  
    for Tom Cisco  
John Wright

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Frank Armijo  
Dave Dickens  
David Donnelly  
Robert Garbett  
Carl Glebowski  
Mitch Harrell  
Jeff Huffman  
Sylvia Ifft  
Brian Johns  
Marc Land  
David Meurer

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Tye Bell  
Rick Davis  
Mike Grantham  
William Greif  
Everette Harpe  
Tracy Hezvim  
Mayra Hope  
Charles Howe  
Kire Knelle  
Ali Leaphart  
Tatiana Masterocolla  
CS Pitzner  
Pam Purvis  
Rafael Sanchez  
Dusty Shaw  
John Sheppard  
Jim Smith  
Amy Sweeney  
Jim Werwer

**STAFF PRESENT**

Dwayne Mundy

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m.

**I. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Ron Mills welcomed everyone and asked that they introduce themselves. He reported on the recent Florida emergency Preparedness Annual Meeting. Scott Holowasko welcomed everyone to the Suwannee County Emergency Operations Center.

**II. APPROVAL OF 21 August, 2014, LEPC MEETING MINUTES**

**Action: It was moved by Scott Garner and seconded by David Peaton to adopt the minutes of the November 19, 2014, LEPC meeting as printed. The motion passed unanimously.**

### III. LEPC BUSINESS ITEMS

The counties reported on hazardous materials activities and exercise.

The LEPC voted to recommend that Operations Level record keeping not be included in the proposed hazardous materials advanced training rule. The LEPC is moving forward with conducting its 2015 Hazardous Materials Awareness Week activities during National Preparedness Month (September) and focusing on sheltering in-place public education.

Dwayne Mundy gave a brief update on the status presidential executive order 13650-improving chemical safety and security. He reported on the status of requesting enforcement action being taking against Farrell gas for their multiple releases which occurred in Trenton and Madison. He reported that the new EPA region 4 liaisons attended the last State Emergency Response Commission meeting in January and that Ron Mills raised the issue with her.

The group discussed the Hazards Analysis Summary update which is the HMEP planning project being completed for the last fiscal year. Discussion was that the summary information provided is more suitable for emergency management and responders than for dispatchers being able to provide warning at hazardous materials facilities. After a discussion it was decided that a second list of facilities and the hazardous conditions should be put together for emergency management distributed to dispatchers.

### IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION ISSUES

Three workshops were held in January on using E-Plan for online Tier 2 reporting. This year, facilities were invited that reported having fuel tanks registered with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection that appear to have Tier 2 reporting requirements. This includes aboveground retail tanks and non-retail storage locations which have tanks with greater than 2,000 gallons of petroleum fuel. Exempt sites include retail gasoline stores with underground tanks and routine agricultural use.

All facility emergency contacts were invited to attend the February LEPC meeting as a means to enhance coordination at local and regional levels. Emergency contacts for all District facilities in E-Plan were invited. At least 20 additional facility representatives attend the LEPC meeting and participated in a group discussion on improving emergency preparedness. A future LEPC meeting will focus on inviting all emergency response organizations.

The LEPC selected September 13-19, 2015, as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week. This is part of National Preparedness Month and the focus will be Sheltering In-Place education. The LEPC is looking to join other emergency management events and partner with them.

LEPC Vice-Chair for Public Information, Shayne Morgan and Staff Dwayne Mundy gave a presentation on Sheltering In-Place versus Evacuation at the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association Annual Meeting held in Orlando in February. The City of Orlando Hazmat Team (which won this year's Team Competition at the Symposium) also participated in the round table discussion. The workshop concluded with an activity on Sheltering In-Place decision making using a plume generated in ALOHA, a map printed from the new MARPLOT 5, and critical facilities downloaded from the FDEM data sharing portal.

It was reported that LEPC currently has members in all mandated occupational categories. It discussed that there was a new representative for the American Red Cross that should be invited to join the LEPC.

V. FIRST RESPONDERS ISSUES

The LEPC discussed the proposed Hazmat Training Rule and the public hearing held during Fire Rescue East. The LEPC voted to recommend that it would be more beneficial to focus available resources on implementing the proposed Technician standards and to strongly object to including Operations level in rule. The LEPC is concerned with adverse impacts to our long standing, multi-disciplinary training program and the problem arising from duplications in recordkeeping between Fire Fighter I and Operations Level.

Operations and an IAFF 160 Hour Hazmat Technician class were completed in February 2015. Local instructors are used to teach the classes and they are supported by training equipment contained in the Regional Hazmat Team Training Trailer.

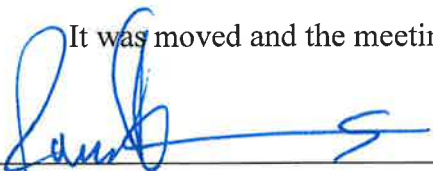
VI. OTHER BUSINESS AND INFORMATION REQUESTS

No new business or information requests were discussed.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The tentative date for the next LEPC meeting was May 28, 2015 at the Dixie County Emergency Operations Center.

It was moved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

  
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Chairman

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