

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

Madison County Emergency Operations Center  
Madison, Florida

Thursday, August 21, 2014  
10:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ron Mills, Chair  
Tom Cisco  
Robert Garbett  
Robyn Gedeon  
Matt Harris  
Scott Holowasko  
Marc Land  
Mark Milton  
Shayne Morgan,  
    Vice-Chair  
Mike Nelson  
Dan Smith for  
    Donnie Sessions  
Kimberly Thomas  
Ed Ward  
Leigh Webb

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Tim Alexander  
Frank Armijo  
Sandi Courson  
Dave Dickens  
Scott Garner  
Carl Glebowski  
Keith Godwin  
Mitch Harrell  
Jeff Huffman  
Sylvia Ifft  
Brian Johns  
Erica Kight  
Paul Kremer  
David Meurer  
John Mousa  
David Peaton  
T.F. Smoak  
Ebbin Spellman  
Steve Truluck

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Brian Bradshaw, FDEM  
Freddie Broome, Valdosta  
    Fire  
Brian Boutwell, Valdosta  
    Fire  
Ken Gallager, Valdosta  
    Fire  
John Hampton, ARC  
Buddy Harvey, Dist.2  
    LEPC  
Bruce Jordan, Madison FR  
Tom Pescatore, Dist. 2  
    LEPC  
Chris Rietow, Dist. 2 LEPC  
James Sommers, Suwannee  
    County FR

**STAFF PRESENT**

Dwayne Mundy

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

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

Chair Ron Mills welcomed everyone and asked that they introduce themselves. He thanked Tom Cisco and Madison County Emergency Management for hosting today's meeting. Chair Mills reported on the FEPA Mid-year Working Meetings and encouraged LEPC members to join the organization.

**II. APPROVAL OF 29 MAY, 2014, LEPC MEETING MINUTES**

**Action: It was moved by Shayne Morgan and seconded by Scott Holowasko to adopt the minutes of the May 29, 2014, LEPC meeting as printed. The motion passed unanimously.**

### III. LEPC BUSINESS ITEMS

The LEPC reviewed the Tri-State Hazmat Mutual Aid report prepared by LEPC Districts 2 and 3 approximately 10 years ago. At the last meeting it was decided to restart the discussion on improving coordination and determine the current need for mutual aid agreements. Guests included LEPC District 2 Chair and staff, as well as the Tallahassee Fire Department Hazmat Team. The Valdosta (Georgia) Fire Department Chief and hazmat team also were in attendance. It was decided that the status of the agreement should be identified as well as the level of interest in pursuing additional members.

The LEPC discussed the status of Executive Order 13650 on Improving Chemical Facility Safety and Security. The LEPC discussed it's that include support of the Florida regional LEPC model, support for CAMEO for conducting hazards analysis, and including ammonia nitrate storage reporting on Tier 2 forms. It was discussed that while local solutions are often the best option, there is no funding proposed to enhance and support these enhancements.

The group discussed ongoing problems with US Department of Transportation HMEP grant program and the recommendation that the money being made available at the local level should increase from a minimum of 75 percent to 90 percent. The group discussed it was inefficient that every class had to be individually approved each time it was offered.

LEPC staff Dwayne Mundy reported on the most recent Hazards Analysis Working Group meeting and the unanimous recommendations made to the Division. The Working Group strongly objected to the decision by the Division that if any errors were present in the hazards analysis, that the county or RPC would not be funded for that portion of the update. Mr. Mundy reported that as Chair of the working Group he was happy to report that progress is being made the establishment of a data upload portal and adding the hazards analyses into the online GATOR geographic database.

Recent training classes, exercises, releases and spills were reported by LEPC members. Incidents discussed included a hydrochloric acid spill near I-10 in Madison County, and a sulfuric acid release in Taylor County. Future training classes and exercises were also discussed. Training classes included Operations Level in Gilchrist County and Air Monitoring in Columbia County.

### IV. PUBLIC INFORMATION ISSUES

Vice-Chairman Shayne Morgan reported that the LEPC should move Hazardous Materials Awareness Week to September to coincide with National Preparedness Month. It was discussed that this could result in two Hazardous Materials Awareness Weeks in 2014; however, the LEPC would no longer need to compete with Hazardous Weather Awareness Week which happens to occur near or at the same time.

Mr. Morgan reviewed the biannual appointments of members and alternates to the LEPC. It was noted that every occupational category remains filled.

Dwayne Mundy reported that work is continuing on the LEPC webpage update and that the latest area being changed is that the adopted minutes are being added to the archived section.

No additional public information issues were identified.

## V. FIRST RESPONDERS ISSUES

Chief Donnie Sessions discussed first responder issues. It was reported that on yesterday's SERC training task force conference call that DEM had stated that no additional training funds are available as requested by the LEPC and they did not review the status of HEMP planning funds as requested.

Chief Sessions reported on the LEPC biannual exercise which was conducted as part of a technician training class held in Lake City. He stated the incident involved a diesel spill on Alachua/Columbia County border with leaks into the Santa Fe River. He reported that less than two weeks later that an actual incident occurred on Interstate 75 in Columbia County spilling 6,000 gallons of diesel and that booms were used to contain the spill in nearby waterways. Chief Sessions reviewed the improvement plan matrix from the After Action report which itemized recommendations for the LEPC to make as a result of the exercise.

Staff Dwayne Mundy reported that he attended 3rd Annual Rural County Summit held in Gadsden County which included a presentation on the West, Texas ammonium nitrate explosion. He said he asked the emergency manager for that disaster what recommendations he would suggest he had to increase hazmat planning and preparedness. Mr. Mundy said that his recommendation was that the improvements are best accomplished at the local level and not the state level.

Dwayne Mundy reported on the status of the supplemental environmental projects on the website and data base. He stated that it is anticipated that the division will have a beta test version completed prior to the October State Emergency Response Commission meeting.

He added that he has been in contact with the US EPA regarding enforcement actions that may be taken against Ferrell Gas as a result of having releases from non-reported propane storage tanks that had major releases in Trenton and Madison. Staff was directed to again request that the EPA take enforcement actions

It was reported that the Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team Policy Board meeting will follow this meeting at the same location today.

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 November 21, 2014 at the Madison County Emergency Operations Center.

It was moved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

  
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Chairman

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