

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

Marion County Emergency
Operations Center, Ocala, Florida

Thursday, August 20, 2015
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Mills, Chair
Chris Gilbert
Scott Holowasko
Bruce Jordan, Madison FR
Shayne Morgan
David Peaton
Wendy Russell
for Brian Johns
Donnie Sessions
Capt. Dan Smith
T.F. Smoak
Ebbin Spellman
Keith Knelle
For David Still
Ed Ward

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tim Alexander
Frank Armijo
Sandi Courson
Dave Dickens
Robert Garbett
Scott Garner
Robin Gedeon
Carl Glebowski
Mitch Harrell
Matt Harris
Jeff Huffman
Sylvia Ifft
Brian Johns
Paul Kremer
Henry Land
Marc Land
David Meurer
Kimberly Thomas

GUESTS PRESENT

Alan Whigham
Pat Stefanski
Ken Braswell
Erin Miller
Frank DeFrancesco
Kris Allison
Stewart L Robinson
Todd Clifford
David Knowles
Ronald Grant
John McDonald
Randy Ming
Robert R Johnson
Richard Dennis

STAFF PRESENT

Dwayne Mundy

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 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 Association activities and welcomed representatives from Marion and Levy Counties. Chip Wildy welcomed everyone to the Marion County Emergency Operations Center.

II. APPROVAL OF MAY 28, 2105, LEPC MEETING MINUTES

Action: It was moved by Shayne Morgan and seconded by David Peaton to adopt the minutes of the May 28, 2015, LEPC meeting as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

III. LEPC BUSINESS ITEMS

Dwayne Mundy gave an update on the former members of LEPC District 5 from Marion and Levy Counties who were invited to today's meeting. It was decided to nominate members that attended the meeting or have otherwise expressed a desire to continue participating in the LEPC process. Approximately 20 people identified themselves as being from LEPC District 5 on the sign-in sheet.

Each county reported on hazardous materials related activities and exercises that have occurred since the last meeting. Alachua County reported that the City of Gainesville conducted a tabletop exercise with CSX Railroad. LEPC staff prepared an After Action Report for this exercise. Gilchrist County reported that it has completed updating its hazards analyses.

Levy County reported that it busy with the budget process and that John McDonald is acting Emergency Management Director. Madison County reported an accident with a semi-truck that released diesel and introduced new Emergency Management Director Alan Whigham. Marion County reported that 11 new members of the hazmat team have completed the IAFF 160 class. A church security planning class is being held in the county and a flyer was distributed.

It was decided that this year's exercise should be based upon one of the most common hazardous commodities being transported by rail through the LEPC District. The group identified Starke (Bradford County) as a possible exercise location because of the high volume of rail traffic going through the middle of the city. The new CSX railroad awareness operations-level training package is being scheduled. This includes a follow-up tabletop exercise module. It is anticipated that this will occur prior to the end of the calendar year.

The Committee discussed the planning project for the year which is conducting an exercise. At the last meeting, it was decided to conduct a conduct a tabletop exercise based upon a common commodity haul by rail through the District. The City of Gainesville organized CSX Railroad tabletop exercise held on August 11, 2015, accomplished this. The LEPC has prepared an After Action Report / Improvement Plan Matrix for that exercise. The exercise was well attended and gave emergency responders valuable experience on responding to a rail incident.

It was reported that a second opportunity came to joined forces with the Northeast Florida LEPC to conduct a multi-regional exercise in Green Cove Springs on September 10, 2015. Gainesville Fire Rescue hazmat and Alachua County Fire Rescue Rehab Bus participated from this district. The scenario will involve a multi-vehicle pile-up similar to the January 29, 2012 wreck that occurred on Payne's Prairie in Alachua County. It is anticipated that a video of the exercise will be available at the next meeting.

Dwayne Mundy reported on the status of the Hazards analysis. It was decided that tow data distribution meetings could be needed once all of the hazards analysis are final. Mr. Mundy also reported that he has registered with the US Environmental Protection Agency to have on-line access to off-site consequence data contained in risk management plans. This will allow vulnerable areas reported for the offsite consequence analysis should be compared with the vulnerable zones for many of the same chemicals prepared in the hazardous analysis.

IV. FIRST RESPONDERS ISSUES

Next, the group discussed First Responder issues. The first responders training program and classes were discussed. Additional classes are being scheduled and include using resources from the training trailers. The status of the Supplemental Environmental Projects website and database was discussed next. It was reported that the website should be fully functional soon.

The group discussed that the EPA had issued a fine against Gainesville Ice for not filing a Tier 2 report and this was a missed opportunity for submental and environmental project. It was reported that nothing has been heard regarding the releases from Ferrell Gas in the Cities of Madison and Trenton from facilities that had not timely submitted Tier 2 Chemical Inventory reports.

Chief Sessions reported on the state emergency response commission training task force issues. Items discussed included the development of check off sheets for operations and technician skills based upon that NFPA 472.

It was reported that the Regional Hazardous Responses Team meeting was being held today at 1:00 p.m. here. Agenda items include a pipeline safety technical Assistance Grant for \$100,000.00 which would include enhancing existing hazmat training programs to include pipeline responses, enhancing operations level responses capabilities, and conducting planning, community outreach and table top exercises.

V. PUBLIC INFORMATION ISSUES

The LEPC had selected September 13-19, 2015, as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week, which is part of National Preparedness Month. The main focus is Sheltering In-Place education and decision making. The LEPC participated with Alachua County Emergency Management on Saturday, September 19, 2015, in "Alachua County Prepares Festival."

VI. OTHER BUSINESS AND INFORMATION REQUESTS

The Regional Hazmat Team reported that the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline Safety office has requested clarification on milestones for its grant application. The \$100,000 grant would improve emergency responder pipeline operations-level capabilities, improve identification of areas and facilities vulnerable

to pipeline releases, and fund three tabletop exercises centered on the three major pipeline compressor stations located in the LEPC District.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

It was decided that the next meeting will tentatively schedule for November 19, 2015 at the Levy County Public safety Facility. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.



Chairman

11/19/2015

Date

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