MINUTES
NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Gainesville Regional Utilities Eastside Operation Center
Gainesville FL
November 8, 2018
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Shayne Morgan, Chair
Darian Brown
Robert Garbett
Scott Garner
Matt Doty
Amy Sweeny
Kevin Carr
J.L. Waldron
Christopher Bond
Ebbin Spellman
Chris Leavitt
Bruce Jordan, Vice-Chair
Michael Laycock
David Peaton, Vice-Chair
Ralph Smith
Sharon Hingson
Ed Ward
Alan Whigham
Scott Holowasko
Ebbin Spellman

MEMBERS ABSENT
Dave Dickens
Michael Fowler
Mitch Harrell
Michael Holmes
Jeff Huffman
Paul Kremer
Henry Land
Marc Land
John MacDonald
David McIntire
Augustin Olmos
Sandi Courson
Tim Smoak
Lisa Sprague
David Still
Tim Westbury

GUESTS PRESENT
Silver B. Ware
Michael Haney
Michael Woods

STAFF PRESENT
Dwayne Mundy

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am.

I. CHAIR’S REPORT AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Shayne Morgan called the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves and Shayne Morgan gave a brief Chair’s report. Chair Morgan reported that the most recent State Emergency Response Commission Meeting was cancelled due to impacts in the panhandle of Hurricane Michael.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 16, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Action: It was moved by Bruce Jordan and seconded by David Peaton to adopt the meeting minutes as modified. The motion passed unanimously
III. Chemical Safety Board Video: 2017 Fire at the Arkema Chemical Plant in Crosby, Texas, following Hurricane Harvey

The video showed the impacts of an extreme flooding event on a chemical company.

IV. BUSINESS ITEMS

Next, County Reports were given on Hurricane Michael Response, Hazardous Materials Incidents, and Activities. The Committee was reminded that Hazardous Materials Awareness Week, February 24 - March 2, 2019. A proclamation will be issued next meeting.

The Annual How-to-Comply workshop was held on November 8, 2018, prior to this meeting. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection Tanks Database is being used to invite facilities that appear to have Tier II reporting requirements but are not reporting. This includes non-retail facilities and sites with above ground tanks of 2,000 gallons or more.

V. PUBLIC INFORMATION ISSUES

The group discussed the update of the emergency response plan and that no significant changes are included in the update this year. Next, the group discussed other public information issues including a recommendation to present hazardous materials information during hurricanes since they are not the only hazards to threaten a county.

Future workshops include shelter in-place, evacuation, and an overview of Florida’s Local Emergency Planning Committees. Updates were given on Tier II reporting, and that the annual update of the hazardous analyses.

The Shelter In-Place page on the Local Emergency Planning Committee webpage has been updated and is available for each county emergency agency to link to the information. The Local Emergency Planning Committee is interested in participating in three full-scale pipeline exercises to be held next year.

VI. FIRST RESPONDER ISSUES

The group reviewed the hazardous materials first responders training classes that were recently held. Upcoming activities include sending individuals to the Hazardous Materials Symposium and conducting hybrid 160-hour technician class. Current offerings include two air monitoring classes and the first one-half of the hybrid technician class in Levy County.

It was reported that a U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration Technical Assistance Grant is being used to provide three four-gas detectors and calibration kits to each of the following local governments: City of Gainesville, Bradford County, Columbia County, Dixie County, Gilchrist County, Hamilton County, Lafayette County, Levy County, City of Madison, Suwannee County and Taylor County.

The purpose is to increase capabilities for responding to natural gas pipeline incidents. Firefighters in each county need be able to respond to a natural gas leak and determine if an area is vulnerable to a flammable threat. Training with the Health Care Coalitions was discussed as
well as how to manage chemically contaminated victims. Counties were asked to report on Hazardous Materials Incidents and Activities that have occurred in their counties.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS AND INFORMATION REQUESTS

No other business or information requests were made.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

It was decided the next meeting will be held in Gainesville on February 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.