

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

SiVance LLC
Gainesville, Florida

Thursday, 19 November 2009
10:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Ron Mills, Chair
Bill Ellis
Joe Flanagan
Scott Holowasko
Gracie Kennedy
Paul Kremer
Jaime Montes
Shayne Morgan
John Mousa
Verne Riggall
Edye Rowell
Alton Scott
Donald Sessions
Dan Smith
Ed Ward

MEMBERS ABSENT

Frank Armijo
Mike Brimeyer
Bill Coughlin
Jim Deckon
David Donnelly
Robert Garbett
Scott Garner
Keith Godwin
John Hudson
Sylvia Ifft
Brian Johns
Melissa Jones
Rodger Mallard
Keith McInnis
David Meurer
Kimberly Thomas
Steve Truluck
Frank Waters

GUESTS

Rick Davis, GRU
Jim Deckon, Wal-Mart
Robyn Gedeon, FDEP
David Richardson, GRU

STAFF

Dwayne Mundy

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

I. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Ron Mills welcomed everyone to the LEPC meeting and asked that everyone introduce themselves. Paul Kremer welcomed everyone to the SiVance LLC and provided some background on the recent purchase of this company.

Ron Mills gave a summary of the recent LEPC Chair and staff and State Emergency Response Commission meetings. He also discussed activities going on with in the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association. He also announced that Ian Dyer has resigned from the Gainesville Chapter of the American Red Cross has moved out of state.

II. APPROVAL OF 20 AUGUST 2009 LEPC MEETING MINUTES

Action: It was moved by Alton Scott and seconded by Ed Ward to adopt the minutes of the 20 August 2009, LEPC meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Due to the number of items on the agenda the presentation on using E-plan data was postponed.

Gainesville Fire Rescue Special Operations Chief Donald Sessions and Hazmat Captain Dan Smith gave an overview of the regional response to a September 8, 2009, hazardous material release/fire on I-75 in Hamilton County near the Georgia border.

Six Fire Departments from four counties responded to the incident. An overturned cargo tractor trailer shipped from Orlando was involved in a chemical fire. The fire burned intensely for over two hours before the arrival of the Gainesville Hazmat Team. Identified products included:

- 1,320 fifty five pound pails of Calcium Hypochlorite
- Two ton-containers of Chlorine
- Thirty 150lb Chlorine cylinders
- Four 55 gallon drums of Xylene
- Many other chemicals including Sodium Nitrate

Pictures were shown of two plumes being released simultaneously during the fire. A white, fog-like cloud stayed near the ground, while a red cloud was rising from the burning trailer. Incident command was established. An incident action plan was developed along with a site safety plan.

Air monitoring was conducted by the 18 hazmat technicians that responded as part of the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team. Various departments were assigned different operational sectors. Hamilton County Emergency Management served as Incident Commander. Other state and local agencies responded, as well as representatives for the shipper Brentag Mid South.

IV. FIRST RESPONDER ISSUES

Dwayne Mundy announced that no classes are currently scheduled because the HMEP contract from the state has not been executed. The group discussed plans to hold a technician class beginning in January 2010. There was also interest on holding one more Operations Level class prior to the end of this calendar year.

Dwayne Mundy reported that in previous years that training could begin in October 1st; however, now an executed contract must first be received from the state. Don Sessions reported on items being discussed by the State Emergency Response Commission Subcommittee on Training. He said this includes gas pipelines, sampling procedures, and Haz-Medic standards.

It was announced that the policy board of the Regional Hazmat team would meet today at 1:00 pm following lunch. Items reported to be on the agenda, include reorganizing and transferring response trailers to maintain the availability of response assets.

Dwayne Mundy reported that work is under way with updating the current hazard analyses. He also reported that this is the year that the LEPC is required to hold its biannual exercise or review an actual incident. After a discussion it was decided that the LEPC should review the I-75 incident, which was the topic of today's presentation. Shayne Morgan invited the LEPC to participate in Columbia County's tabletop exercise also based upon the accident on I-75.

Action: It was moved by Shayne Morgan and seconded by Alton Scott to review the I-75 incident and participate in the Columbia County Table Top Exercise. The motion passed unanimously.

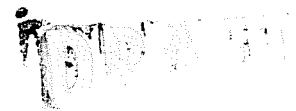
V. PUBLIC INFORMATION ISSUES

The group next discussed possible projects to be conducted using HEMP planning funds. It was decided that this year an important goal of the LEPC is to promote the on-line submission of Tier Two data. After reviewing possible projects, it was decided that the scope of work for Section 302 Outreach could be used to promote this activity.

Action: It was moved by Alton Scott and seconded by Bill Ellis to select Option 6: Section 302 Facility Outreach as the HEMP planning project for this fiscal year. The motion passed unanimously.

The group discussed hazardous materials awareness week, which begins February 15, 2010. It was noted that promoting chemistry education in the schools was the theme for this year's week. The group also discussed establishing a speakers bureau and letting the school district know that speakers are available to discuss chemistry.

Action: It was moved by Alton Scott and seconded by Bill Ellis to declare Hazardous Materials Awareness Week and to promote chemistry education in our schools. The motion passed unanimously.



VI. OTHER BUSINESS AND INFORMATION REQUESTS

Alton Scott announce that he is on the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA) training committee and that they are looking for potential instructors for the annual meeting.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, February 19, 2010 at the Suwannee River Water Management District office in Live Oak. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. It was noted that this meeting is not be scheduled on a Thursday due to a conflict with the DEM Area 3 quarterly meeting.

It was moved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Chairman

Date

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