

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAM
POLICY BOARD MEETING**

Florida Gas Transmission
Trenton, Florida

Thursday
11 August 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Mills, LEPC
Alton Scott, Lafayette Co.
Bobby Garbett, Suwannee Co.
Kimberly Thomas, Suwannee Co.
Shayne Morgan, Columbia Co.
William Careccia, Gilchrist Co.
Chris Gilbert, Alachua County
Brian John, Bradford Co.
Michael Heeder, Bradford Co.
Frank Armijo, Lake City
Scott Garner, Dixie County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gainesville
Union County *
City of Starke *

* Inactive Status

GUESTS PRESENT

Scott Holowasko, GRU
Gracie Kennedy, FDEP

STAFF PRESENT

Dwayne Mundy

The meeting was called to order at 12:24 pm.

I. INTRODUCTIONS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Don Sessions was not in attendance, so Vice-Chair Shayne Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were skipped since everyone knew each other. It was noted that a quorum was present and official actions could be taken.

II. APPROVAL OF 21 April 2011 DRAFT MINUTES

Action: It was moved by Ron Mills and seconded by Brian to approve the minutes of the 21 April 2011 meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously.

III. POLICY BOARD BUSINESS

The group reviewed the team's updated deployment plan and identified which areas needed additional information collected. The group discussed that greater detail is needed on team member capabilities listed in the deployment plan.

The group next discussed recommendations on increasing involvement in the Regional Domestic Security Task Forces. It was noted that there are more opportunities in Region 2 since Tallahassee is the only current hazmat team. However, it was discussed that funding to RDSTFs is being cut and Jacksonville will likely lose its UASI status.

The group discussed that approximately \$10,000 was needed to purchase Nomex fire proof coveralls for all Regional Hazmat Team Technicians. The idea was revisited of Team officers sending letters to hazardous materials sites (perhaps EPCRA Section 302) seeking donations.

IV. PLANNING AND OPERATIONAL ISSUES

The group discussed an annual technician refresher training class to be funded with additional HMEP funds from FDEM. The group also discussed involvement with the LEPC on holding an exercise this upcoming fiscal year.

It was noted that Lafayette County should be added to the sign in sheet as a member local government. The group discussed challenges associated with narrow banding and which grants did not cover narrow banding.

V. OTHER BUSINESS AND NEXT MEETING

Chris Gilbert from Alachua County was present and it was decided that Alachua County should be reinstated to Active Status.

Action: It was moved by Ron Mills and seconded by Scott Garner to reinstate Alachua County as an active member of the Team. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer William Careccia reported that the team has no funds. It was decided that the Regional Hazmat meeting will follow the next LEPC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Chairman

Date