

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

draft MINUTES

Progress Corporate Park
Alachua, Florida

November 17, 2000
9:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Hudson, Chairman
Jim Barbera
John Barrow
Bill Brideson
Mike Brimeyer
Roger Brower
Cliff Chapman
David Donnelly for Steve Abrams
Denise Feiber
Nelson Green
Ann Jacob
Gracie Kennedy
Paul Kremer
James Locke
Ed Lundy
Cheryl Murrin
George Peterson for Paul Kremer
Edye Rowell
George Scott
Jeff Tucker
Jerry Weinrich

MEMBERS ABSENT

James Aikman
DuWayne Baum
Allen Blanton
Alan Chandler
David Clanton
Hank Everett
Joe Flanagan
Dennis Fleetwood
Rhonda Kent
Donnie Land
Murel McDonald
David Meurer
John Mousa
Harvie Nachlinger
Doug Prentiss
Charles Pults
Chad Reed
Tommy Thomas
Steve R. Truluck
Roy Woods

GUESTS PRESENT

Kenneth Allen

Tom Rowe, Starke Fire Department
Katherine Sprigg

STAFF PRESENT

Dwayne Mundy

I. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

LEPC Chairman John Hudson welcomed everyone to the Progress Corporate Park and asked that they introduce themselves. He reported on the last LEPC Chair/staff, State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), and Training Task Force meetings.

Chairman Hudson reported on an increase in HMEP training and planning funds, electronic submission of Tier 2 forms, RMP audits, strategic planning for the training program, and

the Chemical Education Foundation naming the LEPC as a finalist in its community organizations category.

II. APPROVAL Of August 18, 2000, MINUTES

ACTION: It was moved by Ed Lundy and seconded by Cliff Chapman, to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2000, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

III. REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM (RHMT)

Regional Hazardous Materials Team Chairman Cliff Chapman reported that the policy board would be meeting immediately following the LEPC meeting. Mr. Chapman stated that the team is working on an emergency management trust fund grant application that is due on December 18, 2000. After a discussion, the LEPC endorsed the project.

Jeff Tucker, Chairman of the Technical Workgroup discussed the last meeting of the workgroup that was held after a Pipeline Safety meeting in Lake City.

IV. FIRST RESPONDER ISSUES

Dwayne Mundy reported on the completion of the summary of hazard analyses project which was the planning project for last fiscal year. Mr. Mundy said that the complete hazards analyses fills five large notebooks and that the summary condenses this information down to one page per facility.

Mr. Mundy reported that the results of the Hazardous Materials Training Program were in and that 35 classes were either held or co-sponsored training 721 students for a total of 3,257 hours. He reported that the number of student hours had increased 71 percent over last year. He said the reason for this is that we are offering longer and more advanced classes and the operations level class train-the-trainer has now been completed so we are now able to offer that class.

John Hudson reported on the State Emergency Response Commissions' Task Force meeting and District Response Team. He said legislation will be needed as well as a funding source for the State program to succeed. However, he stated that it may take more than one year for this legislation to pass.

Dwayne Mundy discussed the Needs Assessment Survey which is the HMEP planning project for 2000/2001. Mr. Mundy said that the results of this survey will be used as part of a proposed project for which the regional team is seeking grant funding. The group discussed that it is the intent of the LEPC that the six remaining counties in the LEPC district are invited to become members of the Regional Hazmat Team. It was decided that John Hudson, LEPC Chairman and Cliff Chapman, Team Chairman, would co-sign a letter inviting the remaining counties and larger municipalities to join the team.

The LEPC discussed that next year might be a good time to conduct a commodity flow study to identify what chemicals are shipped by pipeline, highway and rail through our 11 counties. John Hudson reported that railroads are now able to provide a summary of information.

Dwayne Mundy reported on the discussion at the last LEPC Chair's meeting on the LEPC's recommendation that the RMP Hazards Analysis Methodology be used as the default methodology in preparing Section 302 Hazards Analyses Updates. Mr. Mundy said that this proposal was not accepted by the Division of Emergency Management, however, the Division did support the use of ERPG-2 Values rather than the pre 1994 1/10 IDLH values for use as levels of concern.

ACTION: It was moved by Jeff Tucker and seconded by Cliff Chapman that the LEPC request that counties use ERPG-2 Values, when available, in preparing hazards analyses rather than the pre 1994 /10 IDLH. The motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC INFORMATION ISSUES

Dwayne Mundy reported on a draft letter to the U.S. Environmental Agency requesting copies of the Offsite Consequence Analysis Data for facilities located in our LEPC district. Mr. Mundy explained that citizens are now able to type in their address into an EPA Internet page and be told "yes" or "no" that they may be within a vulnerable zone of a chemical release from a risk management plan facility. Mr. Mundy said that requesting this information would allow the LEPC and local responders to identify which facility would result in a "yes" and that would allow additional information to be provided on what is the emergency plan for that scenario and what is being done to prevent chemical releases.

ACTION: It was moved by Jeff Tucker and seconded by Cliff Chapman to request the SEA information from the EPA. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Tucker raised the issue that Alachua County is looking at public information for residents on what to do with hazardous waste after a disaster such as a hurricane or tornado. He reported that it was discussed at the county's debris management meeting that the LEPC's Hazardous Materials Spills Prevention Week would be a good source to coordinate these public outreach efforts. Chief Tucker also reported that at the EMS Advisory Committee there was a discussion of the need for hospital decontamination training and that we are working on trying to put together a class.

The next Public Information Subcommittee Meeting was scheduled for December 18, 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Planning Council's office.

VI. NOTIFICATIONS, INFORMATION REQUESTS, AND DISTRIBUTION OF 2000 LEPC PLAN

Dwayne Mundy reported on notification, information requests, and the status of the 2000 LEPC Plan. Mr. Mundy reported that the plan has been approved and copies will be distributed at the next meeting.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Roger Brower announced that the North Central Florida Safety Council was holding training for the public sector, OSHA 501 General Industry Class during the second week of December.

Jim Locke announced that the Emergency Management Districts have been designated to conduct threat and vulnerability analyses for weapons of mass destruction. Mr. Locke said that there is funding available from fiscal year 1999 that the Department of Justice will not release until this study is done and that a consulting firm will conduct the training in St. Augustine on February, 2001.

The LEPC discussed a new facility, Voltaix, located in High Springs. This facility purchased the old Florida Scientific location, which was a Section 302 site because of Hydrogen Fluoride. Voltaix is processing Silicon TetraFluoride, which is not regulated under Section 302 because of a low national production volume. It was decided that the LEPC would organize a site visit and compile recommendations on hazmat safety.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

It was decided that the next LEPC meeting would be held on February 16, 2001 at the Suwannee River Water Management District, in Live Oak.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Chairman

Date

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