

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

Progress Corporate Park  
Alachua, Florida

August 16, 2002  
9:30 A.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jim Barbera  
Allen Blanton  
William Brideson  
Mike Brimeyer  
Alan Chandler  
Cliff Chapman  
David Clanton  
William Coughlin  
William Dampier  
David Donnelly  
Mike Fuller, alternate for Joe Flanagan  
Allison Keating  
Gracie Kennedy  
Paul Kremer  
Donnie Land  
David Meurer  
John Mousa  
Charles Pults  
Lohre Root, alternate for Jodi White  
Edye Rowell  
Catherine Sprigg, alternate for Jim Barbera  
Steve R. Truluck  
Ed Ward  
Jodi White

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

John Hudson, Chairman  
Stephen Bissonnette  
Roger Brower  
Hank Everett  
Dennis Fleetwood  
Curtis Franklin  
Nelson Green  
Anne Jacob  
Clayton Locklear  
Murel McDonald  
Augustin Olmos  
Betsy Perkins  
Douglas Prentiss  
Chad Reed  
Donald Sessions  
Tommy Thomas  
Ann Tucker  
Jerry Weinrich  
Roy Woods

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Steve Alley, GoldKist/METRA  
Mike Urbanek, Clariant  
Paul Urone, UF Environmental Eng.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Dwayne Mundy

I. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Acting Chair Charles Pults called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He welcomed everyone and asked that they introduce themselves. He reported that he would turn the meeting over to the newly elected chairperson following the election.

II. APPROVAL OF MAY 17, 2002, MEETING MINUTES

**ACTION: It was moved by Bill Brideson and seconded by Allen Blanton, to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2002, meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. MEMBERS FOR JULY 2002

Dwayne Mundy reported that the State Emergency Response Commission has completed their appointment of LEPC members for the two-year term running from July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2004. The Committee welcomed its new members.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Acting Chairman Charles Pults reported on the recommendations of the nomination committee and opened the floor to additional nominations. No additional nominations were offered.

**ACTION: It was moved by Steve Truluck and seconded by Bill Brideson that Edye Rowell is elected as Chair, Charles Pults as Vice-Chair of Public Information, and Allen Blanton as Vice-Chair First Responders. The officers were elected unanimously.**

Charles Pults turned the meeting over to newly elected Chair Edye Rowell. Ms. Rowell thanked the LEPC for her election and reported on the last LEPC Chairs and staff meeting, DEM enforcement policies and Training Task Force work plan.

Vice-Chair of Public Information, Charles Pults, started the discussion of public information issues and the LEPC. It was noted that Lake City was having a hazardous materials media day on August 30, 2002. Next, the group discussed possible public information projects for the upcoming year.

Dwayne Mundy reported that it has been a while since the LEPC has held a "Hazardous Materials Issues for the News Media" seminar and noted that the last one scheduled for October 11, 2001, was canceled. Dave Donnelly suggested that it might be a good idea to go to the Gainesville Press Club and do a presentation there rather than asking the media to come to one of our seminars.

The group also discussed scheduling a hazardous materials planning for schools seminar. Dwayne Mundy reported that the Florida Department of Education has made grant money available to bring in a fire chief from south Florida who has trained over 300 schools.

Charles Pults asked if there were any additional projects to consider to please submit them to staff.

Steve Alley reported that METRA North was planning a medical waste seminar on September 12, 2002, to be held at Shands at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Mr. Alley invited LEPC members to consider joining METRA and noted that the monthly meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the TREEO Center.

## V. FIRST RESPONDERS ISSUES

LEPC member and Chairman of the Regional Hazardous Materials Team Policy Board, Cliff Chapman, reported that today the location for the final trailer will be decided. He stated that the Policy Board for the Team will be meeting at the Regional Planning Council office at 1:15 p.m. today. The LEPC discussed that the Team was awarded another years worth of grants totaling \$98,300 to continue fast track implementation. It was also reported that the team was looking at modifying the interlocal agreement to allow easy expansion of the teams by allowing interested local governments to adopt a cost recovery ordinance and a resolution stating the desire to join the team.

Dwayne Mundy reported on the status of the implementation of the emergency responder training program. Mr. Mundy said that in addition to offering the usual awareness and operations level classes, that the LEPC has co-sponsored advanced technician-level training. Mr. Mundy said the LEPC's strategy to encourage advanced training classes has been to offer to pay half with the sponsoring local government paying the other half. Mr. Mundy said that this allows twice as many hazardous materials classes to be offered than if the LEPC paid for the entire class.

It was reported that the commodity flow study work group had met and that a few items were being looked at for inclusion in this years report. It was decided that this survey will use existing U.S. DOT data and not people sitting out by the highway and counting placards since this is believed to be statistically invalid method.

The possible role of the LEPC in weapons of mass destruction and counter terrorism planning was discussed. It was noted that LEPC members and staff are involved with the regional domestic security task forces in two districts. A memo was discussed providing additional information about the Americore volunteers project and possible involvement for LEPCs.

#### VI. NOMINATIONS FOR THOMAS YATABE SERC AWARDS

Dwayne Mundy pointed out that award procedures and a nomination form for the annual SERC awards were included in the LEPC mailed out materials.

**ACTION: It was moved by Charles Pults and seconded by Allen Blanton that both John Hudson and Jeff Tucker be nominated for this year's SERC award. The motion carried unanimously.**

The group discussed that Jim Makris, the head of the EPA's Chemical Emergency Prevention and Preparedness Office (CEPPO) had retired back in July. Dwayne Mundy explained how Mr. Makris has helped this and other LEPCs. He was nominated for a Certificate of Appreciation.

#### VII. PLAN UPDATE NOTIFICATIONS INFORMATION REQUESTS

The group discussed the 2002 proposed update to the LEPC Plan. Mr. Mundy discussed two items of concern from the Division of Emergency Management review of the emergency plan. He stated that both of these items have been discussed before by the LEPC and that the decision was made at that time to reference where up-to-date information could be found rather than try to include everything in the LEPC Plan.

Charles Pults reminded the group that the goal of the LEPC Plan is to keep it short enough so that it is usable. A Plan Review committee was appointed and includes: Charles Pults, Dave Donnelly, Bill Coughlin, Paul Kramer, and Catherine Sprigg. Dwayne Mundy noted that the LEPC web page receives over 10,000 hits per month and that the LEPC Plan is one of the most popular pages.

It was reported that the LEPC has received notifications for an ammonia leak at Dixie Packers in Madison County and a natural gas leak at Union Correctional Institute. Mr. Mundy also said that he has discussed with the State Warning Points an attempted theft of anhydrous ammonia from a nurse tank as well as

the reported theft of Chlorine solution from the YMCA in Gainesville. Mr. Mundy reported on requests for information received since the last meeting.

Dwayne Mundy reported that the LEPC logo is too complicated to be embroidered on a shirt and presented different simplified designs.

**ACTION: It was moved by Charles Pults and seconded by Alan Chandler that the LEPC logo be setup where people could take their shirts and have it applied and that the text portion circle the graphic. The motion carried unanimously.**

Steve Truluck reported that Department of Justice funds were being distributed to area hospitals to be used to provide personal protective equipment as well as the contamination equipment.

It was noted that the third Friday in November was the University of Florida Homecoming, so the next LEPC meeting was scheduled for November 8, 2002, at the Progress Corporate Park in Alachua at 9:30 a.m., if available.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date