

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

Progress Corporate Park  
Alachua, Florida

November 8, 2002  
9:30 A.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Edye Rowell, Chair  
Jim Barbera  
Allen Blanton  
William Brideson  
Mike Brimeyer, alternate for Ron McQueen  
Alan Chandler  
Cliff Chapman  
William Dampier  
David Donnelly, alternate for Steve Abrams  
Curtis Franklin  
Mike Fuller, alternate for Joe Flanagan  
John Hudson  
Anne Jacob  
Allison Keating, alternate for Stephen Bissonnette  
Gracie Kennedy  
Paul Kremer  
Donnie Land  
Ronnie McCardle for Jodi White  
David Meurer  
John Mousa  
George Oberschlake  
Charles Pults  
Lohre Root, alternate for Jodi White  
Steve R. Truluck  
Ed Ward

**STAFF PRESENT**

Dwayne Mundy

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Roger Brower  
David Clanton  
William Coughlin  
Hank Everett  
Dennis Fleetwood  
Nelson Green  
Murel McDonald  
Betsy Perkins  
Douglas Prentiss  
Chad Reed  
Donald Sessions  
Tommy Thomas  
Ann Tucker  
Jerry Weinrich  
Roy Woods

**GUESTS PRESENT**

David L. Boozer, Lake City Fire Dept.  
Roger Ehlert, Hamilton County Emergency Mgmt.  
Dana A. Harris, Savage Industries  
Helen Miyasaki, Clariant LSM  
Shayne Morgan, Columbia Co. Emergency Mgmt.  
Major Russ Spangler, 44<sup>th</sup> CST

I. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Edye Rowell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. She welcomed everyone and asked that they introduce themselves. She reported on the State Emergency Response Commission and LEPC chair's and staff meetings. She discussed a letter from the LEPC chair's and staff to the State Emergency Response Commission encouraging greater support of LEPCs in Florida's terrorism efforts.

II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 16, 2002, MEETING MINUTES

**ACTION: It was moved by Bill Brideson and seconded by Steve Truluck, to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2002, meeting as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. PRESENTATION

Major Russ Spangler from the Army National Guard 44th. Weapon of Mass Destruction Civilian Support Team gave a presentation on the CST. Following the presentations questions followed. Major Spangler was thanked by the LEPC for his very useful and informative presentation

IV. FIRST RESPONDER ISSUES

Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team Chairman Cliff Chapman reported that a meeting of the Regional Team Policy Board would follow today at the Planning Council office at 1:30 p.m. Chairman Chapman said that there would be a press conference at 2:30 p.m. to present Alachua County Fire Rescue with the fourth and final initial response trailer from the first year of the grant program.

Chairman Chapman reported that the regional team has approved a revised interlocal agreement and that it is currently being considered by the eight member local governments. Dwayne Mundy added that this would make it easier for additional local governments to join the team and that it is hoped that the process will be completed by the end of the calendar year. The group discussed that each local government would have to adopt a cost recovery ordinance prior to joining the team.

Chair Edye Rowell reported on the Tri-State Hazardous Materials Team and said there was a meeting in Lake City recently. Dwayne Mundy reported that participants in this group included Gainesville, Tallahassee, Dothan Alabama, Valdosta Georgia,

and Lake City. Mr. Mundy said the goal of the group is to eliminate potential problems to hazmat response across state lines for smaller incidents. Ed Ward, Florida Department of Transportation, discussed the EMAC Agreement for interstate assistance on declared disasters. Dwayne Mundy reported that the next meeting will likely include a resolution for each of the cities to take back to their commissions endorsing the concept of this mutual aid.

The committee discussed that they are running low on Emergency Response Guide books and that the new guide book will not be released until 2004. The group discussed that it is possible for the LEPC to spend some of its training money in order to have these guides available for use in training classes.

It was announced that Clariant and Gainesville Fire Rescue will be holding an exercise sometime in December. It was also announced that a hazardous materials exercise will be held at New River Solid Waste Authority in Union County on November 20, 2002.

Dwayne Mundy reported that the Regional Hazmat Team now has a competency checkoff list for hands-on skills that a hazardous materials technician needs to know. Mr. Mundy said that this list of hands-on activities will be used for both initial training as well as annual refresher training.

## V. PUBLIC INFORMATION ISSUES

Charles Pults LEPC Vice-Chair of Public Information, stated that the LEPC has a couple of possible public information projects. Dwayne Mundy discussed a shelter in place sign project where buildings identified as being suitable for sheltering in place would be identified by a standardized sign put together by the National Institute for Chemical Studies. Mr. Mundy said that he has spoken with Dennis Fleetwood of the University of Florida to determine the interest of UF in participating in this project. The group discussed that the signs may not adequately convey the message that this building is appropriate for sheltering in place for a chemical release.

Allison Keating reported on the activities of METRA-North. She stated that a recent medical waste seminar was held at University of Florida-Shands and covered the topic of disposing of silver as well as bio-hazardous waste. She added that one of the main feedbacks included that the presentation should have been longer. Ms. Keating added that the group is working on planning its next seminar and she invited everyone to attend the next METRA meeting to be held the second Wednesday of the month at the University of Florida TREEO Center with the meeting starting at 10:00 a.m.

Dwayne Mundy reported that Operation Clean Sweep has a new format for farmers that want to get rid of unwanted pesticides. They need to organize a milk run where a collection truck will go from farm to farm to pick up pesticides. The group discussed that many farmers do not trust the government and may be reluctant to participate in a program that was not anonymous.

## VI. PLANNING ISSUES

The committee reviewed the letter from the EPA regarding its enforcement initiative against marinas. Dwayne Mundy reported being contacted by two marinas for assistance on registering their gasoline and/or diesel tanks with the Division of Emergency Management. Charles Pults reported that the EPA has also sent out a letter regarding site security issues to a number of chemical facility plants.

Dwayne Mundy reported on the status and time frame for the 2003 update of the LEPC Plan. Mr. Mundy stated that the LEPC should consider adopting the update at its May 2003 meeting. He added that the plan is being converted into a Word format and that plan update members will be contacted via e-mail for their suggestions.

The group discussed the importance of including hazardous materials response in county local mitigation strategies. Mr. Mundy said this ties in with the expansion of the Regional Hazmat Team and the application for additional grants.

It was reported that Edye Rowell and Dwayne Mundy would be participants in the 2004 CHER-CAP exercise being held near Pensacola in early February. It was discussed that this LEPC and the one centered in Tallahassee are penciled in to share the next Florida CHER-CAP exercise. Mr. Mundy expressed his concern that other LEPCs have spent large amounts of resources in meeting the contractual requirements of the CHER-CAP exercises. Mr. Mundy stated that he hopes that this can be a tri-state exercise and the writing of reports can be split up so that it is feasible to do this project than budget.

Dwayne Mundy reported that the scope draft contract for next year's HMEP planning projects have been received and that at the next meeting the committee would need to select a project.

VII. NOTIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION REQUESTS

Dwayne Mundy reported that no followup reports had been received since the last meeting. He added that the lifetime list of Section 304 spill follow-up reports to the LEPC is in the process of being updated.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The LEPC discussed that the February meeting is typically held outside of the City of Alachua and that a location is needed for the February 2003 meeting. Staff was directed to contact the Florida Rock cement plant in Newberry and request a tour of that facility. Charles Pults offered PCS Phosphate in Hamilton County as a possible alternate location.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman

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Date