

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

Progress Corporate Park
Alachua, Florida

August 15, 2003
9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Edye Rowell, Chair
Kenneth Allen for David Donnelly
Jim Barbera
Allen Blanton
William Brideson
Cliff Chapman
David Clanton
Joe Flanagan
Dennis Fleetwood
Curtis Franklin
John Hudson
Anne Jacob
Allison Keating for Stephen Bissonnette
Gracie Kennedy
Paul Kremer
Donnie Land
Ronnie McCardle
David Meurer
John Mousa
Betsy Perkins
Mark Raulston for Joe Flanagan
Mike Gantt for Chad Reed
Steve R. Truluck
Ed Ward

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Brimeyer
Roger Brower
Alan Chandler
William Coughlin
William Dampier
Hank Everett
Nelson Green
Murel McDonald
Douglas Prentiss
Charles Pults
Donald Sessions
Tommy Thomas
Ann Tucker
Jerry Weinrich
Roy Woods
Mike Urbanck

VISITORS PRESENT

Catherine Sprigg

STAFF PRESENT

Dwayne Mundy

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Vice-Chair, First Responder Alan Blanton.

I. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chief Blanton reported that Chair Edye Rowell would arrive late. Everyone introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MAY 16, 2003, MEETING MINUTES

ACTION: It was moved by Bill Brideson and seconded by John Hudson, to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2003, meeting as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

III. ADOPTION OF THE 2003 LEPC PLAN UPDATE

Dwayne Mundy reported that the reformatted and updated LEPC Plan has been submitted to the Division of Emergency Management for review. He recommended that committee members review the Plan and make any suggestions prior to the next meeting where the Plan will be considered for adoption by the LEPC.

IV. NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL SERC AWARD AND CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

The LEPC discussed accomplishments of the last year and recipients of awards in the past. The following people were nominated for Certificates of Appreciation: Bill Brideson, Joe Flannigan, Gracie Kennedy, Donnie Land, Paul Kremer, Donnie Sessions, Dr. David Meurer, and Dave Donnelly. Charlie Pults was nominated for the Thomas Yatabe SERC award in recognition of his many contributions to the LEPC program.

ACTION: It was moved by John Hudson and seconded by Dr. Dave Meurer to forward the award nominations to the State Emergency Response Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

V. PUBLIC INFORMATION ISSUES

Next, the LEPC discussed community workshops and Section 302 facility outreach efforts held since the last meeting. Ronnie McCardle reported on the Columbia County Emergency Expo which was one community workshop in which the LEPC participated. He invited everyone to attend the Expo next year.

Allison Keating reported on the activities of METRA-North. She invited LEPC members to attend the next meeting on August 19, which will include a presentation on petroleum response.

The group discussed that Senator Rod Smith has agreed to become a member of the LEPC in the elected state officials category. Dwayne Mundy stated that a broadcast

media member is needed to fill all occupational categories. The committee discussed that the nomination form is available on line and that each member may appoint an alternate in the same category.

LEPC Chair Edye Rowell arrived at the meeting and reported on the last State Emergency Response Commission and Training Task Force meeting.

Dwayne Mundy reported that arrangements have been finalized for the purchase of LEPC Polo shirts. He stated that the shirts cost \$25 plus a \$1.50 tax and that checks can be made out to Central Monogramming and they are due into him by Friday, August 22.

VI. FIRST RESPONDER ISSUES

Vice-Chair of First Responders, Allen Blanton reported that the training program has been busy. Dwayne Mundy summarized emergency responder training classes held since the last meeting. Steve Truluck of Shands Hospital discussed a variety of decontamination and awareness level training needed by hospitals. The LEPC discussed the importance of coordinating hazmat response from first-on-the-scene, hazmat, EMS transport as well as hospitals being able to handle contaminated patients that self-present.

Cliff Chapman reported on a grant awarded to Alachua County Fire Rescue to establish an EMS cache of decontamination and drugs for treating weapons of mass destruction victims. Mr. Chapman also discussed an OSHA opinion that law enforcement officials need medical clearance prior to wearing an air purifier respirator.

The group discussed the June 25, 2003, terrorism exercise conducted in the Jacksonville RDSTF district. Dr. Anne Jacobs reported on the scenario at Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville. Cliff Chapman discussed a parallel scenario that was held at Camp Blanding.

VII. NOTIFICATIONS, AND INFORMATION REQUESTS

Dwayne Mundy reported on notifications and information requests received since last meeting.

Other business discussed included standardizing CAMEO formats throughout the LEPC district, future domestic security exercises, and a TRANSCAER whistlestop training held in Jacksonville.

There was considerable discussion regarding the proposed changes to the risk management program regulations from EPA. The LEPC was in support of removing the requirements to include offsite consequence results in the executive summary. The group opposed requiring the re-submission of an entire RMP after a reportable incident. The LEPC concluded that facilities should focus on fixing problems directly associated with a release within the six months after the release rather than redoing the entire RMP. It was decided that comments on this proposed rule should be submitted to Dwayne Mundy who will submit them to EPA prior to the September 15 deadline.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next meeting date was tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2003, starting at 9:30 a.m. at Progress Corporate Park. Chairman Rowell reminded the group that the January meeting is traditionally a road trip and that a sponsoring organization is needed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Chairman

Date