

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

Echelon Business and
Technology Center, Alachua, Florida

May 21, 1999
9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Hudson, Chairman
Jim Barbera
Bill Brideson
Sandy Burgess
Joe Flanagan
Brian Files, Alternate
Gracie Kennedy
Paul Kremer
Donnie Land
James Locke
Scott Pate for Murel McDonald
David Meurer
John Mousa
Edye Rowell
George Scott
Frank Waters
Jerry Weinrich

GUESTS PRESENT

Kurt Shultz, UF, for Dennis Fleetwood
David Clanton, City of Lake City
Rick O'Hara, City of Lake City
Ed Lundy, Columbia County EM
Stephen Frost RTI Safety
Mike Brimeyer, Synquest Labs
Christina James, UF Ag. Eng.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Steve Abrams
James Aikman
Jerry Allen
Allen Blanton
Perry Brake
Roger Brower
Bob Casey
Cliff Chapman
Alan Chandler
Matt Duncan
Dennis Fleetwood
Nelson Green
Susan Lamb
Susan McDonough
Cheryl Murrin
Charles Pults
Doug Prentiss
Chad Reed
Charlie Reed
Raymond Shuford
Jeff Tucker
Fred Sowell
Charles Taylor, Jr.
Roy Woods

STAFF PRESENT

Dwayne Mundy

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Chairman John Hudson.

Chairman Hudson welcomed everyone, asked that they introduce themselves, and reported on the last LEPC Chair/staff and State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) meetings. Chairman Hudson discussed presentations by the FBI and EPA, and one on the Y2K threat to chemical facilities.

ACTION: It was moved by Sandy Burgess and seconded by Bill Brideson, to approve the minutes of the February 19, meeting as corrected. The motion carried unanimously.

A follow-up report on the RMP public meetings was started by Chairman Hudson. He reported that an open house was held in White Springs on March 27 and the *Safety Street* presentation held in Gainesville on March 30. The Gainesville *Safety Street* presentation was held on Tuesday, March 30, from 6:00 to 8:45 p.m. in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center. Dwayne Mundy reported that over two hundred people attended and he estimated 30 percent were ordinary citizens. The LEPC unanimously agreed that it was worth the effort. Mr. Mundy reported that he has been asked a few times if this would become an annual event.

Edye Rowell reported on the Buckeye Safety Fair that was held on May 8, 1999. She said the open house was attended by over 300 people. The LEPC, DEP, PCS, local fire departments, Perry Police Department and others had displays. The Buckeye hazmat team and Taylor County fire clowns were also present.

Dwayne Mundy reported that prior to the Gainesville Safety Street, that the LEPC also had a display at the Hurricane Hunter expo held at the Gainesville Airport. He report that an estimated 5,000 people attended the two-day event the weekend prior to the Gainesville *Safety Street*.

John Hudson thanked Denise Feiber and QST Environmental for doing the art work for the flyers and folders. He noted that QST had won an award for the flyer. Mr. Hudson also thanked the other people and organizations that made the Safety Street a success.

Sandy Burgess reported on the annual update of the LEPC plan. Dwayne Mundy reported on the details of the short addendum to this years plan. Mr. Mundy added that a major update will need to be conducted next year to include updated hazards analyses, RMP information, and the LEPC regional hazmat team.

ACTION: It was moved by Sandy Burgess and seconded by Jim Locke to approve the 1999 addendum to the LEPC hazmat plan and to direct staff to include any additional changes to the coordination summary table. The motion carried unanimously.

Next, the group discussed the location of the 1999 hazardous materials response exercise. It was decided that the incident should be transportation related and held in the Gainesville Airport Industrial Park. After asking for volunteers to chair the exercise planning workgroup and hearing none, Mr. Hudson volunteered to chair the group himself. Edye Rowell volunteered and was appointed Vice-Chair of the group.

Dwayne Mundy reported on the status of the hazmat training program. He said that the new Florida Operational-level class will be available soon to replace the Initial Response

to Hazardous Materials Incidents (IRHMI) class. Mr. Mundy added that we are sharing an Incident Management class with the District 2 (Tallahassee) LEPC and an Incident management class is being held in Tallahassee this year. He added that next year, we should be able to hold an advanced hazmat class in Gainesville.

The status of updating the site specific hazards analyses was discussed next. Mr. Mundy said that Alachua, Bradford and Gilchrist Counties are doing their own updates and that he is doing the remaining eight counties. Mr. Mundy said that all of the counties except Gilchrist are using CAMEO for Windows. Mr. Mundy said the goal is to include all of the LEPC's hazards analyses on one CD-ROM.

Dwayne Mundy reported on the progress being made towards establishing a regional hazardous materials response team. Mr. Mundy recommended that a meeting of the Regional Hazmat Team workgroup be scheduled to continue progress towards having all eight of the initial local governments sign the interlocal and adopt cost recovery ordinances. Next, the LEPC discussed appointing an LEPC member to governing board of the regional team.

ACTION: It was moved by Jerry Weinrich and seconded by Edye Rowell to authorize the Chairman to appoint an LEPC member to the Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team governing board. The motion carried unanimously.

Membership, notifications and information requests were discussed. New nominees included David Clanton from Lake City WWTP and Ed Lundy from Columbia County Emergency Management.

John Hudson reported that nominations for this year's SERC Awards were due the week before our next LEPC meeting. Edye Rowell and Denise Feiber were discussed as deserving nominees that have not previously received awards. Chairman Hudson reported that he would work with staff to make the nominations on time. Chairman Hudson asked the Committee if anyone was interested in considering serving as LEPC chair next term, which starts July, 2000. No one volunteered.

The next meeting date was set for August 20, 1999, at the Echelon Business and Technology Park in Alachua. The Exercise Planning Workgroup was scheduled to meet at 9:30 a.m. and the Regional Hazmat Team workgroup at 10:30 a.m. on June 18, 1999, at the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Chairman

Date

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