



LEPC Meeting Notice

MEMO TO: Tampa Bay LEPC, District VIII Members/Alternates

FROM: Asst Chief Scott Ehlers, LEPC Chairman and
John Meyer, LEPC Coordinator

SUBJECT: **LEPC MEETING - August 26, 2009**

DATE: August 17, 2009

The next Tampa Bay LEPC, District VIII meeting will be held on **Wednesday Morning, August 26, 2009, 10:30 a.m., at the** Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, 4000 Gateway Centre Blvd, Suite 100, Pinellas Park, FL 33782.

The enclosed package of informative materials will recap various agenda items, precluding the need for detailed discussion at the meeting unless specific questions arise. The LEPC meeting is expected to last about an hour.

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LEPC Agenda

TAMPA BAY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) DISTRICT VIII MEETING

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
4000 Gateway Centre Blvd, Suite 100, Pinellas Park, FL 33782
Wednesday, August 26, 2009 - 10:30 am

*****THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC*****

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The following LEPC membership change(s) was/were approved at the July 10, 2009 SERC meeting:

MEMBER	CATEGORY	MEMBER TYPE		STATUS OF CHANGE			FURTHER DESCRIPTION (IF NECESSARY)
		PRIMARY	ALTERNATE	NEW MEMBER	CATEGORY OR TYPE CHANGE	RESIGNED/ REMOVED	
Col. Bill Lofgren	Interested Citizen	✓		✓			Retired from LEPC District 8 Staff Coordinator position in December 2008. Recently applied for LEPC membership.
NET CHANGE IN DISTRICT 8 MEMBERSHIP = +1				TOTAL MEMBERSHIP = 40			

Additional Material: None.
Action Recommended: Recognition of New Appointments

The State Emergency Response Commission and associated Subcommittee meetings were held in Tallahassee at the Betty Easley Conference Center in Tallahassee on July 9-10, 2009. LEPC Chairman Ehlers and LEPC Staff Coordinator John Meyer attended. The following serves as a recap of the SERC meeting and associated materials:

The items of business were:

- Approval of April 3, 2009 SERC meeting Minutes
- Approval of new/revised Local Emergency Planning Committee Appointments. *The lone LEPC District 8 membership modification was the addition of Col. William Lofgren as a Primary member;*
- Provided a Legal Update on GA Food Case. *Lesley Anderson-Adams (DEM Legal Counsel) indicated that GA Foods, located in central Pinellas County, had a release of 1,200 pounds of anhydrous ammonia on August 24, 2006 which was not reported within a time period prescribed by Florida law. In lieu of paying a fine, the company has tentatively agreed to fund a supplemental project consisting of the conduct of three days of hazardous materials training at their facility for the Pinellas County hazmat team and others as space will permit. Air monitoring equipment will*

also be purchased for the Pinellas County Hazmat team if funding remains following the training. This training is currently being scheduled for late October;

- *Approval of Modifications to the LEPC Membership Categories. Tim Date (DEM Staff) indicated that for the past year (or so), the LEPCs, in conjunction with SERC's Subcommittee on Training, have evaluated several proposed modifications to the LEPC memberships. In summary, the approved changes were as follows:*
 - ▶ *consolidate "Elected State Official" & "Elected Local Official" into one category;*
 - ▶ *consolidate "Broadcast Media" & "Print Media" into one category;*
 - ▶ *consolidate "Facility Owners" & "Facility Operators" into one category; and*
 - ▶ *add a Category entitled "Local Option" to be utilized and defined by each LEPC District.*

The SERC did not take a position on the issue of retired members as to whether they would remain in their formerly assigned category or be reassigned as "Interested Citizens." Much discussion ensued about their inability to maintain contacts and procedural changes that may follow in their former professions as time passes. SERC Legal Counsel agreed to research the issue. In the interim, it is up to each LEPC.

- *Approval of Subcommittee on Training Membership Policies, consisting of Definitions, Membership, Quorum, Voting, Election and Term of Officers, Code of Conduct sections.*
- *Recognized Greg Lee for 25 years of service on the State Emergency Response Commission.*
- *Report provided on SERC's Subcommittee on Training current initiatives, which are characterized by the following highlights:*
 - ▶ *Chemistry in the High Schools. Initiative to bolster chemistry and hazardous materials information into the science curriculum at the Public High Schools. One of the High Schools (i.e. Pinellas Park High School) will be offering a First Responders Program next year to selected students. The curriculum involves incorporating the chemistry theme into various subject courses (i.e. Science, Math, English, History...). Training to gain the support of the Department of Education to introduce similar programs at the high school level statewide.*
 - ▶ *Hazardous Materials Medical Protocols. Effort to refine the Medical Protocols of Hazardous Material responder qualifications. Final approval to be granted by the Medical Directors with input and review by Poison Control.*
 - ▶ *Hazardous Materials Sampling Model Procedure. Procedures intended to foster better communications and identify which agency(ies) should take the lead in responding to hazardous material incident(s). The type, quantity, and vulnerability of the incident would dictate the lead agency. SERC authorized the Subcommittee of Training to research which agency is responsible for conducting air monitoring of a private dwelling. EPA staff*

indicated that they have the authority to conduct such monitoring, if necessary, in addition to any other agency which may be identified.

- **E-Plan Status Report.** *All hazmat teams have now been signed up for E-Plan in addition to all but 19 of Florida's Counties. None of the 19 delinquent Counties are located within the Tampa Bay area (i.e. District 8). There will be a concerted effort to register these remaining Counties. In addition, DEM is hopeful that all Tier II submittals and their corresponding fees will be submitted electronically starting next year using a universal form. That way, information is available nearly instantaneously. Palm Beach is being utilized as a test site whereby calls placed into the 911 system will be immediately screened to determine if there are hazardous materials present. If applicable, the notation would not indicate the type or quantity of hazardous material(s).*
- **Presentation of the Financial Status Report.** *The SERC Agenda materials included a comparison of 2007-08 and 2008-09 EPCRA and Risk Management Plan (RMP) revenues by month, a breakdown of the FY 2008-09 Hazardous Materials Planning and RMP Programs Expenditures by Category. The presentation included recognition of a \$250,000 shortfall in Tier II fees in comparison with last year's collections. To overcome this shortfall, DEM staff is contemplating different scenarios for the conduct of the Hazards Analyses during 2009-10, including the possibility of contracting with the Regional Planning Councils to conduct all analyses at reduced rates. DEM staff has additionally established an ambitious goal of identifying 100 facilities per quarter that have failed to report. If successful, this effort could yield an estimated \$700,000 in additional funding, clearly offsetting the identified shortfall.*
- **Hazardous Materials Incidents Reports.** *While a formal Report was not provided, DEM staff did recognize that a listing of all Potential Section 304 Investigations conducted statewide was included in the SERC Agenda materials as well as a listing of Incidents requiring Evacuation or causing Injury and/or Death.*

The following District 8 Hazardous Materials incidents required Section 304 investigations:

County	Date of Release	Chemical	Amount Released (Lbs.)	Business Type	Status/Reason for Closing Investigation/Sector
Hills-borough	6/11/08	Ammonia	66.66	Refrigerated Wrhse	Closed/Below RQ/Private
	7/02/08	Ammonia	9.76	Sausages & Other Prepared Meats	Closed/Below RQ/Private
	7/07/08	Ammonia	196	Chemicals & Allied Products	Closed/Release did not go Off-Site/Private
	7/25/08	Sodium Fluoride	4305175	Phosphate Mining	Closed/No Notification Violation/Private
	8/13/08	Sodium Hypochlorite	34	Private Business	Closed/Below RQ/Private
	10/16/08	Phosphoric Acid	5600	Phosphatic Fertilizers	Closed/Release did not go Off-Site/Private
	11/15/08	Sulfuric Acid (Non-Aerosol Forms)	1227	Chemicals & Allied Products	Closed/Release did not go Off-Site/Private
	11/26/08	Butylamine	Unknown	College	Closed/Release did not go Off-Site/Public
	1/16/09	Sulfuric Acid (Non-Aerosol Forms)	77	Chemicals & Allied Products	Closed/Below RQ/Private

County	Date of Release	Chemical	Amount Released (Lbs.)	Business Type	Status/Reason for Closing Investigation/Sector
Pasco	1/01/09	Hydrochloric Acid/ Sodium	Unknown	Restaurant	Closed/Release did not go Off-Site/Private
Pinellas	6/05/08	Sodium Hypochlorite	Unknown	Private Residence	Closed/Below RQ/Private
	6/07/08	Sulfuric Acid	Unknown	Private Residence	Closed/Release did not go Off-Site/Private
	7/14/08	Formaldehyde	Unknown	Dialysis Center	Closed/Release did not go Off-Site/Private
	8/09/08	Mercury	50-100	Search, Detection, Navigation	Closed/Release did not go Off-Site/Private
	10/11/08	Ammonia	2000	Fish & Seafood	ACTIVE
	2/08/09	Ammonia	25	Bread & Other Bakery Products	Closed/Below RQ/Private
	4/10/09	Acetonitrile	33	Unknown	Closed/Below RQ/Private
	4/17/09	Mercury	.02	School	Closed/Below RQ/Public

The following District 8 Hazardous Materials incidents involved Evacuation, Injury(ies) and/or Death(s):

County	Date of Release	Chemical	Amount Released (Lbs.)	Business Type	Evacuations	# Injured	# Killed
Hills	11/10/08	Propane	Unknown	Church	70	0	0
	11/26/08	Butylamine	Unknown	College	0	1	0
	2/20/09	Natural Gas	Unknown	Private Residence	2	0	0
	3/25/09	Natural Gas	Unknown	Traffic Accident/Apt. Complex	12	0	0
Pasco	1/01/09	Hydrochloric Acid/Sodium	Unknown	Restaurant	6	6	0
Pinellas	6/02/08	Natural Gas	Unknown	Private Office Building	50	0	0
	6/07/08	Sulfuric Acid	Unknown	Private Residence	4	1	0
	7/04/08	Carbon Monoxide	Unknown	Private Residence	0	3	0
	7/14/08	Formaldehyde	Unknown	Dialysis Center	0	1	0
	8/09/08	Mercury	50-100	Search, Detection, Navigation	0	1	0
	11/09/08	Natural Gas	Unknown	Private Business	12	0	0

- Report provided on Staff Activities by Section. *Supplementing information contained in the SERC Agenda, DEM staff highlighted their programmatic responsibilities. The SERC Agenda materials included annual comparisons of Section 311/312 Chemical Inventory Reports (1999-current), Hazardous Materials Incidents Reports by month (2000-current) and Notice of Violations Issued (2005-current).*
- Update on LEPC Activities. *SERC Member George Danz indicated that a listing of quarterly*

With the assistance of many Subcommittee members, Mr. Bob Westly of SCS Engineering and Ms. Thea Dunmire of ENLAR Compliance have been spear-heading this three-year effort but are encouraging comments and/or recommendations to be made by the entire LEPC membership.

Not having the opportunity to formally adopt the July 16th Subcommittee Minutes yet, the following constitute the “draft” Minutes from this meeting:

Meeting Minutes - LEPC District 8 - Disaster Planning Subcommittee

Meeting Date - July 16, 2009, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Attendees - John Meyer, Chet Klinger, Ed Murphy, Ed Kinley, Dick Booth, Thea Dunmire, Larry Clark, Bob Westly & Betti Johnson

A meeting of the LEPC Disaster Planning Subcommittee was held on July 16, 2009. The goal of the Subcommittee is to bolster the hazardous materials section of the *Florida Business Disaster Survival Kit* (FBDSK), viewable at www.fldisasterkit.com. Extensive discussion ensued regarding the ability of the Subcommittee to seek grant funding to assist in this endeavor and the future conduct of workshop(s). In addition, Chet Klinger apprised the subcommittee of *initial* results of a telephone survey he is conducting with companies in which LEPC District 8 had previously provided training. The goal of the survey is to discover what “practical controls” were learned during a prior training event and which one(s) were actually implemented. Industries are also provided the opportunity to identify any unique measures that are being implemented by their facility(ies). It is anticipated that the anonymous survey results will be published and linked to the FBDSK as well as the Council’s LEPC website, upon completion.

Discussion Summary

1. Minutes from the April 24, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously without modification. (Klinger/Kinley)
2. Chet Klinger advised the Subcommittee that he has been conducting an informal telephone survey of facility representatives that have previously received training from the LEPC District 8 Facility Disaster Planning Committee. Currently about 20 surveys have been conducted and Chet intends to conduct at least 20 more. The poll consists of inquiring what the facilities have done since the training. The following are excerpts of some of the initial results:

Identified the following “Good Management Practices” for facilities:

- utilize lockable safety cabinets or leak-proof buildings, rooms or vaults for storage of chemicals. Proper tie-down procedures could further reduce vulnerability to winds and/or floods;
- band drums of chemicals together in sets of four. Secure fencing and/or buildings can reduce risk of flood/wind vulnerability;
- ensure tanks are properly marked/labeled with chemical names and Reportable Quantity(ies);

- determine whether to drain, fill or remove storage tanks before evacuating facility;
 - periodically test leak detection alarm system to ensure it is in working order including without power to simulate power outage;
 - have pre-arranged agreements with hazmat teams within and outside Region to ensure spill equipment on standby away from the facility and potentially vulnerable area, with FDEP Hazardous Waste Section for activation of emergency permit (if necessary), with Fire/Police Departments regarding access to property and re-entry of authorized facility personnel following disaster;
 - have pre-arranged agreements, with major transportation, disaster clean-up, debris removal, portable communications/computer restoration & recovery system, and heavy equipment rental companies, as well as construction/demolition contractors;
 - ensure sufficient quantities of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE);
 - coordinate with neighboring businesses of evacuation plans and contact information;
 - obtain direct telephone contact information for emergency responders and stakeholders in effort to avoid automated phone answering systems;
 - if applicable, secure rail tankers for future (potential) transport of chemicals from site;
 - ensure outdoor secondary containment system(s) are empty prior to facility shut down and/or evacuation; and
 - prior to facility evacuation, pre-assign facility re-entry team member(s) to take copies of corresponding MSDS Sheets and supply kits with them. These would return to the facility during re-entry.
3. When Survey is complete and results have been compiled, the findings and recommendations will be linked to the FBDSK as "Lessons Learned." An additional link to this data will be provided from the LEPC District 8 webpage.
 4. Since disasters are unknown in terms of intensity, location and timing, it is impossible to pre-determine and pre-arrange all planning and mitigation/response measures.
 5. The biggest lesson learned by the chemical industry during Hurricane Katrina was not proper storage of chemicals but rather the inability/delay to get employees back and communications (or lack thereof).
 6. Thea Dunmire advised the Subcommittee of her findings of a OSHA grant opportunity entitled the "Susan Harwood Grant Program." The following are pre-requisites for soliciting such funding:
 - grant application must be submitted electronically by July 24, 2009;

- the applicants must be pre-registered prior to submittal;
- award recipients must be non-profit/non-government agency;
- goal of funding shall be to educate workers and employees on reducing illnesses, injuries and saving lives;
- the Grant Program is designed to address emergency preparedness and pandemic flu;
- funds can not be used for standard OSHA outreach programs or anything contrary to OSHA;
- administrative costs can not exceed \$25,000;
- grant work products must be made available to all; and
- funds can be used for training and workshops but not outreach efforts.

Prior grant awards were in the range of \$100,000 - \$200,000.

7. John Meyer and Betti Johnson agreed to have Council administration evaluate whether the Council's Not-for-Profit 501(c)(3) – Regional Cooperative Alliance, Inc. (RCA) would qualify for such funding. If it does qualify and Council administration concurs, John and Betti agreed to assist Thea Dunmire, Bob Westly and Dick Booth in the preparation of such application. It was also agreed that the application would be e-mailed to the Subcommittee prior to submittal.
8. In the event that the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council does not qualify for above grant application, does not meet the current time constraints for submittal, or the application is not selected for funding by OSHA, other funding sources should be identified and applied for (e.g. EPA, SWFWMD...). If the Council would qualify for Susan Harwood Grant Program funds but was not able to submit such application during the current year, the possibility to submit in conjunction with the next year's funding cycle would exist.

[Following the meeting, Council administration subsequently advised against submittal during this funding cycle due to the competitive nature of this grant program, the severe time constraints and the facts that the Council's RCA has not already been assigned a DUNS number and the Council's RCA is not pre-registered with "grants.gov" yet.]

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Look into updating the FBDSK and/or LEPC Website with previously identified links, such as the following, as well as other resources:
 - <http://web-services.gov/lo/>
 - <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/hurricane/hazwoper.html>.

- <http://www.umrba.org/hazspills/peoriaplan.pdf>
- http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/docs/LEPC/Emergency_Plan_Sample_4.pdf
- <http://www.wvu.edu/~exten/depts/cewd/wvdemr/Disaster%Manual.htm>
- <http://phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat>
- <http://csxhazmat.kor-tx.com>
- <http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/cameo/index.htm>

2. Encourage the Council to seek a DUNS number and register with “grants.gov” site if not completed for this year’s funding cycle, in order to be pre-registered for the next funding opportunity.

The next meeting of the LEPC Disaster Planning Committee was scheduled for Thursday, August 13th at 11:00 a.m.

It was decided to present the above summary and recommendations to the LEPC at the August 26, 2009 meeting and continue to request input from the membership. Although the Minutes reflect that the next meeting was scheduled for August 13, 2009, the meeting did not occur. The next meeting is alternatively being scheduled for September 17 or 18, 2009.

Additional Material: Minutes from 4/23/09 Subcommittee Meeting (above)
Action Recommended: None. For Information Only.

Several new training opportunities were introduced during this year’s HMEP Training cycle which began in October 2008. As identified in the table below, the LEPC has conducted or assisted in the following training events: Railroad Car Incident training for emergency responders; a CSX functional exercise; a Air Monitoring/Sampling training course; a Chlorine Workshop; a Chlorine Safety training course; a Chlorine Safety Training course; and a Air Monitoring Detection & In-Service Training course. Scheduled for the Fourth (and final) Quarter of the Contract are the offering of the HazMat IQ® course and a Confined Space Rescue Operations in Hazardous Material Environments course. Bob Tollise will elaborate on these and other possible training plans envisioned for the closeout of the fiscal year.

Training Conducted During 3rd Quarter:

While the past and future training opportunities are identified above, two training opportunities were availed during the Second Quarter. This consisted of a Chlorine Safety Training Course (May 5-7, 2009 in Manatee County) and a Air Monitoring Detection & In-Service Training course (June 9-11, 2009 in Manatee County). In total, 70 attended these training events, the majority of which were from the firefighting discipline.

A breakdown by categorical profession is as follows:

Profession	Awareness	Operations	Technician (Advanced)	Specialist	Incident Command	Total (a)
Fire			58			
Fire TTT						
Vol Fire			1			
Vol Fire TTT						
Law Enf.						
Law Enf. TTT						
Pub. Works						
Pub. Work TTT						
EMS (Incl Vol)			8			
EMS TTT						
Health/Hosp						
Health/Hosp TTT						
Emer Mgmt (b)			2			
Other(c)			1			
TOTALS			70			

* - The Chlorine Safety Training (May 5-7, 2009/16 Attendees @ 24 hours) and Air Monitoring and Detection In-Service Training (June 9-11, 2009/54 Attendees @ 8 hours) were each classified as “Advanced Technician” level courses, yielding a total of 70 Attendees. Totals may include same individual who has undergone more than one type of training.

A copy of budgetary expenditures to date (including those obligated) are as follows and Bob Tollise will provide an update:

**RECORD OF BUDGET EXPENDITURES
2008-09 HMEP TRAINING GRANT
Project 31402/132802 Budget: \$41,969.00**

Quarter	Date	Name	Expenses	Cumulative	Remaining
1	11/11-13/08	Emergency Response to Railcar Incident, Manatee Co.	\$10.00*	\$10.00	\$41,959.00
	11/13/08	CSX Transportation Railroad Functional Exercise, Hillsborough County	\$10.00*	\$20.00	\$41,949.00
	12/4/08	Air Monitoring Training, Pasco County	\$2,950.00	\$2,970.00	\$38,999.00
	12/31/08	1 st Qtr Administration Expenses Oct-Dec, 08 <Actual>	\$4,752.00**	\$7,722.00	\$34,247.00
2	2/10-12/09	Advance Radiological Response, Manatee County	\$10.00*	\$7,732.00	\$34,237.00
	3/31/09	Chlorine Workshop, Hillsborough County	\$10.00*	\$7,742.00	\$34,227.00
	3/31/09	2 nd Qtr Administration Expenses Jan-Mar, 09 <Actual>	\$ 653.00**	\$8,399.00	\$33,574.00
3	5/05-07/09	Chlorine Safety Training Course, Manatee County	\$3,600.00	\$11,999.00	\$29,974.00
	6/09-11/09	Air Monitoring & Detection In-Service Training	\$5,230.00	\$17,229.00	\$24,744.00
	6/30/09	3 rd Qtr Administration Expenses Apr-June, 09 <Actual>	\$ 857.00**	\$18,086.00	\$23,877.00
4	8/18-20/09	Hazmat IQ Training Course, Pinellas Park	\$14,850.00	\$32,936.00	\$ 9,037.00
	8/25-27/09	Confined Space Rescue Operations, Manatee County	\$6,000.00	\$38,936.00	\$ 3,037.00
	9/30/09	4 th Qtr Administration Expenses July-Sept, 09 <Est.>	\$1,000.00	\$39,936.00	\$ 2,037.00

* Indicates that LEPC District 8 received credit for course but the course was funded by a source other than the HMEP Training budget. Only expenses incurred by the LEPC were for advertising, etc.

** Council expenses include indirects (postage, office supplies, copying charges, communications), internal service charges (accounting, information center), auditing, building occupancy, travel time (local mileage, etc.) and small miscellaneous expenses.

Additional Material: None.
Action Recommended: None. For Information Only.

Agenda Item #8 REGIONAL DOMESTIC SECURITY TASK FORCE (RDSTF) Erika Wiker

The Region 4 RDSTF, which includes the four counties of the LEPC District VIII - Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas as well as Hardee, Polk, Hernando, Citrus and Sumter Counties, is co-chaired by Sheriff David Gee and FDLE Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Jim Madden. DEM's primary role is in Consequence Management and each Regional Task Force also has a DEM representative. For District IV it is Larry Gispert, Hillsborough County Emergency Manager.

Type 3 Incident Management Team (IMT)/Training

The Region 4 IMT Team continues to lead the State in terms of planning, training, and team development. Region 4 will be hosting a series of IMT Position Specific Training throughout the region in the near future.

Additionally, we are seeking qualified NIMS instructors to attend Position Specific Train the Trainers Courses through EMI. If you are interested, please contact Erika Wiker

RDSTF Resource Database

The Resource Database has been sent out to participating agencies for the 2009 validation and update. Region 4 has adopted IRIS 2.1 as the way-ahead for resource tracking in the area. Currently working with agencies to validate their typed resources prior to entry into IRIS.

Training

Input for a Regional 5-year T&E Plan that captured training/exercise gaps based on the Target Capabilities List. CBRNE Detection/Response was one of our listed areas for improvement and has been identified as a priority within the Region. We would like to take a coordinated approach in determining training needs. Various ICS and other classes are being continually offered throughout the region. We are in the process of updating the RDSTF training website to be more user friendly, the new link is <http://www.tbrpc.org/rdstf/rdstf.shtml>, please remember it is a work in progress. If you have any comment or suggestions on making it better let me know.

RDSTF EXERCISE PROGRAM – Current exercises underway: NONE.

Additional Material: Brief on the Chlorine Workshop and Improvement Plan Findings associated with the LEPC.

Action Recommended: None. For Information Only

Agenda Item #9 OTHER TRAINING, CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES Chairman Ehlers

Information is available for the following Training/Conference events:

- A. 24/40 Hour OSHA Hazwoper Classes - Various FL Locations, Various Times (February - October 2009)
- B. Prevention and Response to Suicide Bombing Resident Course - Playas, NM, No date(s) specified
- C. Emergency Planning for Special Needs Communities - West Virginia University, No date(s) specified
- D. Industrial Rescue Team Training - Forsyth, GA (Georgia Fire Academy), September 28 - October 2, 2009
- E. 32 Hour Ammonia Technician/Incident Commander Training - Castroville, CA, September 14-17, 2009
- F. USDHS Operational Value of Threat, Risk & Vulnerability Assessment - Tampa, FL, October 27-29, 2009
- G. METRA's Environmental Excellence Day - Orlando, FL (Sea World Adventure Park's Ports of Call), September 30, 2009

24/40 HOUR OSHA HAZWOPER CLASSES

40/24 Hour OSHA Hazwoper Classes 8-Hour OSHA Refresher Schedule 2009

All classes are due to cancellation and/or
date changes due to State Senate Bill 44

Jacksonville 8-Hour Refresher
April 10, 2009
September 11, 2009
Contacts: Kenton Brown (904) 807-3246
Terry Carr (904) 630-1212 Ext. 3819

Tallahassee 8-Hour Refresher
March 20, 2009
August 7, 2009
Contact: Gayle Lamkin (850) 245-8696

Florida NAHMMA HHW/SQG Workshop – Boca Raton
May 4, 2009
Contact: Glen Perrigan (850) 245-8749

Orlando 8-Hour Refresher
May 8, 2009
October 23, 2009
Contact: Janine Kraemer (407) 893-3323

8-Hour Refresher Volusia County Solid Waste/
Household Hazardous Waste/Environmental Emergency Response Team (EERT)
Pollution Control.
February 20, 2009
Contact: Tom Carey 93860 736-5927 Ext. 2073, e-mail tcarey@co.volusia.fl.us

24/40-Hour OSHA Hazwoper Class
Jacksonville, Fl.
July 13-15, 2009 - 24 Hour Class
July 13-17, 2009 - 40 Hour Class
November 16-18, 2009 - 24 Hour Class
November 16-20, 2009 - 40 Hour Class

Sign up deadline for July classes is May 29, 2009
Sign up deadline for November Classes September 30, 2009
DEP employees have priority
Class size – 30-40 students for 24/40 Classes
Contacts: Kenton Brown (904) 807-3246 –Cell (904) 237-6260
Terry Carr (904) 630-1212 Ext. 3819

Submitted by: John Gibbons, LEPC District 9 Coordinator, 2/03/09
Additional Comment(s): None

PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TO SUICIDE BOMBING RESIDENT COURSE

We would like to thank all of you for attending the NMT Prevention and Response to Suicide Bombing Resident Course at Playas, NM. The goal of this course is to provide participants with sufficient knowledge of suicide bombings so they can become a part of their agency's overall prevention, deterrence, mitigation, and response effort to this serious threat.

We hope you enjoyed the course and encourage you to take full advantage of either instructing the indirect delivery course or scheduling us to deliver a direct delivery and share the information that you received with your community. Should you elect to deliver the training, all materials associated with this course are free to you. When you conduct the training, please assure you have each participant complete the registration form(s) provided in the books and return to NMT in the FEDEX envelope. Upon receipt we will prepare certificates for the participants and return to you to present. If you would like for our instructors to provide the training, all you need to do is provide a classroom and 100 participants per day that can be divided in to two classes. We are flexible with schedules and will work with you. Contact Joe Doyle below for assistance with the Direct/Indirect Delivery classes/material and Jim Lehner for first responders that want to schedule the resident course training. For those of you that teach, we thank you, we appreciate your efforts. These courses are POST certified in New Mexico, most State's and U.S. Territories for Law Enforcement Personnel. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need assistance.

It is important that you check with your state POC to determine the policies in your state before coordinating and scheduling awareness level training.

TAKE CARE!!!!

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Submitted by:

Cpl. Lance Connors, Hillsborough County Sheriffs Office, 12/22/08

Additional Comment(s):

“These two classes take place in New Mexico and each is a week in length. The Federal government pays the airfare, hotel, car rental, fuel and the per diem. All the individual is responsible for is their salary/pay. They do have both of these classes in road show versions but they are much more abbreviated and they do not normally have any type of practical exercise/demo in the road show ones neither.”

EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR SPECIAL NEEDS COMMUNITIES

Emergency Planning for Special Needs Communities

Homeland Security Programs at West Virginia University (HSP at WVU) is pleased to announce our new day and a half (12 hrs.) special needs course, "Emergency Planning for Special Needs Communities".

You Will Be Able To:

- Identify the significance of a functional approach in emergency planning for special needs communities
- Identify key issues in developing and disseminating procedures for delivering emergency communications and public information
- Describe inclusive sheltering and mass care provisions for special needs populations
- Recognize key issues involved with transportation during an emergency evacuation
- And more!

Course Description

The purpose of the "Emergency Planning for Special Needs Communities" course is to address the need to incorporate special needs considerations into the development of emergency plans. The course's goal is to utilize a strategic multi-disciplinary universal planning approach to provide information for and encourage partnerships between emergency personnel and special needs organizations with the resources necessary to save more lives during a disaster. This approach will emphasize the role of emergency management and provide examples of best practices, lessons identified, tools, resources, and other support aids. This course is designed for a minimum of 25 individuals and 50 maximum.

Target Audience

This workshop's target audience are those who are involved in emergency management and response. This includes emergency managers and emergency operations personnel as well as government organizations and non-government organizations representatives who are involved in emergency response procedures or represent constituents with special needs.

Recommended Prerequisites


Successful completion of *at least* the first two free FEMA online courses (<http://training.fema.gov>) listed below:


- IS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS)
- IS-230 Principles of Emergency Management
- IS-700 National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction
- IS-800 National Response Plan (NRP), An Introduction

Cost

All training and course materials are **FREE** for a limited time. Course development and delivery is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

To register for free:
Please contact Kristen Rogers at (304) 293-5865 or at Kristen.Rogers@mail.wvu.edu
* For more information and other course listings, please visit us at hsp.wvu.edu

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Submitted by: Paul, Siddall, FDEM Region 4 Coordinator, 1/26/09
Additional Comment(s): None

INDUSTRIAL RESCUE TEAM TRAINING

Georgia Public Safety Training Center Georgia Fire Academy

Industrial Rescue Team Training

Our focus at the Georgia Fire Academy is to bring you quality hands-on instruction in Hazardous Materials, Technical Rescue, and Fire Brigade and Workplace safety. We offer a number of specialized courses and can tailor training to fit your facility. Our training programs exceed OSHA standards for ERT and Fire Brigade members.

If you have ERT members that need certification or refresher training then call us today at: **478-993-4670** or E-mail us at: craymond@gpstc.state.ga.us

Dates: September 28th thru Oct 2nd, 2009

Course and Cost:

September 28 th	Confine Space Rescue Refresher	\$120.00 / student
September 29 th – 30 th	FBIV Refresher	\$240.00 / student
October 1 st – 2 nd	Haz Mat Tech Refresher	\$240.00 / student

Location: Georgia Fire Academy located at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center 1000 Indian Springs Drive in Forsyth, Ga. 31029-8836

Registration and Payment: Pre-registration is required prior to attending class. Registration and Payment can be made to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center at: 478-993-4670 or E-mail us at: craymond@gpstc.state.us.ga.

Accommodations:

Days Inn	478-994-2900
Best Western	478-994-9260
Hampton	478-994-9697
Holiday Inn	478-994-5691

Attire: Comfortable attire should be worn to all events. This is a learning experience with classroom and field training so please dress accordingly. **You will need proper Protective Equipment (Helmets, Boots, Gloves, Safety Harness and Safety Glasses) to participate in the Hands-On Evolutions.**

Let us keep you up-to-date, safe and in compliance.....

***** Register Today *****

Submitted by: Elisa Roper, DHS/FEMA Region 4 Training/Exercise Specialist, 7/28/09

Additional Comment(s): None

32 HOUR AMMONIA TECHNICIAN/INCIDENT COMMANDER TRAINING




THE AMMONIA SAFETY & TRAINING INSTITUTE

32 HOUR MANAGING AMMONIA TRAINING COURSE



THE LEADER IN AMMONIA SAFETY TRAINING

Established in 1987, the Ammonia Safety & Training Institute (ASTI) is a 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to making ammonia (NH3) the safest managed hazardous material in the world. Bringing together leaders from industry and public safety organizations with hundreds of years of combined experience, ASTI provides safety management support through effective use of Prevention, Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery (PMPRR) training. All courses meet OSHA standards.



ASTI TRAINING

Our highly experienced instructors travel the country to bring safety training courses to people who work in environments where anhydrous ammonia is used. ASTI training courses engage students in hands-on learning techniques to support our textbooks and multimedia presentations. Each course is designed to provide safety management support through effective use of PMPRR training to minimize injury and losses during the response and recovery stage. ASTI's key phrase is "Prevent Them All or Stop Them Small".

OUR CLIENTS

Our instructors have trained industry and public safety employees at over 200 companies. A partial list includes:

AmeriCold Logistics	Nestle
Chevron Product's Co.	ConAgra
Ocean Spray	Permacold

32-HOUR MANAGING AMMONIA TRAINING

This course is designed for the ammonia technician and for those who instruct, respond to and manage ammonia emergency events. It's a course where seasoned veteran responders, trainers and seasoned managers will learn more about the challenges of handling these emergencies. In this course, we get to the depth of issues relating to Chemical and Physical Characteristics of Ammonia, cloud modeling from an experts point of view and health effects seen from the eye of the Doctor. We will also be touching on the following:

1. Regulatory concerns presented from the regulator's personal point of view as a coach rather than enforcer.
2. The connection between hazard, risk and threat delivered by internationally recognized speakers.
3. Hands-on learning and live ammonia releases

COURSE FEE & REGISTRATION

Date: March 16th-19th
Location: Ocean Mist Farms
10855 Ocean Mist Pkwy.
Castroville, CA 95012
Cost: \$1200 per Student. Fee includes
Lunch on all four days and a
Tuesday evening BBQ.




You will have an experience that you will never forget. In depth learning, engaging simulations and an enjoyable network of participants. Contact Amanda Meyers for Registration or for more information on the Course.

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Submitted by: Ed Murphy, Hillsborough County Emergency Management, 8/04/09
Additional Comment(s): September 14-17, 2009, Castroville, CA, \$1,200/Student, www.ammonia-safety.com

OPERATIONAL VALUE OF THREAT, RISK & VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT COURSE


FEMA

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Operational Value of Threat, Risk, and Vulnerability Assessment Course

MGT-336
Presented by:
National Domestic Preparedness Coalition



Dates: October 27, 28, 29 2009
Time: 0800 - 1700
Where: Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Training Division
1409 North Falkenburg Rd. Tampa, Fl 33619



Sherriff David L. Tampa.

The National Domestic Preparedness Coalition in cooperation with George Mason University developed the Operational Value of Threat, Risk, and Vulnerability Assessment Course for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, under the 2007 Competitive Training Grant Program and will present the 3 day training course throughout the United States.

Training will assist homeland security professionals, from all emergency response disciplines, and the private sector, responsible for managing risk, to understand and use operationally, information gathered in various threat, risk, and vulnerability assessment methodologies.

Course content focuses on helping homeland security professionals analyze, and apply information gathered in the assessment process to enhance operations including: patrol and tactical operations, intelligence gathering, developing community programs, emergency planning, resource allocation, response to Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS) color-code changes, and DHS Alerts, response and recovery as well as selection of technology.


Participants will receive a Participant Manual, access to a web-based post-course resource site, and a resource CD. Additionally, participants can receive 2.4 CEU credits from George Mason University and a certificate of attendance from DHS and the National Domestic Preparedness Coalition.

There is NO COST for this training, seating is limited.
To Attend Please Contact: Mark Starring at mstarring@ndpci.us or call 202-536-2358

TRAINING Announcement

Submitted by: Paul, Siddall, FDEM Region 4 Coordinator, 8/06/09
Additional Comment(s): None

METRA's ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE DAY



METRA
Metropolitan Environmental
Training Alliance

Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2009
Time: 8:15 am – 4:30 pm (Registration starts at 7:30 am)
Where: Sea World Adventure Park's Ports of Call

Environmental Excellence Day

Please join us for the 5th Annual Environmental Excellence Day presented by the Metropolitan Environmental Training Alliance (METRA). E2 Day is a FREE one-day workshop for environmental professionals and small-business employees. Environmental, health and safety vendors will be on hand with booths to display their products and answer questions. We will also have door prize drawings throughout the day!

WHEN: Wednesday, September 30, 2009; 8:15 am – 4:30 pm
Registration is from 7:30 am to 8:15 am
Register by September 23, 2009

WHERE: Sea World Adventure Park's Ports of Call

PROGRAM:
The agenda will be incorporated into an Environmental Case Study. The venue will include mock inspection and enforcement resolution scenarios. The following training topics will be covered:


General Waste Management: Waste Identification, Industrial Wastewater, Used Oil/Oily Waste, Universal Waste, Generator Status, Container Management, Record Keeping, and Training

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System: Stormwater Discharges, Record Keeping, and Best Management Practices

Pollution Prevention: Strategies for Reducing Resource Consumption, Waste Generation, Regulatory Burden and Profit Losses

Lunch will be provided free!

Guest Speaker- CHUCK TOMPKINS - Has more than 25 years of marine mammal and exotic animal training and management experience. Chuck is currently Vice President and Curator for the largest marine life park in the world. Chuck is responsible for the overall training of animals, animal husbandry (physical care), show production, behavioral modification techniques and animal enrichment programs. He has won numerous international training awards from the International Marine Animal Association and has written and co-authored 14 published scientific papers on training and behavior. Chuck is cofounder of Behavior International, a company dedicated to teaching proactive positive reinforcement techniques to the public.



REGISTRATION:
For Registration, Directions, and Parking information go to: www.metra.org
Note: Presentation materials will NOT be provided onsite. You'll be able to print a copy from our website a week in advance.

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Submitted by: Hallie Calig, Tampa Office of Environmental Coordination, August 17, 2009
Additional Comment(s): Free one-day Workshop. Register by 9/23/09.

