



# LEPC Minutes

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## TAMPA BAY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) FEBRUARY 28, 2018 MEETING

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### Committee Members/ Alternates in Attendance

### Representing

Bloski, Mike (AA)  
Brooking, Sandra  
Brown, Geoffrey  
Burnett, David  
Calig, Hallie  
Castonguay, Steve  
Crowther, Charles  
Dabrowski, Peter  
DeForge, Daniel  
DeFrancesco, Frank  
DiSabatino, Robin  
Desir, Jemima (A)  
**Ehlers, Scott**  
Frank, Gary  
Gallen, Robert (A)  
Ganci, Richard (A)  
Gould, Christopher  
Graham, Jevon (AA)  
Hendrix, Stephanie (AA)  
Johnston, James "JJ"  
Jordan, Bretlee Bobby  
Kemp, Jonathan  
Kinley, Ed  
Litschauer, Jay "Steve" (A)  
Lopez, Alex  
Mastandrea, Joe  
Mettinger, Stan  
Morse, Wes  
Pray, LT Cory  
Rowe, Charles  
Russell, Richard  
Tobergte, Jeff  
Walker Richard  
Ward, Michael (A)  
Watson, Alain

Southern Manatee Fire Rescue  
Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration  
Manatee County Port Authority  
Plant City Fire Rescue  
City of Tampa/Environmental Coordination  
Hillsborough County Health Department  
St. Petersburg College/Allstate Center  
Interested Citizen  
Florida Department of Transportation/District 7  
Florida Association of Hazmat Responders  
Manatee County BOCC  
Tampa General Hospital/Florida Poison Information Center  
**Clearwater Fire Rescue**  
Florida Department of Health (Pinellas)  
Tampa Bay Chapter of the American Red Cross  
St. Petersburg Fire Department  
Southern Manatee Fire Rescue  
Clearwater Fire Rescue  
Pinellas County Emergency Management  
Pasco County Emergency Management  
Citrus County Emergency Management  
Tampa Bay Times  
Universal Environmental Solutions  
Manatee County Emergency Management  
Hernando County Fire Rescue  
Hillsborough County Emergency Management  
Brooksville Fire Department  
Port Tampa Bay  
U.S. Coast Guard/Sector St. Petersburg  
Yara North America, Inc.  
Hernando County Emergency Management  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
Pinellas County Emergency Management  
Mosaic/Plant Operations  
Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County

A = Alternate member with voting standing.

**Red** text signifies meeting Chair.

AA = Alternate member attending, but without voting standing due to presence of primary member.

AAA= Pending Primary/Alternate attended without voting standing.

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**Chief Scott Ehlers, Chairman - James "JJ" Johnston, Vice Chairman - John Meyer, Coordinator**

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Members Absent Without  
Alternates in Attendance

Armstrong, Dean  
Atherton, Chris (Excused)  
Bosley, Tom (Excused)  
Buck, Sarah  
Burnett, David  
Casey, Patrick (Excused)  
Connors, Lance (Excused)  
Dial, Todd  
Griffiths, Larry  
LoCicero, Nick (Excused)  
Lofgren, Col. Bill (Excused)  
Martin, Wayne  
Prickett, William "Marty"  
Smith, Brady (Excused)  
St. Pierre, David

Representing

Bay Pines VA Health Care System  
Florida National Guard/48<sup>th</sup> CST  
Citrus County Fire Rescue  
Mosaic/Port & Terminal Operations  
Plant City Fire Rescue  
Southwest Florida Water Management District  
Interested Citizen  
Brenntag Mid South  
Duke Energy  
Tampa Fire Rescue  
Interested Citizen  
Nature Coast EMS  
Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office  
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council  
Manatee County Port Authority

Staff Coordinator

Meyer, John

Representing

Tampa Bay LEPC

Guests

Barry, Mike  
Collins, Robert  
Combee, Gary A.  
Conard, Sandy  
Diamond, Jason  
Glebowski, Carl  
Gomez, Roger  
Heffernan, Will  
Kennedy, H. Shannon  
Klinger, Chester  
Lewellen, Walter  
Marcincuk, Robert  
McChesney, John  
Patel, Reshma  
Prezas, Shayla  
Rusche, Alec  
Stillwaugh, Don

Representing

Trademark Nitrogen  
Hillsborough County Fire Rescue  
Manatee County Sheriff's Office  
Arcadis  
Arcadis  
Citizen  
Gordon Food Service  
Florida Chemical Supply  
FDEP  
Citizen  
Pasco County Fire Rescue  
City of Tarpon Springs  
Baycare Health System/St. Anthony's Hospital  
Tampa General Hospital/Florida Poison Information Center  
Baycare Health System/St. Joseph's Hospital  
Trademark Nitrogen  
Pinellas County Solid Waste

**CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Scott Ehlers chaired the meeting and called it to order at 10:31 a.m. Following the welcoming to the Pinellas County Public Safety Complex and a reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, self introductions of LEPC members and the attending public were provided. With 35 Primary members and/or their Alternates present, it was acknowledged that a quorum was present (nine members constitute a quorum). Chair Ehlers welcomed the LEPC members as well as the 17 attending from the public.

**WELCOMING AND OPENING REMARKS** - Rick Walker (Pinellas County Emergency Management) welcomed everyone to the Pinellas County Public Safety Complex, which includes the Pinellas County Emergency

Operations Center, the Pinellas County 911 Dispatch Center and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Walker concluded his remarks by provided an overview of the facility layout.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - The Chair inquired whether there were any public comments. No comments were provided.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The Chair inquired whether there were any suggested additions, subtractions or modification(s) to the *Minutes* of the November 15, 2017 LEPC meeting. Hearing none, the Chair asked for a motion to approve the *Minutes*. Sandy Brooking provided and Wesley Morse seconded the motion. The *Minutes* were approved unanimously on voice vote.

**FORMER LEPC MEMBERS - RECOGNITION OF SERVICE** - John Meyer recognized that a portion of the Agenda has been reserved to recognize select faithful, dedicated members of the LEPC upon their departure. There were no members recognized for their service to the LEPC during this meeting.

**2017 THOMAS YATABE AWARDS RECOGNITION** - Mr. Meyer indicated that the 2017 Thomas Yatabe Awards were presented in conjunction with the January 17, 2018 SERC meeting. All ten LEPCs each selected one award winner from their Districts to signify "*outstanding contribution(s) made in the implementation and support of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act.*" This year's Award for the Tampa Bay LEPC was presented to Mr. Frank DeFrancesco of Hernando County Fire Rescue. Mr. DeFrancesco attended the January SERC meeting to receive his Award in person. Capt. DeFrancesco's nomination read as follows:

*"Capt. Frank DeFrancesco is deserving of recognition for the Thomas Yatabe Award for the Tampa Bay LEPC District in 2017. Mr. DeFrancesco has risen in the ranks to Captain during his firefighting career, which has spanned nearly 40 years. Mr. DeFrancesco started with Spring Hill Fire Rescue as a volunteer in 1978. In 1984, he became District Chief of Largo Fire Rescue and then transferred to Hernando County Fire Rescue (HCFR) in 2005 as an Assistant Fire Chief. In May of 2013, he was promoted to Captain of HCFR.*

*During his career, Mr. DeFrancesco has taken literally dozens of hazardous materials courses and courses pertaining to other public safety and response matters. It doesn't stop there. Mr. DeFrancesco has shared this knowledge gained as well as his experiences to serve as an instructor at such institutions as the Florida State Fire College, the Pinellas County School System and his private firm. His expertise is shared locally as well as throughout the State.*

*Mr. DeFrancesco has served on both the Tampa Bay and former Withlacoochee Local Emergency Planning Committees for nearly two decades and is considered a "go to guy" with hazardous materials inquiries and requests. During 2017, Capt. DeFrancesco facilitated the Hernando County Hazmat Team Self-Assessment as well as assisted in the conduct of other agencies, coordinated and assisted in the conduct a Chlorine Response course for Southern Manatee Fire Rescue and assisted with the hazmat team competition component of the annual Fire Rescue East conference."*



One additional nomination was submitted for a well-deserving individual - Lt. Neil Kummerer of the St. Petersburg Fire Department. Lt. Kummerer was asked to step forward and be presented a *Certificate of Appreciation* from the State Emergency Response Commission for his meritorious contributions. Lt. Kummerer's nomination read as follows:



*“Lt. Neil Kummerer is deserving of recognition for the Thomas Yatabe Award for the Tampa Bay LEPC District in 2017. Mr. Kummerer is considered one of the true leaders in the streets of Pinellas County and on the drill grounds.*

*The role, responsibility and impact of a special operations leader in the streets and within an organization cannot be understated. This position is the first line of support between the organization's mission/culture and the crews that carry it out. The individual filling this role must be an expert in the field, an excellent communicator, display tremendous integrity and loyalty, and above all, display a genuine love for the personnel.*

*Mr. Kummerer has “raised the bar” within the region by not just demanding excellence but helping anyone that asks. He teaches with great pride and effectiveness. Thus, not only does Mr. Kummerer come with a tremendous wealth of knowledge and experience, but he has a natural ability to articulate and disseminate it so that others can grasp and fully apply it. Mr. Kummerer displays great pride in determining where organizational improvement can and should occur, while still minding the values and traditions of the profession.”*

**TAMPA BAY LEPC MEMBERSHIP CHANGES** - Mr. Meyer recognized and welcomed the following LEPC members as approved in association with the January 17, 2018 SERC meeting:

MEMBERSHIP TYPE		MEMBER NAME	AGENCY/COMPANY	MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY
PRIMARY	ALTERNATE			
✓		Geoff Brown	St. Petersburg College	Local Option
	✓	James Angle		
✓		William “Marty” Prickett	Hills. County Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement
	✓	Robert Bateman		
✓		Charles Crowther	Not Applicable	Interested Citizen
	✓	Jemima Desir	TGH/FL Poison Control Center	Hospital
	✓	Craig Hare	Pin. Co. Fire & EMS Admin.	First Aid
	✓	Stephanie Hendrix	Pinellas County Emer. Mgmt.	Emergency Management
	✓	Donald “Buck” Martin	Manatee County Port Authority	Transportation

Mr. Meyer concluded the recognition of new membership by identifying that the entire LEPC roster was included on Pages 5-6 of the LEPC Agenda materials.

**MIXED CONNECTION/TOXIC RESULT (VIDEO)** - Mr. Meyer prefaced the presentation of the video by stating that the video will illustrate the importance of adhering to proper safety protocols when unloading hazardous materials. As will be characterized, an incident occurred at a Atchison, KS facility on October 21, 2016 and resulted in numerous injuries and required the evacuation of about 11,000 nearby residents.

The video is viewable from the following link:



According to a study conducted by the National Association of Chemical Distributors in 2016, more than 39.9 million tons of product had been delivered to customers every 8.4 second within the United States. Similar incidents are likely to occur if facilities do not consider the lessons learned from the above incident (and others) and implement the appropriate safety measures and/or practices at their facilities.

**RECAP OF QUARTERLY JANUARY 17, 2018 SERC MEETING** - Mr. Meyer identified that a comprehensive summary of the January 17, 2018 SERC meeting, held at the Plaza Resort & Spa in Daytona Beach, FL, was included in the detailed Agenda materials transmitted to all LEPC members and additionally available on the LEPC website. While Mr. Meyer indicated that some of the items discussed will be addressed as separate LEPC items later in the Agenda, Mr. Meyer did provide the following highlights:

- **2017 Thomas Yatabe Awards.** The *Thomas Yatabe Awards* were presented to award winners from all 10 of the LEPC Districts.
- **Cancer Research Findings Support.** The SERC's Training Task Force is crafting a letter acknowledging and supporting the research that has been done to demonstrate the increased susceptibility of cancer in the firefighting profession.
- **Hazmat Team Self-Assessments Statewide.** Mr. Scott Chappell of the Florida State Fire College has thanked the Local Emergency Planning Committees for assisting in the conduct of the Self Assessments of their local Hazmat Teams.
- **Supplemental Environmental Projects.** Mr. Robert Dietrich reminded attendees that Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) remain an option of mitigation for facilities found to be in violation of the EPCRA. SEPs of up to 75% of the fine value can be selected for implementation. The SEPs need to be pre-identified and pre-approved by the USEPA.

- **Recognition of Service - Mr. Paul Wotherspoon.** Mr. Paul Wotherspoon was presented a plaque memorializing his years of service to the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the State Emergency Response Commission.
- **Pipeline Emergency Response Initiative.** The State of Florida is about to embark on a Pipeline Emergency Response Initiative (PERI). The program will be administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, also known as "PHMSA." The program will be a public-private partnership between first responders, pipeline operators and public officials in an effort to improve safety. There are approximately 47,340 miles of pipeline in Florida.
- **2018 Hazmat Symposium.** Jonathan Lamm of the Hazmat Symposium Committee announced that the 2018 Hazmat Symposium was, once again, a tremendous success. With the consistent goal of providing quality training for first responders and industry partners, 433 students attended the event in 2018. There were 40 sponsors, 34 vendors and more than 200 hours of quality training provided over the 3½ day period.

**HMEP PLANNING PROGRAM/FACILITY DISASTER PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE (FDPS)** - Mr. Meyer advised that the FDPS did not meet on January 24<sup>th</sup> as initially scheduled. The meeting was canceled due to the inability to coordinate presenters from the primary law enforcement agencies to identify their Universal Badging and Credentialing procedures and, if applicable, determine commonality. Understanding that there may have been some shortfalls in administering re-entry procedures in certain locations in response to Hurricane Irma, this issue may now be placed at the forefront. It is hopeful that presentations can and will be coordinated with staff of the Hillsborough County Sheriffs Office (or Hillsborough County Emergency Management), the Tampa Police Department and/or the Pinellas County Sheriffs Office in association with the scheduled April 25<sup>th</sup> FDPS meeting. All are welcome to attend.

**HMEP TRAINING PROGRAM** - Mr. James Johnston identified that the entire allocation of \$74,564 in FY 2016-17 HMEP Training funds received by the Tampa Bay LEPC has been expended. In fact, the training was additionally supplemented with nearly \$1,500 in funds from the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. The following constitute the final expenditures associated with the LEPC's FY 2016-17 HMEP Contract:

QUARTER	DATE(S)	#	HOURS	COURSE NAME	LOCATION	STUDENTS	EXPENSES	CUMULATIVE \$	REMAINING \$
<b>1</b> (10/01 - 12/31/16)	NO TRAINING PROVIDED					0	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$74,564.00
<b>2</b> (1/01 - 3/31/17)	1/17 - 1/20	1	28	2017 Hazmat Symposium	All Counties Districtwide	27	\$ 10,972.55 <sup>1/2</sup>	\$10,972.55	\$63,591.45
<b>3</b> (4/01 - 6/30/17)	5/01 - 5/03	3	3	Gasoline Tanker Emergency Response	Manatee	68	\$ 1,923.16 <sup>1/3</sup>	\$12,895.71	\$61,668.29
	5/11,12&16	3	3	Gasoline Tanker Emergency Response	Tampa	99	\$ 2,698.16 <sup>1/4</sup>	\$15,593.87	\$58,970.13
	6/13 - 6/15	3	3	Gasoline Tanker Emergency Response	Hernando	75	\$ 2,098.16 <sup>1/5</sup>	\$17,692.03	\$56,871.97
<b>4</b> (7/01 - 9/30/17)	7/11	1	8	Chlorine Handling & Emergency Response	Manatee	18	\$ 1,116.62 <sup>1/6</sup>	\$18,808.65	\$55,755.35
	8/14 - 8/18	1	40	Hazmat Medic	Pinellas	19	\$ 9,447.98 <sup>1/7</sup>	\$28,256.63	\$46,307.37
	8/29 - 8/31	3	8	Advanced Hazmat IQ	Pinellas	115	\$ 11,422.64 <sup>1/8</sup>	\$39,679.27	\$34,884.73
	9/19 - 9/21	3	3	Gasoline Tanker Emergency Response	Pinellas	53	\$ 1,611.93 <sup>1/9</sup>	\$41,291.20	\$33,272.80
<b>5</b> (10/01 - 12/31/17)	7/17-10/14	1	160	Hazmat Technician Certification	Pasco	12	\$ 9,996.33 <sup>1/10</sup>	\$51,287.53	\$23,276.47
	11/07-11/09	3	8	Water Injection for Propane Incidents	Manatee	39	\$ 9,957.92 <sup>1/11</sup>	\$61,245.45	\$13,318.55
	11/16-11/17	1	16	Hazmat Safety Officer/Transportation	Hernando	19	\$ 6,453.96 <sup>1/12</sup>	\$67,699.41	\$ 6,864.59
	12/04-12/05	2	8	Street Smart for Hazmat Response	Hern./Hills.	64	\$ 7,593.44 <sup>1/13</sup>	\$75,292.85	<b>[\$ 728.85]</b>
	10/30-12/11	1	160	Hazmat Technician Certification	Hernando	1	\$ 779.29 <sup>1/14</sup>	\$76,072.14	<b>[\$1,508.14]</b>

## FOOTNOTES:

1. "Course Management" (CM) fees consist of staff time to pre-plan, schedule, coordinate, recruit, contact instructor(s) and/or document approved course following conduct as well as facilitate instructor payment following conduct. To the extent available and/or appropriate, Course Management fees are often inclusive of staff's presence at the training for "welcoming" purposes and to identify the LEPC's role.
2. The 28-Hr. "2017 Hazmat Symposium" expense was \$10,972.55 (\$4,995/Registration [\$185 X 27 Attendees] + \$4,638.16 Lodging [11 Double-Occupancy Rooms X 3 Nights X ≥\$150/night] + \$1,339.39/CM fee).
3. The 3-Hr. Gasoline Tanks Emergency Response course in Manatee County cost was \$1,923.16 (i.e. 68 students X \$25/student plus \$223.16 CM fee).
4. The 3-Hr. Gasoline Tanks Emergency Response course in Tampa cost was \$2,698.16 (i.e. 99 students X \$25/student plus \$223.16 CM fee).
5. The 3-Hr. Gasoline Tanks Emergency Response course in Hernando County cost was \$2,098.16 (i.e. 75 students X \$25/student plus \$223.16 CM fee).
6. The 8-Hr. *Chlorine Handling & Emergency Response* Course was \$1,116.62 (i.e. \$750 for Vendor plus \$366.62 CM fee).
7. The 40-Hr. Hazmat Medic course was \$17,962.98 (i.e. \$17,030 for Vendor plus \$932.98 CM fee) [As was proposed/approved, the cost share was be \$9,447.98 TB LEPC/\$8,515.00 Pinellas County].
8. The three 8-Hr. Advanced Hazmat IQ courses was estimated to cost \$17,850 (i.e. \$16,850 for Vendor plus \$1,000 CM fee). However, due to the popularity of the course, an additional cost of \$2,000 was imposed for 20 extra students (i.e. \$100 X 20 students = \$2,000). The actual course cost was \$19,847.65 (i.e. \$18,850 for Vendor plus \$997.64 CM fee) [As was proposed/approved, the cost share was \$11,422.64 TB LEPC/\$8,425.00 Pinellas County].
9. The 3-Hr. Gasoline Tanks Emergency Response course in Pinellas County cost was \$1,611.92 (i.e. 53 students X \$25/student plus \$286.92 CM fee).
10. Pasco County sent 12 Technicians through the 160-Hr. Hazmat Technician Certification course held at the Pasco-Hernando Community College. The cost was is \$9,996.33 (i.e. 12 students X \$800 plus \$396.33 CM fee).
11. Three 8-Hr. Propane Response/Water injection courses cost \$9,957.92 (i.e. \$9,565 Vendor plus \$392.92 CM fee).
12. One 16-Hr. Safety Officer course cost was \$6,453.96 (i.e. \$6,070 Vendor plus \$383.96 CM fee)
13. Two 8-Hr. Street Smart for Hazmat courses cost \$7,593.44 (i.e. \$7,236.25 Vendor plus \$357.19 CM fee)
14. Hernando County sent One Technician through the 160-Hr. Hazmat Technician Certification course held at the Florida State Fire College. The cost was is \$779.29 (i.e. 1 student X \$690 plus \$89.29 CM fee).

The FY 2017-18 funding has actually increased slightly, to \$80,716 and reflects a 12-month period although a three-month extension of the contract period could be requested and would be granted.

The HMEP Training Subcommittee met earlier this morning and identified the following 2017-18 training needs:

QUAR-TER	DATE(S)	#	HO-URS	COURSE NAME	LOCATION	STUD-ENTS	EXPENSES	CUMULA-TIVE \$	REMAIN-ING \$
<b>1</b> (10/01 - 12/31/17)	NO TRAINING PROVIDED					0	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$80,716.00
<b>2</b> (1/01 - 3/31/18)	1/16 - 1/19	1	28	2018 Hazmat Symposium	All Counties Districtwide	24	\$ 11,533.50 <sup>12</sup>	\$11,533.50	\$69,182.50
<b>3</b> (4/01 - 6/30/18)	April - TBD	1	N/A	160-Hr. Hazmat Course Exam & Regis. Fees	Hillsborough	60	\$ 4,320.00	\$15,853.50	\$64,862.50
	5/14 - 5/19	1	40	Shipboard Marine Firefighting in Norfolk, VA* (Registration Fees Only)	Hillsborough	6	\$ 3,360.00	\$19,213.50	\$61,502.50
	May - TBD	1	160	160-Hr. Hazmat Technician Cert. Course	Pasco	12	\$11,000.00	\$30,213.50	\$50,502.50
	May - TBD	1	N/A	160-Hr. Hazmat Course Exam & Regis. Fees	Pasco	12	\$ 864.00	\$31,077.50	\$49,638.50
	June - TBD	3	8	"The Art of Infrared" (Spectroscopy) Courses	Manatee	75	\$ 7,500.00	\$38,577.50	\$42,138.50

QUAR- TER	DATE(S)	#	HO- URS	COURSE NAME	LOCATION	STUD- ENTS	EXPENSES	CUMULA- TIVE \$	REMAIN- ING \$
<b>4</b> (7/01 - 9/30/18)	July - TBD	1	40	Hazmat Medic Course*	Pinellas	30	\$ 9,450.00	\$48,027.50	\$32,688.50
	Aug. - TBD	3	8	Hazmat IQ Courses*	Pinellas	90	\$11,425.00	\$59,452.50	\$21,263.50
<b>TBD</b>		1	160	160-Hr. Hazmat Technician Cert. Course (Materials Only)	Manatee	4	\$ 600.00	\$60,052.50	\$20,633.50
		1	160	160-Hr. Hazmat Technician Cert. Course	Hernando	4	\$ 3,000.00	\$63,052.50	\$17,633.50
		1	N/A	160-Hr. Hazmat Course Exam & Regis. Fees	Hernando	4	\$ 288.00	\$63,340.50	\$17,345.50
		1	N/A	160-Hr. Hazmat Course Exam & Regis. Fees	Pinellas	20	\$ 1,440.00	\$64,780.50	\$15,905.50
DRAWING BOARD		1	TBD	160-Hr. Hazmat Technician Cert. Course	Pinellas	TBD			
		TBD	TBD	Decon IQ	Pasco	TBD			
<b>5</b> (10/01 - 12/31/18)	<b>IF NECESSARY</b>								

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1. "Course Management" (CM) fees consist of staff time to pre-plan, schedule, coordinate, recruit, contact instructor(s) and/or document approved course following conduct as well as facilitate instructor payment following conduct. To the extent available and/or appropriate, Course Management fees are often inclusive of staff's presence at the training for "welcoming" purposes and to identify the LEPC's role.
2. The 28-Hr. "2018 Hazmat Symposium" expense is estimated to be \$11,533.50 [\$4,440/Registration (\$185 X 24 Attendees) + \$6,093.50 Lodging (12 Double-Occupancy Rooms X ≥4 Nights X ≥\$150/night) + \$1,000.00/CM fee].

*Italicized dollar amounts signify course cost estimates. These estimates will be replaced with actual costs, once determined.*

Pursuant to HMEP Contract requirements, each HMEP-funded training event must be dedicated for public-sector first responders, must be pre-approved by FDEM/USDOT, must meet FDEM's cost effectiveness criteria, and be transportation-related or include a transportation component or nexus.

**2018 HAZMAT SYMPOSIUM** - Mr. Meyer indicated that the Tampa Bay LEPC funded 24 to attend from across the District. The LEPC funded their \$185 registration fees as well as lodging of up to \$150/night X 4 nights double occupancy. It is expected that the overall cost to the Tampa Bay LEPC will be approximately \$11,000.

The following attended the Symposium with funding assistance from the Tampa Bay LEPC:

<b><u>HERNANDO COUNTY</u></b>  Capt. Jason Brazinski Capt. Mark Dempsey Capt. Ray Elliott D/E Brian Nigro	<b><u>HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY</u></b>  D/E Nico DiNova FM Aaron Dolby Capt. Robert Gero FM Mike West	<b><u>MANATEE COUNTY</u></b>  Capt. Mike Bloski FF/HMT Robert Davis FF/HMT Chuck Moonen FF/HMT Peter Saxman FF/HMT Dave Sedgley FF/HMT Mike White
<b><u>PASCO COUNTY</u></b>  Capt. Cary Epperson D/E Chris Bahr FF Jeff Higdon FF Dan McKay	<b><u>PINELLAS COUNTY</u></b>  Lt. Ryan Fisher (Palm Harbor) FF Ben Gebo (Largo) FF Gianluca Petrone (P.H.) FF Pete Varga (Largo)	<b><u>CITY OF TAMPA</u></b>  Capt. Dennis Ponce Capt. Mario Rocha

Mr. Meyer concluded his remarks by thanking Mike Bloski and Chris Gould for having Southern Manatee Fire Rescue be one of 14 teams participating in the Hazmat Team Competition, the first time a team from the Tampa Bay LEPC competed in this event.

**2018 UPDATE OF THE TAMPA BAY LEPC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN** - Mr. Meyer indicated that Tampa Bay LEPC staff is about to embark on performing the 2018 update of the 2018 Tampa Bay LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan. For those willing to assist with this endeavor, a CD containing the 2017 version of the Plan would be provided on CD or can be downloaded from the LEPC website. I will be contacting various agencies and fire departments to validate/verify certain informational components of the Plan. A motion will be solicited in association with our May 23<sup>rd</sup> LEPC meeting to authorize the Chair to submit the revised Plan upon completion and certainly prior to the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline in accordance with the FY 2017-18 Tampa Bay LEPC Contract with the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

**TRAINING, WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES** - Chair Ehlers advised that the SERT TRAC training calendars for Region 4 & Region 6 were included with the Agenda materials. It identifies a variety of courses that are being conducted within the District between February and May 2018.

Mr. Joe Mastandrea (Hillsborough County Emergency Management) identified that a 24-Hr. ICS-300 course will be held on April 11-13 and a 16-Hr. ICS-400 course will be held on July 11-12, both at the Hillsborough County Public Safety Operations Complex. For more information and/or to register, please consult SERT TRAC.

No other training opportunities were identified by LEPC members.

**HAZMAT TEAM SELF-ASSESSMENT STATUS UPDATE** - Mr. John Meyer advised that four Hazmat Team Self-Assessments were conducted this year. Mr. Meyer personally thanked those Hazmat Teams that volunteered or were “voluntold” to be assessed this year (i.e. Citrus County Fire Rescue, Hernando County Fire Rescue, Tampa Fire Rescue and the 48<sup>th</sup> Civil Support Team) as well as those individuals who volunteered their time to assist in the conduct of these evaluations (i.e. Sandy Brooking, Tom Bosley, Walter Lewellen, Frank DeFrancesco, Doug Shirley, Chris Gould & Mike Bloski). Their guidance and expertise were critical! The agencies that were assessed this year clearly demonstrated an abundance of knowledge, experience and expertise as well as a plethora of resources to respond to any hazardous materials incident in their communities and others.

In no particular order, the 2018 schedule for Hazmat Team Self-Assessments consist of Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, Southern Manatee Fire Rescue, Pasco County Fire Rescue and the Pinellas County Hazmat Team.

**2018 EPCRA HOW-TO-COMPLY/E-PLAN FILING WORKSHOPS.** Mr. Meyer indicated that he “tag-teamed” with Mr. Sam Brackett of the Florida Division of Emergency Management, once again, to inform attendees on the annual hazardous materials reporting requirements under the Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) as well provide electronic filing guidance through E-Plan. These EPCRA Workshops are held annually in February at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council/Tampa Bay LEPC offices. The 2018 Workshops were held on February 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. A total of 46 attended the workshops over the two-day period. The TB LEPC/FDEM presentations were consolidated into one presentation and subsequently posted to the LEPC website.

The following constitutes a listing of the agencies/companies that attended the 2018 How-to-Comply Workshops:

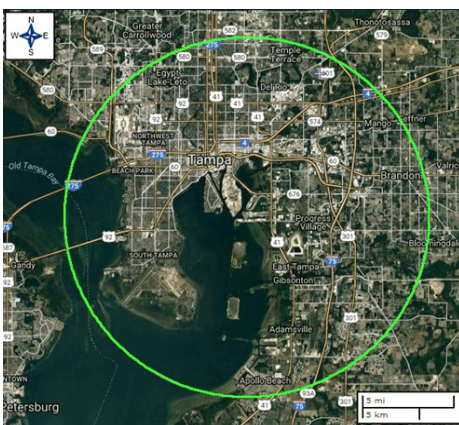
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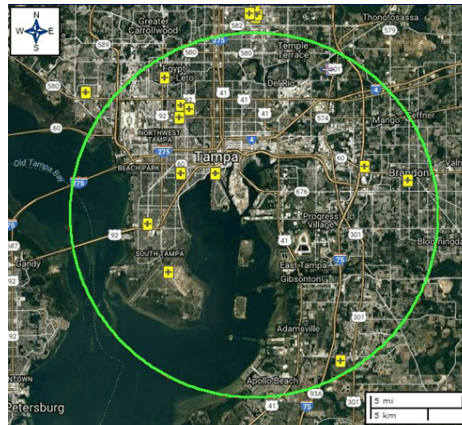
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 TECO  
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## VULNERABILITY/EVACUATION MAP & ILLUSTRATION OF SHELTER-IN-PLACE PRINCIPLES -

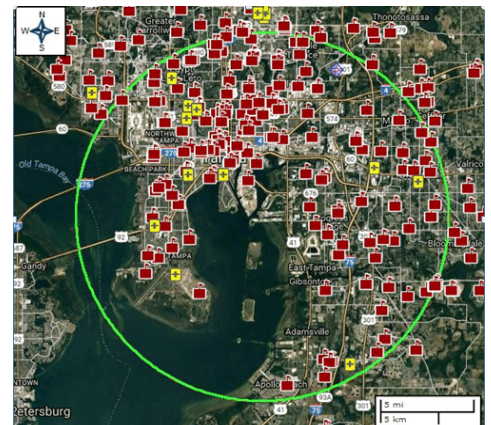
Mr. Meyer indicated that the LEPC Agenda materials included several graphics, the first denotes the vulnerability area associated with an unlikely catastrophic failure of a large ammonia tank at a Port Tampa Bay facility. The CAMEO modeling is for planning purposes only and included an 8.3 MPH wind of unspecified direction that is averaged in Hillsborough County, hence the circle shape. The present vulnerability area encompasses 314 acres. Obviously, inputting the accurate wind speed and direction at the time of the incident would yield a much more accurate portrayal and elliptical shape of the vulnerable area.



**Vulnerability Area**



**Includes 11 Hospitals**



**Includes 174 Public Schools**

A special thanks was extended to Joe Mastandrea of Hillsborough County Office of Emergency Management for producing these graphics.

Similar “vulnerability” findings could also be portrayed for other urban settings of the State. The scope of vulnerability is dependent on the type and quantity of hazardous material(s) possessed at any particular facility.

Once a facility or institution has been determined to be “vulnerable,” they must immediately consider whether to evacuate or shelter-in-place in response to a significant hazardous materials incident.

The following constitute an illustration of the primary Shelter-In-Place principles when at home or a business:



**RECENT HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INCIDENTS IN THE TAMPA BAY LEPC DISTRICT** - Chair Ehlers announced that the LEPC Agenda materials included a description of three incidents identified by the State Watch Office over the last quarter. LEPC staff will continue to provide a comparable level of information in future LEPC Agenda materials regarding incidents in Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco & Pinellas Counties.

**LEPC MEMBER COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS** - Chair Ehlers inquired whether there are any other LEPC member comments or additional business to be brought before the LEPC. None were identified.

**TAMPA BAY LEPC LOGO SHIRTS** - Chair Ehlers advised members to contact John Meyer if interested in acquiring LEPC shirts. Mr. Meyer reminded members that *"contrary to popular belief, the LEPC does not have*

*a stockpile of shirts in various styles, colors and sizes.”* Alternatively, we would put you in touch with our apparel vendor to select the shirt style, color and size you desire and the vendor would embroider the LEPC logo.

**NEXT MEETING** - Chair Ehlers announced that the next LEPC meeting date is Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 10:30 A.M. at the Tampa Bay LEPC/Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council offices.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Hearing no more business to be brought before the LEPC and upon a motion made by LEPC member Pete Dabrowski and a second by Wesley Morse, Chair Ehlers closed the LEPC meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted and signed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2018

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John Meyer, Coordinator

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Scott Ehlers, Chair