

CENTRAL FLORIDA REGION LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk Counties



Quarterly Meeting Agenda
May 22, 2025 | 9:30 A.M.

IN PERSON

A-C-T Environmental and Infrastructure
1875 W. Main Street
Bartow, FL 33830

VIRTUAL VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

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1. Call to Order

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. In Person and Virtual Attendance

2. Approve Draft February 13, 2025, Central Florida LEPC Meeting Minutes (attached)

3. Old Business

- a. None

4. New Business

- a. Presentation from the Buxus® (Pipeline Information For Emergency Responders) Team
- b. Incident Report(s) Discussion for the Region

5. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Membership
 - i. Primary Membership
 - 1. Bianca Babbitt, American Safety
- b. Recap State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) for Hazardous Materials (4/2025)
 - i. No Primary Membership applications presented
 - ii. No Alternate Membership applications presented
 - iii. Next SERC, TTF, and LEPC Chairs and Coordinators Meetings
 - 1. SERC's Training Task Force – July 17, 2025 in Cocoa Beach, FL
 - 2. SERC's LEPC Chairs and Coordinators – July 17, 2025 in Cocoa Beach, FL
 - 3. SERC – July 18, 2025 in Cocoa Beach, FL
- c. Training
 - i. Florida Division of Emergency Management Training Calendar
<https://trac.floridadisaster.org/trac/trainingcalendar.aspx>
 - ii. TRANSCAER Training Calendar
<https://www.transcaer.com/training/training-events/us-fl>

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6. Comments from Members/Public – Please announce yourself before you speak
7. Next CF-LEPC Meeting
 - a. August 14, 2025, at 9:30am – Location TBD
8. Adjourn

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CHAIRMAN: Dan Bartle
VICE-CHAIR: Codi Donahoe

Quarterly Meeting Minutes February 13, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Virtual at Microsoft Teams

In-Person at A-C-T Environmental and Infrastructure 1875 W. Main Street Bartow, FL 33830

1. Call to Order

- A. Daniel Bartle called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Those in attendance both online and in person included:

Category	Name	Agency
Community Groups	Mary Hartney	FL Fertilizer and Agrichemical Association
Emergency Management	Rick Christoff	DeSoto County Emergency Management
Emergency Management	Lane Schneider	Hardee County Emergency Management
Emergency Management	Corey Amundsen	Highlands County Emergency Management
Emergency Management	Ashley Shive	A-C-T Environmental & Infrastructure Inc.
Facility Owners and Operators	Greg Hall	Publix Super Markets, Inc
Facility Owners and Operators	Eileen Nutt	Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC
Facility Owners and Operators	Keith Nadaskay	Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC
Facility Owners and Operators	Jenna Downing	Westlake Epoxy
Facility Owners and Operators	Paul Moore	Westlake Epoxy
Facility Owners and Operators	Rachel Gerard	Arkema-ArrMaz
Health	Vivian Hartzell	Florida Department of Health in Hardee County
Interested Citizens	Tim Bennett	RISC-Risk/Insurance Consulting
Local Environmental	Jon Belcher	Florida Department of Environmental Production SW
Local Environmental	Jasson Drinkard	Florida Department of Environmental Production SW
Local Environmental	Heidi Hoffman	Florida Department of Environmental Production S
Local Environmental	Joseph De Luna	Florida Department of Environmental Production SE
Local Environmental	Paul Moore	Hull's Environmental Services
Local Option	Matt Currie	Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (Dept. of Homeland Security)
Education	Daniel Bartle	Florida Polytechnic University
Staff	Curtis Knowles	LEPC Staff
Staff	April Dasilva	LEPC Staff
Public	Burt Mckee	Polk County
Public	Bianca Babbitt	American Safety

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Public	William Stiles	Florida Department of Health in Okeechobee County
Public	Clifford Favereau	Dept. of Homeland Security
Public	David Hart	Dept. of Homeland Security
Public	Kathleen Ward-Utrecht	Dept. of Homeland Security
Public	Otis Hart	Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (Dept. of Homeland Security)
Public	Luis Zayas Santana	Publix Super Markets, Inc
Public	Jessica Massanelli	Publix Super Markets, Inc
Public	Adrian X. Brene	Seminole-Electric
Public	Marc Purvis	DeSoto County Emergency Management
Public	Lydia Williams	Florida Department of Health
Public	Michael Whitten	Nutrien

2. Approve Draft November 14, 2024, Central Florida LEPC Meeting Minutes

Actions Requested:	Approve Draft November 14, 2024 Central Florida LEPC Meeting Minutes
Motion	Ashley Shive
Second	Jasson Drinkard
Approved:	Passed

3. Old Business

- a. Dan Bartle and Ashley Shive provided a recap of the 2025 Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium. Dan saw a focus on lithium ion-batteries and remarked on the excellent presenters and information shared at the symposium. Ashley was able to see the amount of work that it takes to make sure there are good instructors and what it takes to have a successful symposium.

4. New Business

- i. Curtis briefed the attendees on the recent Lakeland Linder International Airport's Full-Scale Exercise and Avello's Tabletop Exercise on February 11, 2025. This was a full-scale exercise using HMEP funds because of its hazardous component. Avelo was a participant in the exercise this year because they provide passenger services at the Airport. Several local, state and federal partners attended this year's exercise. CFRPC was able to hire a planning consultant, Advanced Planning Consultants, LLC to put on one of the smoothest exercises they have been a part of. During the reunification exercise several components were discussed

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regarding the operations of the airlines, airport, and other partners, allowing Avello the opportunity to receive data that is critical to their operations at the airport.

- b. Incident Report(s) Discussion for the Region
 - i. Burt McKee with Polk County was notified this morning there was a release of Sulfur Oxide at Mosaic. The release was about 16,000 pounds, approximately.

5. Subcommittee Reports

- c. Membership
 - i. No applications for this quarter currently
- d. Recap State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) for Hazardous Materials (1/2025)
(This year's SERC meeting was a double meeting as the previous one was delayed due to Hurricane Milton.) Ashley discussed the training task force meeting focused on lithium-ion batteries and the marine response training curriculum that has been tested successfully. Polk County can send people to the marine class, however, to send a team through the training the estimate is about \$10K. The state hazmat medic protocol was approved and is being released through the SERC website. There was also a new Chair of Chair's elected at the SERC's LEPC Chairs and Coordinator's meeting. Also, the Central Florida LEPC's Thomas Yatabe Award Winner was Ms. Lee Paxton.
 - i. Primary Membership approved
 - 1. Lane Schneider, Hardee County EM
 - 2. Justin Straka, Lineage Logistics
 - 3. Gary Doyen, AOC
 - 4. Devin Duncan, Global Environmental and Industrial Response
 - 5. William Stiles, FLDOH Okeechobee
 - ii. Alternate Membership approved
 - 1. Jasson Drinkard, FDEP SW
 - iii. Next SERC, TTF, and LEPC Chairs and Coordinators Meetings
 - 1. SERC's Training Task Force – April 17, 2025 in St. Augustine, FL
 - 2. SERC's LEPC Chairs and Coordinators – April 17, 2025 in St. Augustine, FL
 - 3. SERC – April 18, 2025 in St. Augustine, FL
- e. Training
 - i. Upcoming Florida Division of Emergency Management Training Calendar
<https://trac.floridadisaster.org/trac/trainingcalendar.aspx>

Question regarding local training: the CFLEPC will usually get about one training course per fiscal year due to budgetary constraints. ECFRPC/LEPC has a larger budget and can put on additional training classes that we might be able to participate in. Polk County provides a couple of 8-Hour, 24-Hour, 40-Hour OSHA

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classes by Burt McKee, likely at the EOC looking around March or April. Burt McKee will share information with Curtis so he can share it with the LEPC membership.

ii. TRANSCAER

<https://www.transcaer.com/training/training-events/us-fl>

6. Comments from Members/Public – Please announce yourself before you speak

- a. No comments were made

7. Next CF-LEPC Meeting

- b. May 22, 2025 at 9:30am – Location TBD

8. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bartle, LEPC Chairman

This meeting was duly advertised in the February 3, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register, Issue 51/22.