

CENTRAL FLORIDA REGION LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk Counties



CHAIRMAN: Dan Bartle
VICE-CHAIR: Garrett Parnell

Quarterly Meeting Minutes February 23, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

Virtual at GoToMeeting

In-Person at A-C-T Environmental & Infrastructure, 1875 West 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:

Emergency Management

- Rick Christoff, DeSoto Co. Emergency Management
- Amalia Arista, Hardee Co. Emergency Management
- Bill Abernathy, Polk Co. Emergency Management
- Ashley Shive, A-C-T Environmental & Infrastructure Inc.

Facility Owners and Operators

- Greg Hall, Publix Super Markets, Inc.
- James Villarreal, Gulfstream Natural Gas
- Gary Doyen, Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC
- Keith Hazzard, Burris Logistics

Education

- Danial Bartle, Florida Polytechnic University

Staff

- Curtis Knowles, LEPC Staff
- April Dasilva, LEPC Staff

General Public

- Sean McGinnis, Lakeland Electric
- Dan Webb, Burris Logistics
- Tim Deese, Burris Logistics
- Danielle Deleon, Hardee Co. Emergency Management

2. Approve Draft August 18, 2022, Central Florida LEPC Meeting Minutes

Actions Requested:	Approve Draft May 19, 2022 Central Florida LEPC Meeting Minutes
Motion	Ashley Shive
Second	James Villarreal
Approved:	Passed

3. Approve Draft November 17, 2022, Central Florida LEPC Meeting Minutes

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2. Old Business

Discussion on the possibility of changing the 2nd Quarter meeting to May 3, 2023 at 9:30am. Everyone in attendance was good with the change. Rick Christoff offered to host the May meeting in DeSoto County. Curtis clarified that we would continue to offer virtual attendance as an option for members who are not able to attend in-person meetings. Third quarter and fourth quarter meeting dates will not change; they are August 3, 2023 at 9:30am and November 16, 2023 at 9:30am respectively. Curtis reminded attendees that we do not have locations for these two meetings set.

Curtis offered a recap of the Central Florida LEPC Virtual EPCRA, E-Plan Tier 2 Workshop. Registrants leading up to the workshop estimated approximately 95 attendees while 51 attended.

Also reviewed was the recent 2022 Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium which hosted over 600 attendees. The LEPC sent 23 individuals to the symposium to attend and receive training. Going forward it seems that a location change will take effect for the Fire Rescue symposium in Orlando the week prior to the 2024 Florida Hazardous Materials Symposium event in Daytona Beach.

Daniel Bartle shared information on the [Chemical Companion](#) app. This is available for approved users with government/military email addresses required to register on the app.

3. New Business

Ashley Shive is working to put together a class during quarter two for cold tankers. Ashley will send information to Curtis to distribute.

Incident Report(s)/Discussion for the Region included some discussion on the investigation into the Carpenter Site fire. Carpenter site information was shared by Curtis who encouraged attendees to make sure their contact information is always updated.

Ashely reported that throughout the state some active investigations into illegal dumping are also ongoing. One example included 15 drums of purposely spilled hazardous waste; ACT is involved in assisting with the cleanup.

National incidents regarding recent train derailments with hazardous materials led the discussion into the recent spill in East Palestine Ohio. Vinyl Chloride was spilled, and the cleanup included burning the chemical which resulted in various local and national impacts. Cleanup has been extensive including waste leaking into the waterways.

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4. Subcommittee Reports

- The membership report included information on the one membership application received. The application will be processed by the next SERC meetings. Curtis reminded attendees that applications were available if there were any non-members present or if they would like to forward that resource. Curtis received applications for Danielle DeLeon with Hardee County, Codi Donahoe with Polk County Fire, and a change in category for Todd Tanner.
- State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) for Hazardous Materials continues to have staff turnover at a high rate and currently has vacant positions. Staffing started with 11 but is now down to five. At the Jan 2023 SERC, TTF, and LEPC Chairs and Coordinators Meetings were provided newly appointed primary members: Jon Belcher and Heidi Hoffman and appointed new alternate members: Stacy Smith, Sean Lynch, and Alex Munoz. Awards were also distributed throughout the regions at the SERC meeting.

Next SERC, TTF, and LEPC Chairs and Coordinators Meetings

- SERC's Training Task Force – April 20 at 0930
 - SERC's LEPC Chairs and Coordinators – April 20 at 1300
 - SERC – April 21 at 0930
- The training report included items from the SERC Training Task Force and items occurring in the region:
 - A trial class for fentanyl training specifically geared for first responders was very well received. The class offered two options in AM and PM. Once the class is finalized and endorsed it is possible it will move out to LEPC. The rough estimate to distribute class around is \$100,000.
 - Open water class/training in conjunction with US Coast Guard was also received well. Another class will likely be conducted with a Miami team but is looking at completing training indoors if possible.
 - A report on the Orange County fireworks building in Orlando led to an investigation that could not determine how it started. The incident resulted in four deaths. According to building codes housing fireworks in the building was not approved. Questions about whether OSHA went in to investigate were raised.
 - Discussion on post-hurricane lan car fires prompted a project box with the SERC to look at electrical vehicles and training on how to deal with these fires. Included in the discussion were incidents of golf carts and e-bikes that are catching fire as well.
 - Training discussions addressed how things are moving in each region. Lengthy discussions on Hurricane Ian's search and rescue crews included

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information on the 17 Teams that responded. Information was shared on the timely project for the bridge to Sanibel Island which took 17 days to construct.

- Curtis reported that an upcoming in-person Ammonia emergency response training would be available. Information on the CAMEO program class was sent out to LEPC members.
- Publix training recently completed a response to a potential ammonia spill scenario. Greg provided details of the scenario and how the training would resolve the issue. This was the first hands-on training since COVID, so it was a learning experience for hosts as well as attendees. The training offered a positive experience and an opportunity to review existing plans. The consensus on the best decontamination method for ammonia seemed to be to use fans.
- The Florida Division of Emergency Management sent an email regarding additional upcoming funding. Curtis reviewed the breakdown of funds.
- Florida Division of Emergency Management Training Calendar
Once registered the program will check to see if you have completed the pre-requisite for the currently registered class. Discussion on how the system is flawed because class titles change, often resulting in requiring attendance to previously completed classes.

<https://trac.floridadisaster.org/trac/trainingcalendar.aspx>

1. FDEM Region 4

- a. 2019 V G300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
- b. L-105: Public Information Basics
- c. L-965 NIMS ICS All-Hazards Resources and Demobilization Unit Leader
- d. G-400: Advanced Incident Command
- e. MGT-343: Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities

2. FDEM Region 6

- a. Region 6 Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop with FDEM and FOH
- b. G-191: Incident Command System/Emergency Operations Center Interface
- c. 2019 V G300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
- d. L-449 ICS Curricula Train-the-Trainer
- e. L-958 NIMS ICS All-Hazards Operations Section Chief
- f. G-400: Advanced Incident Command

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- TRANSCAER
<https://www.transcaer.com/training/training-events/us-fl>
 - Ammonia Emergency Response Training and Live-Release Drill at Fire Academy of the South in June 2023

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

Sean McGinnis with Lakeland Electric announced the upcoming implosion of the McIntosh Power Plant Unit 3 boiler structure. Sean offered to forward the information to Curtis to distribute to LEPC members. The current plan for the event is March 4, 2023.

6. Next CF-LEPC Meeting

May 3, 2023, at 9:30 am, DeSoto County Emergency Management Office, 2200 NE Roan St, Arcadia, FL 34266.

7. Adjourn

Dan Bartle adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bartle, LEPC Chairman

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