

CENTRAL FLORIDA REGION LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE



CHAIRMAN: Dan Bartle
VICE-CHAIR: Codi Donahoe

Quarterly Meeting Minutes February 22, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

Virtual at GoToMeeting

In-Person at A-C-T Environmental and Infrastructure 1875 W Main St 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

- Ashley Shive, A-C-T Environmental & Infrastructure Inc.
- Rick Christoff, DeSoto Co. Emergency Management

- Heidi Hoffman, FL Department of Environmental Protection
- Jon Belcher, FL Department of Environmental Protection
- Joseph DeLuna, FL Department of Environmental Protection

Facility Owners and Operators

- Keith Nadaskay, Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC
- Jenna Downing, Westlake Epoxy
- Keith Hazzard, Burris Logistics
- Joe Noel, Florikan ESA, LLC

Staff

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

Fire Recue

- Casey Dasher, Hardee County Fire Rescue
- Codi Donahoe, Polk County Fire Recue
- James Simpson, Hardee County Fire Rescue

Public

- Brandon Phillips, FLDOH Hardee
- Bryan Heard, SWA
- Burt McKee, Polk County BoCC
- Connor Hlywa, FloridaMakes
- Erica Jacobson, Enbridge
- Jasson Drinkard, FL Department of Environmental Protection
- Luke Gerard, Duke Energy
- Marc Purvis, DeSoto Co. Emergency Management
- Michael Aller, FloridaMakes
- Sean McGinnis, Lakeland Electric
- Todd Nichols, DHS/CISA
- Tommy Oneal, Duke Energy
- Trey Piel, Seminole Electric Cooperative

Education

- Danial Bartle, Florida Polytechnic University

Interested Citizen

- Tim Bennett, RISC-Risk Insurance Consulting

Local Environmental

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2. Approve Draft November 16, 2023, Central Florida LEPC Meeting Minutes

Actions Requested:	Approve Draft November 16, 2023, Central Florida LEPC Meeting Minutes
Motion	Ashley Shive
Second	Jenna Downing
Approved:	Passed

3. New Business

- a. Curtis introduced Jerri Sackett to LEPC attendees. Jerri comes to the Central Florida Regional Planning Council as the Emergency Management and Community Projects Senior Planner. Jerri has previously served on the LEPC in her capacity with Polk County Emergency Management.
- b. Ashley Shive with A-C-T Environmental and Infrastructure had no new business to report.
- c. A ChemLock and CSET presentation by Todd Nicholas with Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency included information on ChemLock services. CISA offers live and on-demand training to assist owners, operators, facility personnel, and retailers with understanding the threats that chemicals pose and what security measures can be put into place to reduce the risk of dangerous chemicals being weaponized.

ChemLock Resources

<https://www.cisa.gov/resources-tools/programs/chemlock>

Operation Flashpoint Resources

<https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/wmd>

<https://www.cisa.gov/resources-tools/programs/operation-flashpoint-program>

Cyber Security Evaluation Tool (CSET)

<https://www.cisa.gov/downloading-and-installing-cset>

- d. Mike Aller shared information from FloridaMakes on Connex Florida. Connex Florida is an online capabilities database and connection platform built by and for Florida manufacturers that helps you connect with manufacturers, find resources and adapt to changing market demands.

Connex Florida: <https://www.floridamakes.com/featured-programs/connex-florida>

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- e. The Florida SERC and LEPCs are requesting Fire Departments/Municipalities with Perfluoroalkyl and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contaminated Firefighting Foam to report quantity on hand for potential disposal. The SERC is trying to secure funding for pickup and disposal at no cost to the end user. Curtis encouraged attendees to include him when submitting the requested information. This will assist the LEPC in keeping track of the PFAS in the region.
- f. Political Subdivisions required changes to notify the State Watch Office regarding Mass Migration and Hazardous Materials Release. These are two new categories for notification.
- g. Burt McKee, Polk County ERC Coordinator was awarded the Thomas Yatabe award at the recent SERC meeting for his dedication to all things hazardous materials. Burt took a moment to thank everyone for their nominations and expressed his passion for this work in the region.
- h. Polk County requested the LEPC to provide a future tabletop exercise with Polk County Landfill. Burt McKee clarified that lithium-ion batteries are a concern and shared that 60% of truck fires are caused by lithium-ion batteries.
- i. Incident Reports were included in the agenda package to LEPC members. Curtis encouraged attendees to go through and review the incidents in the region.

4. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Membership
 - i. New Alternate Member Application
 - 1. Jasson Drinkard, Florida Department of Environmental Protection. This application will be submitted to the State in April.
- b. State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) for Hazardous Materials
 - i. Recap Jan 2024 SERC, TTF, and LEPC Chairs and Coordinators Meetings
 - 1. Appointed new primary members:
 - a. Joseph De Luna, FDEP SE District
 - 2. Appointed new alternate members:
 - a. None
 - ii. Next SERC, TTF, and LEPC Chairs and Coordinators Meetings
 - 1. SERC's Training Task Force will be on April 11, 2024 in St. Augustine, FL

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2. SERC's LEPC Chairs and Coordinators will be on April 11, 2024 in St. Augustine, FL
3. SERC will be on April 12, 2024 in St. Augustine, FL

c. Training

- i. Upcoming Florida Division of Emergency Management Trainings for the Old FDEM Region 4 and 6 can be found online at <https://trac.floridadisaster.org/trac/trainingcalendar.aspx>.
- ii. TRANSCAER
Upcoming TRANSCAER trainings have changed making some previous attendees must re-take the class and can be found online at <https://www.transcaer.com/training/training-events/us-fl>

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

Burt shared information on ICS Certification in Polk County. Burt encouraged those who may be participating in the landfill exercises to have to have their ICS-100 certification completed so everyone that participates in any exercise will be on the same terms. It would be helpful to complete the Tier 2 reports to ensure the data is up to date.

Sean McGinnis from Lakeland Electric wanted to emphasize the importance of Burt receiving the Thomas Yatabe award. Burt is a great example to the community for new members coming to the region.

6. Next CF-LEPC Meeting

May 23, 2024 at 9:30am at Westlake Epoxy in Lakeland. There are 13 spots available for in-person attendance, so RSVPs are critical to reserving a place in-person. All other members will need to attend virtually.

7. Adjourn

Dan Bartle adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dan Bartle, LEPC Chairman

This meeting was duly advertised in the Feb 9, 2024 issue of the FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER, Issue: 50/28.