

CENTRAL FLORIDA REGION LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk Counties



CHAIRMAN: Dan Bartle
VICE-CHAIR: Vacant

Quarterly Meeting Minutes May 3, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

Virtual at GoToMeeting

In-Person at DeSoto County EOC Building, 2200 NE Roan St. Arcadia, FL 34266

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
- Ashley Shive, A-C-T Environmental & Infrastructure Inc.

Facility Owners and Operators

- James Villarreal, Gulfstream Natural Gas
- Elissa Walls, Lineage Logistics
- Joe Noel, Florikan ESA, LLC

Education

- Danial Bartle, Florida Polytechnic University

Local Option

- Robert “Bing” Crosby, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency

Interested Citizen

- Tim Bennett, RISC-Risk Insurance Consulting

Local Environmental

- Bridjette Bucell, Florida DEP
- Ben Skidmore, Hull’s Environmental Services

Staff

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

General Public

- Burt McKee, Polk County BOCC

2. Approve Draft February 23, 2023, Central Florida LEPC Meeting Minutes

Actions Requested:	Approve Draft February 23, 2023, Central Florida LEPC Meeting Minutes
Motion	Rick Christoff
Second	James Villarreal
Approved:	Passed

3. Old Business

None

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4. New Business

Rick with DeSoto County Emergency Management is looking forward to being more proactive in the future.

Appointment for a new Vice-Chair for the CF-LEPC is needed. The LEPC is looking for nominations for Vice Chair. Codi Donahoe, Polk County Fire Rescue, was suggested as filing the seat and was nominated by Dan Bartell. Attendees agreed.

EV batteries were discussed recently in an email from Rob Dieterich with FDEM, Dan responded to the email with more information. This will possibly be the subject of the SERC training/taskforce meeting and the information will be brought back to the LEPC.

There were no incident report(s) for the Region.

The recent SERC meeting was reviewed and discussed with those in attendance. Curtis shared that within our region, hazardous materials were released on three separate occasions, the incidents were reported to the state watch office. Talks across the state regarding hazardous incidents show Florida looking at a decrease in incidents. Activities related to incidents in the last 10 years were also included in the meeting packet for members to review. Addition of Tier II data was also included in the packet.

5. Subcommittee Reports

Elissa Walls from Lineage Logistics membership application will be presented in the July SERC meeting.

Ashley and Curtis reviewed recent topics of discussion from the past SERC meeting. SERC training topics included: EV batteries and PFASs (Perfluoroalkyl Substances) disposal options. We would like to open PFASs training for all fire departments to encourage one large disposal instead of many small i.e. amnesty day. New modifications in regulations regarding drinking water were also a topic of discussion. There will be another Offshore Hazmat Pilot training class in July for response training. The State is also trying to find funding for fentanyl training for first responders across the state.

Dan Bartle shared how important it is to understand the needs for PFASs mitigation/training. He shared that PFASs is a standard material in the lining of firefighter gear, so all firefighters across the country are putting PFASs on their bodies. Some departments are updating their operations to change that.

Curtis shared some stats from the meeting: The 2022 Hazmat Symposium had 595 students attended, 64 training sessions. 20 vendors, 75 instructors and 204 hours of training. Upcoming training includes the ability to bring locally CSX rail car workshops. Curtis will send out contact information for this training. Recently the state took back \$10k from the LEPC grants and several

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others to help with their own funding. The state is hopeful that the approval of additional grants might be helpful with their budget shortfall. Curtis will share RMP schedules for facilities getting inspected in our region.

State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) for Hazardous Materials appointed new primary members; Codi Donahoe and Todd Tanner and new alternate member: Danielle DeLeon

Next SERC, TTF, and LEPC Chairs and Coordinators Meetings

- SERC's Training Task Force – July 20 at 0930 in St. Augustine
- SERC's LEPC Chairs and Coordinators – July 20 at 1300 in St. Augustine
- SERC – July 21 at 0930 in St. Augustine

Training classes are free to attend but do require registration. Curtis encouraged members to please register soon if they are planning to attend any of the training using the Upcoming Florida Division of Emergency Management Training Calendar link provided in the meeting packet.

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

FDEM Region 4

- Florida Recovery Obligation Calculation (F-ROC): Approach and Overview for Leaders
- PER-213 - PER-213 Wide Area Search
- 2019 V G300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
- FL-601 - FL-601 Preliminary Damage Assessment
- Houses of Worship- F-ROC: Approach and Overview for Leaders (Virtual)
- FL-603 - FL-603 Public Assistance Grant Program
- G-358 - G-358 Evacuation and Re-Entry Planning
- E/G/K2300 Intermediate Emergency Operations Center Functions
- MGT 312 Senior Officials Workshop for All-Hazards Preparedness
- G-191 Incident Command System/Emergency Operations Center (ICS/EOC) Interface
- 2019 V G-400 Advanced Incident Command System Command & General Staff
- G-272 - G-272 Warning Coordination

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FDEM Region 6

- Florida Recovery Obligation Calculation (F-ROC): Approach and Overview for Leaders
- G-191: Incident Command System/Emergency Operations Center Interface
- E/G/K2300 Intermediate Emergency Operations Center Functions
- FL-601 - FL-601 Preliminary Damage Assessment
- 2019 V G300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
- G-358 - G-358 Evacuation and Re-Entry Planning

TRANSCAER

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

- Ammonia Emergency Response Training & Live-Release Drill in Jacksonville, FL

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

James Villarreal shared that Gulfstream natural Gas will clean a section of pipeline in the coming months. Their priority will be Bowling Green then towards Auburndale. Gulfstream will notify both counties of their timeline beginning in August and September, respectively.

Curtis sent an email regarding the 2024 emergency response guidebook. The guidebook authors are taking comments and inviting LEPS's to attend the public meeting. There is a survey for state emergency response commission, members are encouraged to review and submit. The State Emergency Response Commission issued an executive order to allow for alternates for SERC Commissioners, alternates do not need to be approved by the governor.

Dan Bartle shared the executive order for Hurricane Nicole was just extended.

Burt would like the LEPC to make a motion to support attending the SERC meeting to discuss EV batteries and other pressing issues. The more support we can get going to the state the better.

Actions Requested:	Motion to support battery and PFASs efforts
Motion	Daniel Bartle
Second	Ashley Shive
Approved:	Passed

Curtis will coordinate the support to the FDEM staff.

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6. Next CF-LEPC Meeting

- August 3, 2023 at 9:30am, Dan Bartle is hoping to host that meeting. Curtis will update accordingly.
- November 16, 2023 at 9:30am, A-C-T facility in Bartow.

7. Adjourn

Dan Bartle adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bartle, LEPC Chairman

This meeting was duly advertised in the April 24, 2023 issue of the FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER, Issue: 49/79.