

CENTRAL FLORIDA REGION LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk Counties



CHAIRMAN: Dan Bartle
VICE-CHAIR: Garrett Parnell

Quarterly Meeting Minutes November 17, 2022 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:

Community Groups

- Mary Hartney, FL Fertilizer and Agrichemical Association

Emergency Management

- Ken Barksdale, Business Guard, Inc.

Facility Owners and Operators

- Keith Hazzard, Burris Logistics
- Rachel Garard, Arkema-ArrMaz

Interested Citizen

- Tim Bennet, RISC-Risk/Insurance Consulting

Local Environmental

- Ben Skidmore, Hull's Env. Services
- Todd Tanner, Haz Mat Special Services

Education

- Danial Bartle, Florida Polytechnic University

Staff

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

General Public

- Emilio Salabarria, Cyber Florida
- Sean Lynch, FDEP
- Jon Belcher, FDEP
- Heidi Hoffman, FDEP
- Sarah Hagar, Hardee County Fire Rescue
- Stacy Smith, Hardee County Emergency Management
- Jasson Drinkard, A-C-T

2. August 18, 2022 Minutes

Draft August 18, 2022 Central Florida LEPC Meeting Minutes were not approved as there was no quorum present.

3. Old Business

Recently received applications were not approved at the October SERC meetings, due to Hurricane Ian. Those applications will be on the next SERC agenda in January 2023.

4. New Business

a. Cyber Florida Presentation

Emilio Salabarría with Cyber Florida presented the recently approved program to conduct Risk Assessment of the state's critical infrastructure. The first due date of the program is currently set as 1/9/2023 with the final report due on 6/30/23. This assessment will help the state determine the FY 2024 budget. Cyber Florida intends to evaluate all 16 critical infrastructure sectors, not including Ft. Meyers. The surveys will measure both public and private infrastructure knowing that they both affect each other. The goal is to establish a baseline for the critical infrastructure within the state and then create recommendations to each sector based on the responses received. Emilio further clarified the state has paid for this service and there is no cost to participate. Surveys are anonymous and will be delivered to lifeline critical infrastructure sectors. Emilio also discussed how LEPC members can help with this data collection and encouraged members to complete the survey and share with other members, vendors, contractors, etc. Questions included: Can private companies participate in the survey? YES, please spread the word as well. Curtis helped clarify if a home-based zip code is out of state, please use the in-state local office zip code. Curtis will send the presentation slides to LEPC members with the encouragement to reach out to Emilio with questions.

b. Jason Drinkard with A-C-T Environmental & Infrastructure

Thank you again to A-C-T for hosting our LEPC meeting. A-C-T has been busy working through hurricane damage response/recovery in southwest Florida. Got contract to work with derelict vessels, will be working for approximately 1 month. Most of the A-C-T staff have temporarily relocated to Ft. Meyers for this project.

c. Proposed 2023 LEPC Meeting Calendar

Curtis reviewed the proposed dates for the LEPC meetings in 2023. All meetings will start at 9:30am. Currently the LEPC is looking at continuing a hybrid of in-person/virtual meetings. For anyone wanting to host, please reach out to Curtis.

- 1st Quarter – February 23, 2023 at 9:30am, Volunteer Location
- 2nd Quarter – May 4, 2023 at 9:30am, Volunteer Location
- 3rd Quarter – August 3, 2023 at 9:30am, Volunteer Location
- 4th Quarter – November 16, 2023 at 9:30am, Volunteer Location

d. Incident Report(s) Discussion for the Region

No incident reports were shared.

5. Subcommittee Reports

a. Membership

No applications have been received for new members. Current applications are still pending approvals from the SERC. Please send Curtis all applications for members and alternates.

b. State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) for Hazardous Materials

Next SERC, TTF and C&C Meetings are scheduled for January 2023 in conjunction with the 2023 Annual Hazmat Symposium. The hotel hosting the meetings received damage from recent Hurricanes resulting in closing the hotel for repairs. The State in conjunction with the Hazmat Symposium Executive Team are looking for alternatives.

c. Training

Below are the trainings in the region at this time: For other trainings, Curtis encouraged attendees to keep updated by going to the websites below for updated information.

- Central Florida LEPC Virtual EPCRA | E-Plan | Tier 2 Workshop
Jan 26, 2023, 9:00 – 11:00 AM
Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone
<https://meet.goto.com/552091989>
You can also dial in using your phone
Access Code: 552-091-989
United States: [+1 \(872\) 240-3412](tel:+18722403412)
- Upcoming Florida Division of Emergency Management Training Calendar <https://trac.floridadisaster.org/trac/trainingcalendar.aspx>
 - FDEM Region 4
 - 2019 V G300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
 - G228: Local Volunteer and Donations Management
 - G400: Advanced Incident Command
 - AWR-302 Pipeline Security for Rural Communities
 - FDEM Region 6
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 - G400: Advanced Incident Command
 - L-962 NIMS ICS All-Hazards Planning Section Chief

- TRANSCAER
<https://www.transcaer.com/training/training-events/us-fl>
- 2022 FL Hazardous Materials Training Symposium (January 17-20, 2023)
<https://www.flhazmatsymposium.org> – Registration on hold

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

No comments.

7. Next CF-LEPC Meeting

The next LEPC meeting will be on February 23, 2023 at 9:30am, Location to be Determined. Curtis reminded attendees to reach out to him directly if they would like to host this meeting or any other future meetings.

8. Adjourn

Dan Bartle adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bartle, LEPC Chairman

This meeting was duly advertised in the November 1, 2022 issue of the FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER, Issue: 48/213.