

**CENTRAL FLORIDA REGION  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
*DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk Counties*



Quarterly Meeting Agenda  
February 24, 2022 | 9:30 A.M.

**IN PERSON**

Hardee County  
Utilities Department Conference Room  
2428 Commerce Court  
Bowling Green, FL 33834

**VIRTUAL VIA GOTOMEETING**

Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

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Access Code: 312-948-621

1. Call to Order
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance
  - b. In Person and Virtual Attendance
2. Approve Draft November 18, 2021 Central Florida LEPC Meeting Minutes (attached)
3. Old Business
4. New Business
  - a. Presentation on Training Options and Offerings from Doug Wolfe, Response Technologies, LEPC Training Contractor
  - b. Presentation on FDEP response to spills in Region, Jordan Luscier, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
  - c. Incident Report(s) Discussion for the Region
  - d. Nominate/Appoint New LEPC Chair
  - e. Nominate/Appoint New LEPC Vice Chair
  - f. Nominate/Appoint New LEPC Training Task Force Vice Chair (will also serve as the LEPC's SERC Training Task Force Vice Chair)
5. Subcommittee Reports
  - a. Membership
    - i. New Member Appointments, at the SERC 1/19/2022 Meeting:
      1. Greg Hall, Publix Supermarkets, Facility Owners and Operators
      2. Trevor Wavelet, FDEP, Local Environmental
      3. Wes Allen, Florida Gas Transmission, Facility Owners and Operators

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- ii. New Alternate Member Appointment, at the SERC 1/19/2022 Meeting:
  - 1. Robert Alleva, Publix Supermarkets, Facility Owners and Operators
  - 2. Johnathon Fabrizio, FDEP, Local Environmental
- iii. Proposed Quarter Member Appointments:
  - 1. None currently requested
- b. State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) for Hazardous Materials
  - i. Recap the January 18, 2021 LEPC Chairs & Coordinators Meeting (C&C)
  - ii. Recap the January 18, 2021 Training Task Force Meeting (TTF)
  - iii. Recap the January 19, 2022 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)
  - iv. Next SERC, TTF, C&C Meetings is tentatively scheduled in April 2022. The location has not been confirmed at this time.
- c. Training
  - i. Florida Division of Emergency Management Training Calendar  
<https://trac.floridadisaster.org/trac/trainingcalendar.aspx>
- 6. Comments from Members/Public – Please announce yourself before you speak
- 7. Next CF-LEPC Meeting
  - a. May 19, 2022 at 9:30am, Location to be Determined
- 8. Adjourn

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CHAIRMAN: Todd Tanner  
VICE-CHAIR: Dan Bartle

## Quarterly Meeting Minutes November 18, 2021 | 9:30 a.m.

Polk County Emergency Operations Center, 1890 Jim Keene Blvd, Winter Haven, FL 33880  
GoToMeeting Option: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/940121029> You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 940-121-029

### 1. Call to Order

A. Chair Todd Tanner called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Those in attendance both online and in-person included:

#### Emergency Management

- Laura Calvillo, Hardee County EM
- Mitch Smeykal, Okeechobee County EM
- Rick Christoff, DeSoto County EM
- Billy Abernathy, Polk County EM

#### Facility Owners and Operators

- Ben Skidmore, Halls Environmental
- James Villarreal, Gulfstream Natural Gas
- Greg Hall, Publix Super Markets, Inc.

#### Firefighting

- Brett Hogan, Highlands County Fire Rescue
- Todd Tanner, Polk County Fire Rescue

#### Health

- Kevin King, Florida Department of Health

#### Interested Citizen

- Tim Bennett, RISC

#### Staff

- Curtis Knowles, LEPC Staff
- Kathy Hall, LEPC Staff
- Monica Massey, LEPC Staff

#### General Public

- Eddie Murphy, US DOT PHMSA
- Elizabeth LaDow, US DOT PHMSA
- Garrett Parnell, Polk County Fire Rescue

### 2. Approval of the August 19, 2021 Central Florida LEPC Meeting Minutes

Curtis Knowles asked if there were any changes to the August 19, 2021 Central Florida LEPC Meeting Minutes.

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**MOTION**

There being none, James Villarreal moved to approve the August 19, 2021 LEPC Meeting Minutes as presented. Todd Tanner seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Old Business**

No Old Business was reported.

**4. New Business**

A. Elizabeth LaDow, US DOT, Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Office of Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, presented information regarding PHMSA and its responsibilities. They enforce the federal laws specifically focusing on the safe transportation of hazardous materials. She discussed the PHMSA Safety Handbook, which is one of their primary responsibilities. It is available on-line and as an app.

Questions and discussion followed.

Eddie Murphy, US DOT, Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Office of Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, presented information regarding funding and the HazMat Round Table. He discussed an increase in funding where the award provides over \$28 million in grants to support state and local hazardous materials programs nationwide. <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/news/us-department-transportation-awards-nearly-100-million-grants-support-pipeline-and-hazardous> This includes approximately:

- \$21 million in Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grants for states, territories, and tribes to aid in the development, implementation, and improvement of emergency plans for local and tribal communities and first-responder hazardous materials training.
- \$3.5 million in Hazardous Materials Instructor Training grants to support the training of hazardous materials instructors and for such instructors to train hazardous materials employees.
- \$1.6 million in Assistance for Local Emergency Response Training grants to support the training of volunteer or remote emergency responders to respond to incidents involving hazardous materials shipments by rail.
- \$1.3 million in Supplemental Public Sector Training grants to support the training of hazardous materials instructors that conduct hazardous materials training programs for first responders.
- \$1.3 million in Community Safety grants to support projects that enhance the capabilities of communities to respond to hazardous materials emergencies and the training of state and local enforcement personnel responsible for enforcing the safe transport of hazardous materials.

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Questions and discussion followed.

**B. Incident Report Discussion for the Region**

No incident reports were made.

**C. Proposed 2022 CF-LEPC Meeting Schedule**

Curtis Knowles, LEPC staff, proposed the following meeting dates for 2022:

February 24, 2022 | May 19, 2022 | August 18, 2022 | November 17, 2022

All meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. Venues will be announced.

**MOTION**

James Villarreal moved to approve the 2022 LEPC meeting dates as proposed. Todd Tanner seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Subcommittee Reports**

**A. Membership**

Curtis Knowles, LEPC staff, reported membership applications for Bridjette Bucell, FDEP, Local Environmental, and Richard Christoff, DeSoto County Emergency Management, were submitted and approved as Primary Members of the CF-LEPC by the SERC at their October 22, 2021 meeting. Also, Corey Amundsen, Highlands County Emergency Management was approved as an Alternate Member.

**B. State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) for Hazardous Materials**

Chair Todd Tanner reported on the October 21-22, 2021 SERC meeting. His report included information regarding the LEPC Emergency Response Plans for Hazardous Materials and the Training Task Force. He presented highlights of the Hazards Analysis Working Group, the HazMat Operations and Awareness project, and the Offshore HazMat project. Chair Tanner concluded with a brief report on funding and next year's HazMat Symposium.

Curtis Knowles added that FDEM had decreased the budget of each LEPC in the state by \$10,000 and removed the inspection of battery facilities from the list of HA facilities for inspection. The SERC discussed many possible solutions to include but not limited to restructuring their staff in an effort to correct their budget shortfall.

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The next SERC meetings are scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Plaza Resort and Spa in Daytona Beach.

## C. Training

Curtis Knowles provided the website for the HazMat Training Symposium for members that would like to register to attend. The LEPC has a budget for thirteen members to attend. Also, the Florida Division of Emergency Management's website is <https://trac.floridadisaster.org/trac/trainingcalendar.aspx> for a list of trainings that are occurring in the state.

James Villarreal, Gulfstream Natural Gas, shared that the HazMat Training Symposium had accepted their proposal to conduct training next year, along with the other three large pipeline companies within the state. He stated he is available to conduct this training on site for members who might need it.

## 6. Comments from Member/Public

Burt McKee, Polk County, asked anyone who notices leaking containers or improperly stored materials, take pictures and forward them to Polk County to make them aware and can require that company/owner to properly dispose of those materials before it is too late.

## 7. Next CF-LEPC Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for February 24, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Location will be announced.

## 8. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Todd Tanner, LEPC Chairman

This meeting was duly advertised in the October 27, 2021 issue of the FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER, Issue: 47/210.