

# EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA LEPC Meeting Minutes



Thursday, September 17, 2020  
10:00 a.m.  
VIRTUAL MEETING



## **Primary Members in Attendance**

Eric Alberts, Orlando Health Hospitals  
Lauraleigh Avery, Orange County EM  
Claudia Baker, FDEM  
Michael Biggerstaff, Patrick AFB  
Michelle Cechowski, ECFRPC  
Larry Collier, Osceola County FR  
David Crowe, FDOH  
Keila Walker-Denis, GOAA  
Pat Feagle, Ocala FD  
Holly Fortune, FDEP  
Rob Hanson, Sumter County Fire & EMS  
Jonathan Lamm, Cocoa FD  
Mike Laycock, FL Gas Transmission  
John Longacre, Villages Public Safety  
Butch Loudermilk, Seminole County FRD  
Heather Love, Volusia County FR  
Tim Moore, NASA  
Tom Neidert, Brevard County FR  
L. Andre Roy, NSU Florida Project SEAMIST  
Manny Washington, Orlando FD

## **Alternate Members in Attendance**

John Corfield, Orlando Health  
Jon Haskett, Osceola County FR  
Margaret Hart, Osceola County EM  
Lindsay Judah, Clermont FD  
Spencer Kostus, Lake County EM  
James Mullin, FDEP  
Lauren Possinger, Volusia County EM

## **Others in Attendance**

Charles Abbatantuono, ECFRPC  
Eric Brown, Lewis Environmental  
Anthony Carpanini, ARPC  
Matt Currie, DHS/CISA  
Todd Dial, Brenntag  
Curtis Knowles, CFRPC  
Katelyn Kubasik, SWFRPC  
John Meyer, TBRPC  
Teresa Newsome, EREC, Inc.  
Bill Schmahl, Marion County GIS  
Rick Stilp, EMS, Inc.  
Daniel Strickland, 48<sup>th</sup> CST  
Kathleen Ward

## **I. Call to Order and General Business**

*The East Central Florida LEPC Meeting was held virtually via ZOOM and was called to order by Chairperson Butch Loudermilk at 10:05a.m.*

## **II. Approval of Minutes**

- o June 3, 2020 Minutes

*The June 3 meeting minutes were approved with no changes. Motion to approve the meeting minutes by Jonathan Lamm; the motion was seconded by Andre Roy. Motion passed.*

## **III. Two-year Vice Chair Terms:**

- o TTF Vice Chair – Pat Feagle, Ocala Fire: March 2018
- o LEPC Vice Chair – Keila Walker-Denis, GOAA: July 2018

*CAPT Pat Feagle was nominated by Jonathan Lamm. No other nominations were received. Pat accepted the nomination. Voted and passed.*

*Mrs. Keila Walker-Denis was nominated by Eric Alberts. No other nominations were received. Keila accepted the nomination. Voted and passed.*

## **IV. New and Continuing Business**

- Air Care Team and HazMat Exposure (Orlando Health) – John Corfield

*John spoke about a hazmat exposure incident that occurred a couple months ago with a patient who was airlifted to the hospital. He asked if the LEPC could put together and send out a “best*

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*practices” letter as a reminder about notifying others when a hazardous material is on a patient which could expose other first responders and first receivers.*

- Local Incidents in Seminole County – *Butch Loudermilk*

*Butch spoke about two incident that happened in Seminole County: a sidewalk collapse and electrocution and a gas pipeline fire.*

*The discussion about the gas pipeline fire lead to a suggestion of holding a one-day general session that brings facilities, pipeline operators, and first responders together. Michelle advised she has a grant to fund this (grant discussed later). Rick Stilp advised he would send an email for anyone who would like to help plan this sometime in the Spring/Early Summer.*

- FAR Chemicals Fire in Palm Bay – *Vernon Brown*

*Vernon was not on the meeting but Chief Neidert from Brevard County HazMat and James Mullin from FDEP both gave an update on the incident.*

- HMEP Contract (begins October 1) – *Michelle Cechowski*

- *\$80,476.11*
- *No 2021 FL HazMat Symposium*

*Michelle stated this will be the new grant amount for the upcoming fiscal year to spend on transportation hazmat related trainings. Since there won't be a Florida HazMat Symposium this fiscal year and we usually use 2/3 of the grant on that, there will be a lot of grant money to spend on trainings this year. Please send your requests in to Michelle and she will acquire the three quotes and move forward with regional trainings after the first of the year.*

- PHMSA TAG (begins September 30) – *Michelle Cechowski*

- *Includes purchasing more 5-gas detector systems*
- *Includes purchase of the RAE Technician certification course for 40 people*

*Michelle gave an update on the grant submission and we were awarded the full amount which is \$100,000. The grant begins September 30, 2020 for a year until September 29, 2021.*

*As stated earlier, this grant can be used to plan and support a pipeline one-day general session to bring together first responders, first receivers, and industry.*

*In addition, as part of the grant application and approval, this grant will allow us to purchase more 5-gas detector systems for agencies who need them and the RAE technician certification course for up to 40 people in our region.*

## V. State SERC/LEPC/TTF Report

- State Quarterly Meeting Update – *Jonathan Lamm*

- *New and continuing news*

*The State SERC meeting was held virtually and was very short. The only action item was approving new LEPC appointments.*

- State Training Task Force Update – *Jonathan Lamm*

- *New and continuing news*

## VI. Training Updates

- Trainings Conducted:

- **NONE**

- Upcoming Trainings:

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- Advanced Propane Incident Response with Water Injection course at Reedy Creek Improvement District – **DELAYED DUE TO COVID-19**
- Requested Trainings:
  - Rae Technician Course – Orlando FD – **FUNDED**
  - HazWoper 24-hour & 8-hour Refresher – Marion County – **APPROVED; SCHEDULING**

## VII. Announcements/Comments

An opportunity for LEPC members and members of the public to bring up events, issues or other items of interest to the Committee.

- *Jonathan Lamm discussed canceling the Florida HazMat Symposium decision; he also highlighted the work that Lee & Teresa Newsome with EREC have been doing for the past six months by providing Incident Management Team members in response to COVID-19 and also completed the updated Florida Hazardous Materials Competencies update (Rick Stilp).*
- *The Thomas Yatabe Award will still be conducted in January by FDEM. We don't know if it will be virtual or in person yet. Michelle will send out the information for nominations for our LEPC.*
- *Chief Avery gave an update on USAR teams deployed in response to Hurricane Sally, including Central Florida's TF4. It was also discussed that there does not seem to be a hazmat component attached to the deployed teams as discussed at SERC last year.*

## VIII. Next Meeting Date

- October / November – **TBD.**

*Michelle will schedule the last quarter meeting virtual before the Thanksgiving Holiday.*

## IX. Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn by Jonathan Lamm and seconded by Pat Feagle. Adjourned at 11:45 a.m.*