

# EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA LEPC Meeting Minutes



Friday, March 19, 2021  
10:00 a.m.  
VIRTUAL MEETING



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## **Primary Members in Attendance**

Eric Alberts, Orlando Health Hospitals  
Michael Biggerstaff, Patrick AFB  
Vernon Brown, FAR  
Dave Casto, Sumter County EM  
Michelle Cechowski, ECFRPC  
Larry Collier, Osceola County FR  
David Crowe, FDOH  
Todd Dial, Brenntag  
Jonathan Lamm, Cocoa FD  
John Longacre, Villages Public Safety  
Heather Love, Volusia County FR  
Tim Moore, NASA  
Tom Neidert, Brevard County FR  
L. Andre Roy, NSU Florida Project SEAMIST  
Jill Vogel, KSC NEMCON/Leidos

## **Alternate Members in Attendance**

Jon Haskett, Osceola County FR  
Robin Hinson, Osceola County EM  
Lindsay Judah, Clermont FD  
James Mullin, FDEP  
Lauren Possinger, Volusia County EM

## **Others in Attendance**

Sheryl Bradley, FDOT/TIM  
Sarah Church  
Lynne Drawdy, CFDMC  
Allie Hair, Osceola County  
Ryan Joseph, City of Palm Bay  
Aimee Krivan, Orange County EPD  
Katelynn Kubasik, SWFRPC  
John Meyer, TBRPC  
Matt Meyers, CFDMC  
Spencer Monast  
Teresa Newsome, EREC, Inc.  
Mark Roehl, MFC Orlando  
Rick Stilp, EMS, Inc.

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

*The East Central Florida LEPC Meeting was held virtually via ZOOM and was called to order by Coordinator Michelle Cechowski at 10:03a.m.*

## **II. Approval of Minutes**

- December 18, 2020 Minutes

*The December 18 meeting minutes were approved with no changes. Motion to approve the meeting minutes by L. Andre Roy; the motion was seconded by Chief Collier. Motion passed.*

## **III. Presentations**

- FAR Chemical AAR – District Chief Neidert, Brevard County FR

*District Chief Neidert presented a PowerPoint on the FAR Chemical Incident After-Action Report.*

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

- LEPC Contract Deliverables: Task 7 – Michelle Cechowski

*Michelle explained task 7 of the LEPC contract has a deliverable of a hazmat exercise. Due to COVID and there being no planned exercises in our region, Michelle sent a request to the state to substitute the task 7 deliverable for another HMEP-related deliverable.*

*Our region last had Commodity Flow Studies conducted in 2013 (rail) and 2011 (highway). Michelle obtained quotes from several companies and selected Advanced Planning Consultants to update and combine the 2011 & 2013 regional Commodity Flow Studies. Marion and Sumter Counties will*

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*also be added as they were not members of our LEPC region back then. The CFS is due by June 30. Once completed, it will be available to any member of the LEPC upon request.*

- CFDMC presentation to CFFA on April 8 – *Eric Alberts / Rick Stilp*  
*Eric explained there has been several incidents which could have turned into mass casualty incidents and the hospitals were not notified ahead of transport in order to prepare. This is a concern so as a member of the Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition, Mr. Alberts requested the LEPC to assist in communications with our region's fire departments. Mr. Stilp facilitated electronic communications between Mr. Alberts and the Central Florida Fire Chief's Association. The CFFA will be holding their first in-person meeting on April 8 and has put Mr. Alberts on the agenda to conduct a presentation on how they can better improve the process of communications and transportation of hazardous materials exposed victims.*

## V. State SERC/LEPC/TTF Report

- State Quarterly Meeting Update – *Michelle Cechowski*
  - New and continuing news  
*The State has not held another meeting since our December meeting.*
- State Training Task Force Update – *Michelle Cechowski*
  - New and continuing news

## VI. Training Updates

- **Trainings Completed:** \*LEPC contract supported \*\*\$12,345 (HMEP) / \*\*\*\$8,200 (PERI)
  - ICS300: December 9-11, 2020 at City of Cocoa – **25 students\***
  - Hazwoper 24-hour: January 4-6, 2021 at Marion County – **14 students\***
  - Hazwoper 8-hour Refresher: January 8, 2021 at Marion County – **19 students\***
  - Rae Technician Course: February 22-23, 2021 at Orlando FD – **17 students\*\***
- **Upcoming trainings:** \*\$8,200 (PERI) \*\*\$22,300 (HMEP) \*\*\*ICS course support is LEPC contract
  - Rae Technician Course: April 5-6, 2021 at Orlando FD\*
  - ICS300 – April 5-7, 2021 at City of Satellite Beach\*\*\*
  - ICS400 – April 8 & 9, 2021 at City of Cocoa\*\*\*
  - NIMS ICS All Hazards L-984 Strike Team/Task Force Leader – April 14-16, 2021 at Maitland FD\*\*
  - Air Monitoring & Detection Class – April 20, 21, & 22, 2021 at City of Cocoa\*\*
  - Physical & Chemical Properties / Risk Based Response – June 28, 29, & 30, 2021 at Osceola County\*\*
  - HazMat Incident Command – July 12-13, 2021 at Sumter County\*\*
- **Approved and scheduling:** \$42,745 (HMEP)
  - Advanced Propane Incident Response with Water Injection – Reedy Creek
  - HazMat Tox Medic 24-hour (to be held twice)
  - HazMat Tox Medic 40-hour – Brevard County

*Michelle reviewed the above trainings that have been held to date, their funding source, and the scheduled trainings coming up. All trainings are in person. Michelle also advised there has been a request for a HazMat Safety Officer course. There was discussion that if we have funds expected to be left over before September OR once new HMEP funding contract is received for October 1, 2021, our region will hold a HMSO course. Eric Alberts made a motion; seconded by Chief Lamm. Motion passed.*

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## 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.

- *Chief Lamm announced the Offshore HazMat Response committee made of subject matter experts from across the state is expected to schedule a conference call soon. When it happens, he will update us on the progress. Due to COVID, there have been no in-person meetings.*
- *Chief Lamm also thanked Michelle for coordinating and scheduling all of the training courses to ensure our grant funding is expended in a timely manner.*
- *Heather Love has been promoted to Battalion Chief with Volusia County FR.*
- *Michelle thanked the other LEPC Coordinators who were attending our meeting (John from TB and Katelynn from SWF).*

## VIII. Next Meeting Date

- *TBD: April 1 – June 30 Quarter meeting. Will try for an in-person meeting. If not feasible, will continue via ZOOM.*

## IX. Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn by Chief Jonathan Lamm and seconded by Vernon Brown. Adjourned at 11:05 a.m.*