



**DISTRICT XI
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
EXERCISE SUBCOMMITTEE**

INITIAL PLANNING CONFERENCE MINUTES

Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 10 a.m.

**Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department
Douglas Road Building
3071 SW 38th Ave
Miami, Florida**

Welcome, Opening Remarks and Introductions

- Meeting called to order at 10:25 a.m.
- In attendance were LEPC Members Bob Christensen, Felipe Hermida, Ron Khawly, Jeffry Peleg, Rich Taylor and LEPC Coordinator Manny Cela. Also in attendance were Miguel Alfonso, Tom Cullen, Yvette McLeod Bill Tolliver and Exercise Subcommittee Chair Mike Stacks.

Background

- The LEPC is charged with holding a TTX/Workshop and FSE/Drill this year. Both events will exercise the HazMat Emergency Response Plan for District 11.
- The current plans call for a Monday TTX followed by three days of Drills and an AAC held on Friday. The most likely location will be the Homestead Air Reserve Base.

Member Comments

- Mike Stacks said that use of the base would be OK; there are fire hydrants, separate meeting rooms and smoke machines available. The Drill objective will be to exercise the skill level of the crews.
- Jeffry Peleg said that SWS could provide consumables. Yvette McLeod said that MDWASD has Gatorade and other items available.
- Mike Stacks said that by having three drill days, each crew only needs to participate one half of one day and minimizes their down time. Rich Taylor said that in single-day drills only the crews available that day are able to play.
- Manny said that start times will be flexible to allow for travel time from other areas.
- Miguel Alfonso said that MDTA would be able to participate in the TTX but only observe the drills. Yvette McLeod said MDWASD will participate in both.
- Mike Stacks requested that a May 15, 2008 Exercise Subcommittee meeting be scheduled to explain the upcoming exercises to the other members.
- Manny asked Ron Khawly and Rich Taylor to work together to propose what type of "stations" would be most helpful to their crews.
- Tom Cullen's interest is to have all Monroe firefighters trained on gross decon to be able to hold until a mainland hazmat crew arrives. Current plans are perfect for their needs.



- Rich Taylor mentioned that older MDRF equipment being rotated and replaced would be available for use during the drills.
- Yvette McLeod would like the different agencies to work together. MDWASD also has technical divers and confined space rescue personnel stationed down South.
- Mike Stacks said that exercise events would be used mostly to evaluate rather than train.
- Jeffry Peleg asked if the Subcommittee required LEPC approval. Manny Cela answered that the Subcommittee would report to the LEPC at its April meeting and get approval at the June meeting. Otherwise, the Subcommittee can work on its own.

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, May 15, 2008 @ 10 a.m. at SFRPC.

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.