State Emergency Response Commission
Training Task Force (Minutes)

Hyatt Regency Sarasota
Salon EF Conference Center
1000 Blvd of the Arts
Sarasota, FL 34236
July 18, 2019 – 9:30 AM

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Introductions

III. Approval of Minutes for April 18, 2019 Meeting.

- Meeting minutes for April 18, 2019 were initiated by Chief Murphy and seconded by Mr. Burt McKee.

IV. TTF Conference Call Updates

- NOVA Letter: On April 19, 2019, the State Emergency Response Commission of Hazardous Materials voted unanimously to endorse the continued support of funding from National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences initiative. The purpose of this initiative will be NOVA Southeastern to develop and modify their current maritime hazardous material training in order to train State of Florida hazardous material teams in emergency response in an offshore ocean contingency. These specialized teams in conjunction with the United States Coast Guard will respond offshore, boarding ships and mitigating potential disasters at sea until additional Federal, State and Local resources mitigate the disaster. In addition, Mr. Forest Willis indicated that the USCG will be adding an Appendix to contingency plans to address local hazmat response and working with State of Florida hazmat teams.

- Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs)/Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Capt. Frank DeFrancesco did advise that the next four SOGs/SOPs topics have recently been finalized by subject matter experts regarding each of the following respective topics and are ready for SERC’s approval prior to distribution. Those topics were: Gas Cylinders & Containers; Radiological; Safety & Health for Hazmat; and Emergencies involving Corrosives. In addition, Capt. DeFrancesco did recognize anticipation that the remaining seven topics can and should be completed in advance of the October 2019 SERC meetings.
V. Current Business

1. Project Boxes

- Mr. Robert Dietrich gave an update on the Hazmat Awareness and Operational check off RFQ, he stated that he reached out to few members for their technical expertise on the this document and requested attendees to reach out to him for any comments after the meeting, he also stated that the RFQ will be on the my Florida market place for a bid in the next few weeks.

2. Hazmat Team Assessment – Robert Dietrich

- Mr. Robert Dietrich announced that FDEM has recently hired Mr. John Scott III as Hazardous Materials Coordinator; he will be working along with Mr. Scott Chappell from the Florida Fire College to assess all hazmat teams statewide during FY 2019-20. The primary purpose of this initiative is to ensure consistency of the administered assessments and completion of this task by a third party assessor. In addition, Mr. John Scott III will be working with FDEM Logistics for to identify Hazmat Team items for possible staging at one of the Logistics Staging Areas during a State Response.

VI. New Business

1. Responders Safety Initiative/ Pesticide — Robert Dietrich

- FDEM staff discussed the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer services program known as “Operation Clean Sweep.” This program has been in place for over a decade and gathers pesticides that are identified as waste or unused for collection and proper disposal. The SERC is working with other agencies to push this program to reach as many people as possible throughout Florida. The goal of unused and potentially unsafe or improperly stored pesticides is a safety risk to our citizens, and especially our First Responders while responding to a fire. In addition, FDEM staff is working on identifying potential additional funding sources that might be used to increase this programs effectiveness.

- The program is describing as “a mobile pesticide collection program that provides a safe way to dispose of cancelled, suspended and/or unusable pesticides” in the quantities of 1,000 pounds or less. The program enables private sector industries or public sector facilities to call 1-877-851-5285 to schedule a FREE pickup of applicable product(s) so that they can be disposed of in a responsible and appropriate manner. More information on the program is available by contacting cleansweep@freshfromflorida.com. A flyer for Operation Clean sweep can be found at:

VII. Update from Agencies and Organizations

1. Florida Fire Chief’s Association — Chief Murphy
   - No updates

2. Florida Association of Hazardous Materials Responders — Frank DeFrancesco
   - No updates.

3. Florida State Fire College — Scott Chappell
   - Mr. Scott Chappell was unable to attend.

4. Florida Department of Health — Steve McCoy
   - Mr. Steve McCoy was unable to attend.

5. Other Agencies and Organizations
   - Mr. Domenic LetoBarone discussed the biomedical hazard while responding to a roadway accident. He stated that there have been numerous incidents of late where confusion of cleanup from this hazard has resulted between Law Enforcement, Local Officials, and Fire Rescue. Discussion amongst the board pointed out that the TTF/SERC has procedures on proper protective equipment (PPE) for responders, but ultimately this was out of the scope of this organization and at the discretion of the local jurisdiction.

   - Mr. Kevin Guthrie requested the SERC assigned staff to write a letter addressed to the Florida Highway Patrol, Florida Sheriff Association, Florida Chief of Police, and Florida Fire Chiefs Association on proper PPE, and the suggestion that these organizations work together to address this rising issue. Motion initiated by Chief Murphy and seconded by Mr. Scott Ehlers.

   - Mr. Erik Sayler was introduced as the new Legal Counsel for the Florida Division of Emergency Management. Mr. Sayler identified that the issue was raised regarding a potential appearance of a Conflict of Interest with Chapter 112.313, F.S. In particular, owning/participating in a business that conducted hazardous material training in Florida, while sitting on the TTF.

   - Mr. Sayler acknowledged that he is currently working with the Commission on Ethics (COE) on making this determination and will advise of this determination once made by the COE. Mr. Sayler additionally identified that this issue may also be applicable to the Local Emergency Planning Committee members statewide.
Chief Jonathan Lamb been nominated by Mr. Pat Feagle to Chair the SERC TTF Board. However, the final decision will be announced by the October SERC meetings pending FDEM legal determination.

VIII. Upcoming Events
   1. Schedule Next Conference Call
      • 1\textsuperscript{st} conf. call will be Wednesday August 14, 2019. @1:30 PM EST.
      • 2\textsuperscript{nd} conf. call will be Wednesday September 18, 2019. @1:30 PM EST.
   2. Next Meeting October 17, 2019 – SanDestin, Miramar Beach, FL.

IX. Adjournment