North Central Florida
Local Emergency Planning Committee:

Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act
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Counties:
Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties

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Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act

- EPCRA became law in 1986 after Bhopal, India
- State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) to oversee planning for hazmat emergencies
- Florida Division of Emergency Management provides State support
What is an LEPC?

- Has the job of protecting the community from chemical spills
- Broad-based membership
- Emergency Plan
- Common Sense
- Staffed by Florida’s Ten Regional Planning Councils
LEPC Programs

• Providing access to chemical inventories to first responders and the public
• Hazmat exercises
• Emergency plans
• First Responder Training
Mission Statement

• The North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee has the responsibility to increase chemical emergency preparedness in our communities. This is accomplished through planning, increasing response capability and accident prevention.
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Our tools include:

• planning,
• training,
• reviewing,
• exercising,
• offering How-to-Comply assistance,
• and educating the public.
Annual Chemical Inventory Reporting (Section 312)

- Tier II chemical inventory forms
- Florida has electronic submission for reporting facilities and electronic access for emergency responders (ErPlan.net)
How Your LEPC Can Help You?

• Hazmat Training
• Hazmat Exercises
• Compliance Assistance
• Emergency Planning
• Public Education
• Distribution Point for Emergency Response Guidebooks
LEPC Help
- First Responder Training

- 29 CFR 1910.120(q) - Emergency Response Levels
  - Awareness - Discovery (4-8 hr)
  - Operations - Defensive (24 hr)
  - Technician - Offensive (160 hr)
  - Incident Commander (24+ hr)
LEPC Assistance
- Hazmat Exercises

- Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Based Exercises:
  - Table Top
  - Functional
  - Full-Scale
Hands On Training
Responders Need Access to Information

- Tier 2 Chemical Inventories and Contacts for EPCRA Section 312 Sites
- Hazards Analysis for EPCRA Section 302 Sites with Extremely Hazardous Substances in Amounts Greater than the Threshold Planning Quantity
LEPC Assistance
- Compliance Assistance For Facilities

• Facility Must Report Some Spills to State Watch Office Within 15 Minutes
  - most common violation
• Tier 2 Reports and Annual Registration
• Annual Coordination Meeting and Training
State Level Coordination
Quarterly Meetings

• Training Task Force
• LEPC Staff and Chairs
• State Emergency Response Commission
How Your LEPC Can Help You

- Hazmat Response Training for First Responders
- Hazmat Exercises
- Compliance Assistance
- Emergency Planning
- Public Education
- No Charge – already paid for by hazmat users
LEPC Officers

- LEPC Chair: Shayne Morgan, FPEM, Columbia County Emergency Management

- LEPC Vice-Chair, Public Information: David Peaton, FPEM, Levy County Emergency Management

- LEPC Vice-Chair, First Responders: Bruce Jordan, Fire Chief, City of Madison
Any Questions?

Thank You