



SOUTHWEST FLORIDA LEPC MEETING AGENDA



February 26th, 2026, 9:30 am EST

In-person meeting location: Charlotte County Public Safety PSB-221 Training Room A
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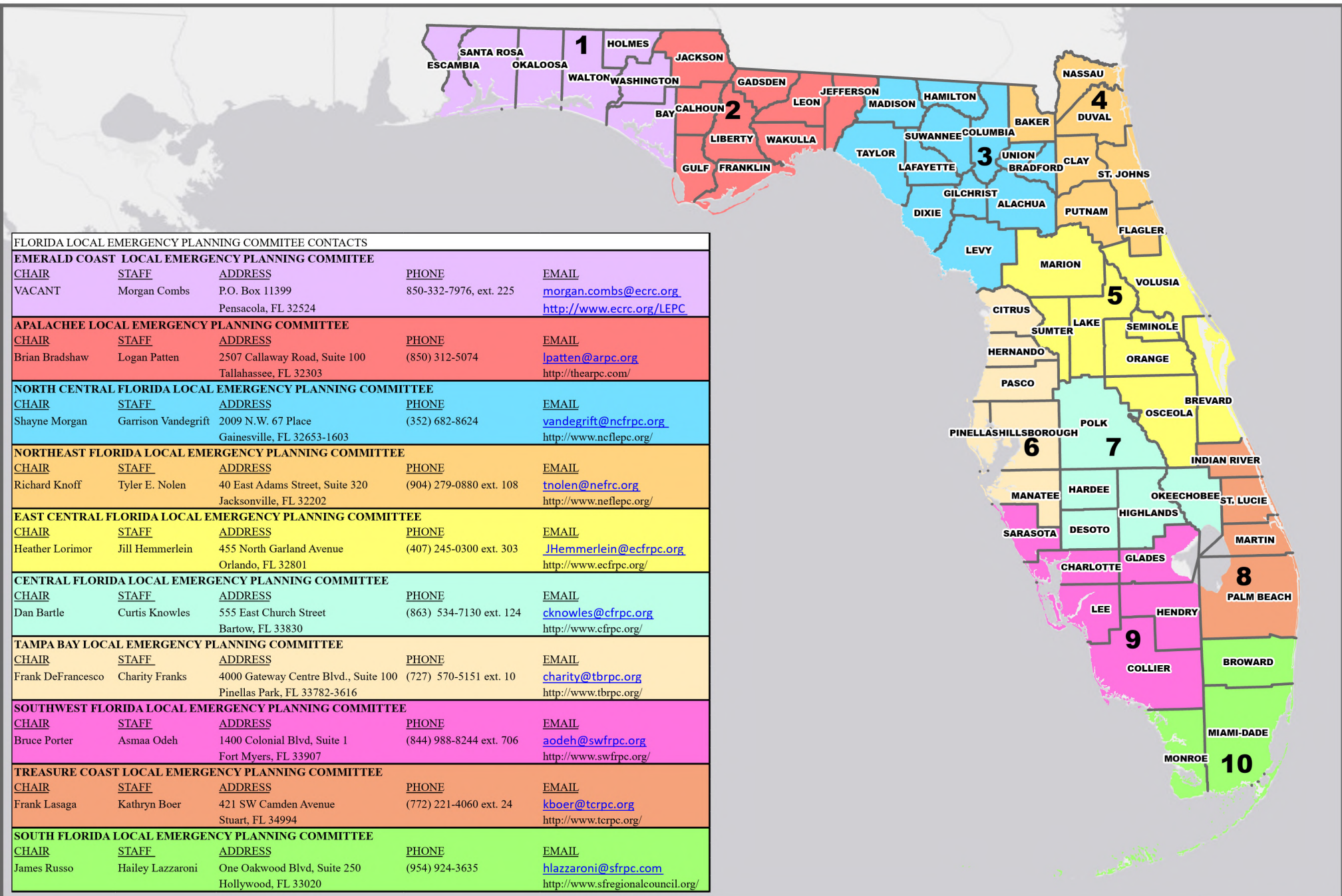
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19.	Adjournment	



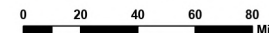
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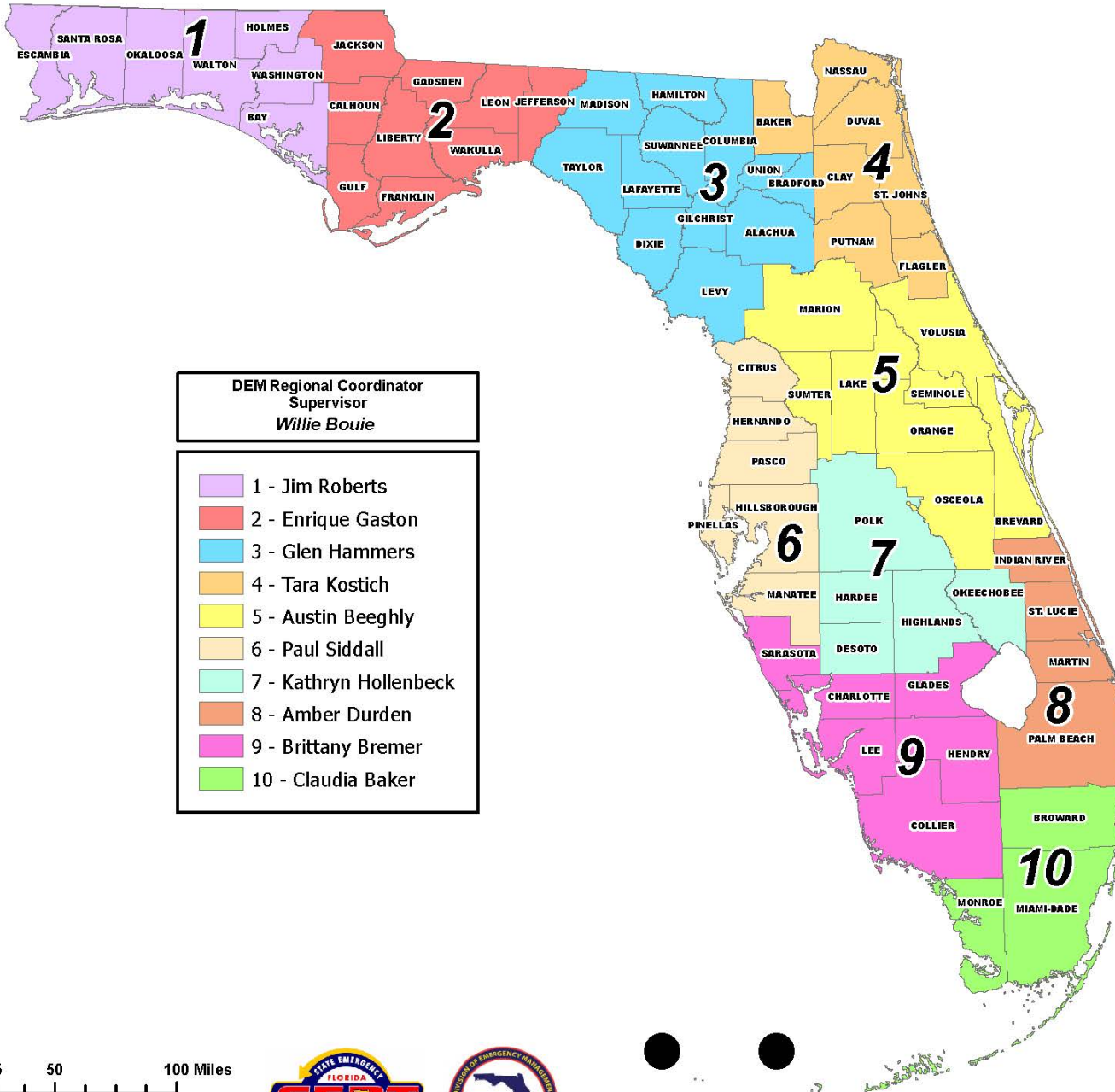
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LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEES

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**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of November 20th, 2025**

The Southwest Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee met on Thursday, November 20th, 2025, at 9:30 AM EST via Zoom. The following members were present during the proceedings which began at 9:30 AM.

LEPC Members Present:

1. Asmaa Odeh, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council LEPC Coordinator
2. Brent Stevens, Fire Chief City of Labelle Fire Department
3. Brian Massey, SWFL HCC
4. Caroline Briones, Lee County Emergency Management
5. Cynthia Adame, Florida Department of Health Glades and Hendry Counties
6. David Batiato, Division Chief of Safety & Training Immokalee Fire Control District
7. Dawn Lorenz, Lee Health
8. Ellen Pinder, Charlotte County Emergency Management
9. Erick Proveuax, LT U.S. Coast Guard
10. Jennifer Smith, NCH Healthcare System
11. Kenrick Roguska, Charlotte County Sheriff's Office
12. Mathew Marshall, Deputy Chief Marco Island Fire Rescue
13. Mike Nevarez, North Port Emergency Management
14. Nicholas Kompinski, North Collier Fire and Rescue
15. Raymond Gretz, Florida Gulf Coast University Environmental Health & Safety
16. Rebekah Harp, Interim Director Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
17. Rick Pardo, Lee County Mosquito Control District
18. Robert Fisher, Lee Health
19. Stacy Aloisio, North Port Emergency Management

Others Present:

1. Purnima Arora, Florida Division of Emergency Management
2. Rodiel Rodriguez, Heinz Bagel Bites
3. Shane Styza, Charlotte County Chief Fire/EMS
4. Chief CFN
5. dohara

AGENDA ITEMS #1-3

There was no member who wished to give an invocation. LEPC Coordinator, Asmaa Odeh called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was called by Asmaa Odeh. Roll call was conducted by Asmaa Odeh, LEPC Coordinator and via Zoom attendance.

AGENDA ITEM #4

Minutes of the August 28th, 2025 Meeting

LEPC Coordinator, Asmaa Odeh offered a motion to approve the LEPC meeting minutes of the August 28th, 2025, meeting. The motion was moved by Deputy Chief, Mathew Marshall seconded by Jennifer Smith. The motion was approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5

LEPC Membership

Asmaa Odeh, LEPC Coordinator stated that there were new nominations to LEPC Membership. There were 1 LEPC Member nominations this quarter:

1. Cynthia Adame, Florida Department of Health Glades and Hendry Counties

Asmaa Odeh stated that she will continue to promote regional collaboration among stakeholders. Best practices, such as the Florida State Emergency Response Commission Policies for Local Emergency Planning Committees shared with LEPC members as well as the current list of membership. Members asked to review LEPC membership list to streamline communications. LEPC Coordinator, Asmaa Odeh offered a motion to approve the new LEPC Membership nomination. The motion was moved by Deputy Chief Mathew Marshall, City of Marco Island Fire, seconded by Brian Massey. The updated LEPC membership list was approved, as well as corrections made to organization names.

Best practices, such as the Florida State Emergency Response Commission Policies for Local Emergency Planning Committees shared with LEPC members as well as the current list of membership. Asmaa Odeh, LEPC Coordinator stated that she reached out to members that have not recently attended a meeting nor responded to recent correspondences. Members asked to continue review LEPC membership list to streamline communications.

AGENDA ITEM #6

Presentation

Sarasota County Fire Department (SCFD) Captain Johnny Rigney, Special Operations Coordinator Emergency Services presented a brief history of the Sarasota County Fire Department, emphasizing its century-long service and current operations.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Meeting Schedule and Location

Meeting locations:

- February 26th, 2026, at Charlotte County EOC
- May 28th, 2026, at City of Marco Island Fire and Rescue

Asmaa Odeh presented the meeting schedule and Captain Johnny Rigney made a motion to approve the schedule. Brain Massey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #8

FDEM SERC Meeting

The SERC meeting recap was presented by Asmaa Odeh:

FDEM TTF/LEPC/SERC Meeting:

The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) is responsible for implementing the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) provisions in Florida. The SERC, along with the Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs), work to mitigate the effects of a release or spill of hazardous materials by collecting data on the storage of hazardous chemicals above planning quantities. The Technological Hazards Section at the Florida Division of Emergency Management provides programmatic support for the SERC.

TTF

- Hazmat Team Assessments Update
- Offshore Hazmat Program updates
- Florida State Fire College
- Hazmat Symposium Updates

LEPC

- Hazards Analysis Working Group Report
- HMEP Grant Discussion
- LEPC Coordinator Continuity Book

SERC

- Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) Appointments approved
- Thomas Yatabe-SERC Award Nominations and Certificates of Appreciation
- Approval of LEPC Emergency Response Plans for Hazardous Materials

Next Scheduled Meeting – January 12-13th, 2026, Daytona, Beach FL.

AGENDA ITEM #9

SWFL LEPC Training Subcommittee Report

Deputy Chief, Mathew Marshall and Asmaa Odeh discuss the HMEP FY25 LEPC Training with the LEPC members, as well as process for submitting training requests for FY25-26. Registration and training are on hold until the Regional Planning Council receive an executed contract from FDEM. The purpose of the HMEP Grant Program is to increase State, territorial, tribal and local effectiveness in safely and efficiently handling hazardous materials accidents and incidents, enhance implementation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), and encourage a comprehensive approach to emergency training and planning by incorporating the unique challenges of responses to transportation situations. The intent of this Grant is to fulfil the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Grant Requirements, provide training to first responders, and planning support for hazmat transportation related accidents/incidents. This grant agreement is a Federal pass-through grant agreement, with the Florida Division of Emergency Management being the pass-through agency SWFRPC and the grant recipient serving as the sub-recipient.

Meeting Minutes by Asmaa Odeh, SWFL LEPC Coordinator

- Training is provided to first responders and LEPC staff to ensure training of public sector HazMat response personnel for transportation related spills, releases and/or fires. Training category courses will consist of all courses listed on Attachment I PHMSA Pre-Approved Training List.
- Regional appointments for each county
 - **Charlotte County:** Chief Shane Styza, Charlotte County Fire & EMS
 - **Collier County:** Deputy Chief Matthew Marshall, City of Marco Island Fire
 - **Glades County:** Chief Lawrence Factor, Glades County Fire Department
 - **Hendry County:** Bob Pasutual and Adrian Damms, Hendry County Emergency Management; Chief Brent Stevens, City of LaBelle Fire Department
 - **Lee County:** Division Chief Todd Poland, Fort Myers Fire Department
 - **Sarasota County:** Captain Johnny Rigney, Special Operations Training, Sarasota County Fire Department

AGENDA ITEM #10

2025-2026 Hazard Analysis Site Visits for Collier and Lee County

- Open invitation for Emergency Management and First-responder collaboration with LEPC Coordinator for hazard analysis site visits.
 - Deliverable 1: 12 facilities due by November 30th, 2025.
 - Deliverable 2: 12 facilities due by March 31st, 2026
 - 46 facilities total on Attachment H; required to complete 23 total site visits round up to 24
 - 18 facilities in Collier County
 - 28 facilities in Lee County

AGENDA ITEM #11

Tier II Reporting and E-Plan Update

Deputy Chief, Mathew Marshall reminded facilities of March 1st filling deadline for Tier II Reporting.

AGENDA ITEM #12

Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) Trainings and Events

Asmaa Odeh, LEPC Coordinator shared both Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) Trainings and Events as well as Hazmat Materials Incidents in Southwest Florida. Asmaa Odeh, LEPC Coordinator shared both Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) Trainings and Events as well as Hazmat Materials Incidents in Southwest Florida.

AGENDA ITEM #13

Hazardous Material Incidents in Southwest Florida

Asmaa Odeh, LEPC Coordinator mentioned that there is a running list of hazardous materials incidents by county in the meeting packet.

Meeting Minutes by Asmaa Odeh, SWFL LEPC Coordinator

AGENDA ITEM #14
Topics for Future Meeting

Asmaa Odeh, LEPC Coordinator, opened the floor for discussion and future meeting topics. Schedule: 2025 Fall How to Comply & E-Plan Workshop by Wendy Reynolds, Planner IV – EPCRA Tier 2 Unit Lead (FDEM)

AGENDA ITEM #15
Member Comments

Regional roundtable focused on inter-county collaboration and emergency management updates. County representatives shared their current activities, including training exercises and joint operations. Members also discuss the Regional Planning Council's important role for supporting first responder training, with plans to create informational materials for elected officials to support continued engagement and funding for regional planning efforts.

AGENDA ITEM #15
Public Comments

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM #16
Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 26th, 2026, at 9:30 A.M. (EST). Additional information can be obtained at <http://www.swfrpc.org/programs/lepc>

AGENDA ITEM #17
Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M. EST

Asmaa Odeh, LEPC Coordinator

Approval Date

The meeting was duly advertised in the November 7th, 2025, issue of the FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER, VOLUME 51, NUMBER 218 and on the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) website.



SOUTHWEST FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

LEPC Membership

Primary Member	Alternate Member	Organization	Occupational Category
			Elected State and Local Officials
			Elected State and Local Officials
			Elected State and Local Officials
Ioannis (John) Gountas	Cynthia Adame	Florida Department of Health	Health
Brian Massey		Southwest Florida Healthcare Coalition	Health
Jemima Desir Douge		Florida Poison Control Center/ Tampa General Hospital	Health
Jennifer Smith		NCH Healthcare System	Health
Matt Currie	Kelly Gibbs- Winiarz	U.S. Department of Homeland Security	Emergency Management
		Sarasota County Emergency Management	Emergency Management
Rachel Ingel		City of Sarasota Emergency Management	Emergency Management
Patrick Fuller	Ellen Pinder	Charlotte County Emergency Management	Emergency Management
Stacy Aloisio	Mike Nevarez	City of North Port	Emergency Management
Dan Summers	Amy Howard	Collier County Department of Emergency Management	Emergency Management
Marisa Shivers		Glades County Emergency Management	Emergency Management
Adrian Damms	Robert Pastula	Hendry County Emergency Management	Emergency Management
Caroline Briones		Lee County Emergency Management	Emergency Management
Alvin Henderson Jr.	Meischa Jackson	Cape Coral Fire Department Emergency Management	Emergency Management
		Collier County EMS/Fire Department	Firefighting
Mathew Marshall		Marco Island Fire Department	Firefighting
Michael Choate	David Batiato	Immokalee Fire Control District	Firefighting
Andy Krajewski	Chris Diaz	Greater Naples Fire Rescue	Firefighting
Andrew Schmidt		Bonita Springs Fire & Rescue	Firefighting
Glen Van Brunt		San Carlos Fire Protection and Rescue Service District	Firefighting
Ed Dwyer		Estero Fire Rescue District	Firefighting
Todd Poland	Paul Dearthound	Fort Myers Fire Department	Firefighting
Seth Comer		Iona McGregor Fire District	Firefighting
Robert Blasetti		Englewood Area Fire Control District	Firefighting
Shane Styaza		Charlotte County Fire & EMS	Firefighting
Johnny Rigney	Matt Shapiro	Sarasota County Fire Department	Firefighting
Brent Stevens		City of Labelle Fire Department	Firefighting
Adam Inlow	Terry McCloud	City of North Port Fire	Firefighting
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			Firefighting
Erick Proveaux		U.S. Coast Guard	Law Enforcement
Kenrick Roguska		Charlotte County Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement
		City of Sarasota Police Department	Law Enforcement
Joanne Semmer		Ostego Bay Oil Spill Co-op	Local Environmental
Heidi Hoffman	David Glen	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Local Environmental
Rhonda Holtzclaw	Raymond Gretz	Florida Gulf Coast University	Local Environmental
			Hospital
Dawn Lorenz	Robert Fisher	Lee Health	Hospital
Sean Alley	Steve Moyer	Sarasota Memorial Hospital	Hospital
			Transportation
			Transportation
			Transportation
			Broadcast and Print Media
			Community Groups
Jeffrey Moyer		Florida Power and Light	Facility Owners and Operators
Michael Gates		Collier County Utilities	Facility Owners and Operators
Michael Laycock		Florida Gas Transmission Company	Facility Owners and Operators
Amanda Barger	Dave Rawicz	Cheney Brothers, Inc.	Facility Owners and Operators
Rick Pardo	Jenifer McBride	Lee County Mosquito Control District	Facility Owners and Operators
Wes Allen		Florida Gas Transmission Company	Facility Owners and Operators
			Facility Owners and Operators
Bruce Porter		Interested Citizen	Interested Citizens
Chad Lorenz		Interested Citizen	Interested Citizens
Derek Free		Alpha Omega Training & Compliance, Inc. (AOTC)	Interested Citizens
John Findley		Sonic Automotive	Interested Citizens
Kimberly Rider		Interested Citizen	Interested Citizens
Kristen Chardo		ADP Total Source	Interested Citizens
Louetta Muller		Emergency Planning Services	Interested Citizens
Charles Nava		Emergency Management/Public Safety Community	Interested Citizens
			Water Management
			Local Option
			Local Option
			Local Option
Richard "Todd" Kerkerling		New College of Florida Emergency Management	Education
			Education



FLORIDA STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION POLICIES FOR LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEES

(Revised 04/16)

I. APPOINTMENT

A. Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) must have representatives from the following occupational categories, as required in Section 301 (c) of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To- Know Act (EPCRA):

1. elected state and local officials
2. law enforcement;
3. emergency management
4. firefighting;
5. first aid;
6. health;
7. local environmental;
8. hospital;
9. transportation personnel;
10. broadcast and print media
11. community groups;
12. facility owners and operators
13. interested citizens;
14. non-elected local officials; and
15. water management district representatives.
16. local option
17. education

There should be a continued good faith effort on behalf of the LEPC chairperson to ensure that all of the occupational categories are represented on the LEPC.

B. For the purpose of appointment, the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) has defined "Interested Citizen" as "a person who resides in the emergency planning district for which appointment is sought to the LEPC, and who is interested in the

emergency planning process, but who does not otherwise represent those groups or organizations designated by state and federal law.”

- C. For the purpose of appointment, Water Management District (WMD) representatives can be staff or board members of the five established WMDs. Membership in this category is limited to one member. An effort should be made to encourage a separate representative for each LEPC.

- D. Two types of appointments will be considered for the LEPCs:
 - 1. Regular Appointments – Recommendations for appointments of members and alternate members to an LEPC must be directed to the Compliance Planning Section from the LEPC chairperson. These recommendations must be made in writing and/or submitted via electronic mail. LEPC nominations will be considered at the next scheduled SERC meeting. **All appointments must be approved by the SERC.**

 - 2. Fast-Track Appointments – The SERC chairperson, or alternate chairperson, may fill vacancies on an “interim basis” until the SERC has an opportunity to review and approve the recommendations. However, this appointment method shall only be used when extenuating circumstances warrant. The recommendations can be made by telephone but will require written follow-up and/or may be submitted electronically. The SERC chairperson, or alternate chairperson, shall respond within ten days of receiving an oral or written request for recommendation.

- E. LEPC members and alternates shall be appointed for a two-year term.
 - 1. SERC will re-appoint all existing LEPC memberships for additional two-year terms each July of all even-numbered years.
 - 2. In the event the SERC does not act on biennial appointments prior to July 1, all appointments will remain in effect until the SERC takes official action.

 - 3. All members may be re-nominated and re-appointed through the SERC’s biennial appointment process.

F. A member may recommend an individual to serve as his/her alternate. With the exception of the elected state or local officials' category, the alternate must represent the same occupational category as the primary member. A member in the elected state or local officials 'category may recommend his/her aide or a district staff member to serve as his/her alternate. The member's recommendation must be made in the form of a letter to the LEPC chairperson. An LEPC chairperson shall recommend alternate nominations to the SERC in the same manner as regular appointments. All alternate nominations shall be accompanied by the primary member's initial written request. The SERC shall review and consider recommendations for alternates at its next scheduled SERC meeting.

1. It will be the responsibility of the LEPC Coordinators to inform the alternates of meeting dates, and to provide them with pertinent meeting materials.
2. If both the member and the alternate are present at a meeting, the member has one vote; the alternate has no vote.
3. If the primary resigns and is not immediately replaced, the alternate becomes the primary member. If the state or local official resigns and they have chosen their aide as their alternate, the aide is automatically removed with the primary.
4. An alternate member may not serve as an officer of the LEPC.

G. The LEPC chairpersons and vice-chairpersons shall serve a two-year term and be elected in accordance with "Roberts Rules of Order." New LEPC chairpersons and vice-chairpersons shall be elected at the first organizational meeting following biennial appointments. The former chairperson shall serve as interim chairperson until said meeting is held and elections can be conducted.

In the event that a chairperson resigns or is removed from the LEPC, the vice-chairperson shall preside until a new chairperson

can be elected.

- H. The maximum size of the LEPC and the maximum size of the occupation category is up to the discretion of the LEPC.
- I. LEPCs can establish “Technical Advisory Workgroups” consisting of volunteers that will provide assistance to the LEPC in a variety of areas (i.e., planning, public outreach). Non-appointed workgroup members do not have LEPC voting privileges.
- J. Nine members constitute a quorum count.
- K. There should be a continued good faith effort on behalf of the LEPC chairperson to ensure district wide representation on the LEPC.
- L. When an LEPC member changes occupational categories, he/she must notify the LEPC chairperson. Upon doing so, the LEPC member’s appointment will be reviewed. The LEPC chairperson may then recommend to the SERC chairperson that the member be appointed to another occupational category, if appropriate.

II. RESIGNATION AND TERMINATION PROCESS

- A. When an LEPC member provides written notice of resignation to the LEPC chairperson, or to the SERC, that member will be removed by the SERC.
- B. In the event written confirmation of a resignation is unobtainable, a verbal confirmation from the member or the chairperson of an LEPC to the SERC will be acceptable.
- C. Attendance policies are at the discretion of the LEPC.
- D. If a member is recommended for removal from an LEPC by the above process, or for any other reason, the SERC will send a letter to that LEPC member identifying the reasons for removal.

III. CODE OF CONDUCT

- A. All members of the LEPCs shall be advised of the provisions of the Florida Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees (Sections 112.311 et seq., Florida Statutes) and provided written information regarding their responsibilities thereunder:
 - 1. to avoid conflicts of interest;
 - 2. to avoid using Committee membership for private gain;
 - 3. other requirements of the Code of Ethics.

- B. All members of the LEPCs shall be expected to adhere to the provisions of the Florida Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees.

- C. All members of the LEPCs shall adhere to Florida Statute 286 Sunshine Law and Florida Statute 119 Public Meetings.

- D. All members of the LEPCs shall conduct themselves in the relationship to the Committee, in a manner so as to not disrupt any meeting, operation, or proceeding, and so as not to improperly interfere with the fulfillment of the mission and responsibilities of the Committee.

- E. Violations of the provisions of the Code of Ethics shall be handled in the manner provided in Chapter 112, Part III, Florida Statutes. Non-ethical violations of the LEPC Membership Code of Conduct shall be referred to the SERC utilizing the following procedures:
 - 1. Any complaint regarding a non-ethical violation of the LEPC Membership Code of Conduct shall be expressed in a petition

endorsed by a minimum of three members of the pertinent LEPC. The petition shall be in writing, addressed to the LEPC chairperson shall set forth in detail the facts which indicate a need for removal of a Committee member (the affected member) and be signed by all petitioners.

2. Following the receipt of the petition, the LEPC chairperson shall schedule the item at the next regularly scheduled LEPC meeting to consider the petition. On or before scheduling said meeting, the chairperson shall provide a copy of the petition to the affected member and each member of the Committee, with a notice regarding said special meeting or session, and advising the affected member and the petitioners to appear to discuss the charges set forth in the petition.
3. The LEPC shall act on the petition and forward its recommendation to the SERC chairperson. A recommendation for removal of the Committee member must pass by a majority vote of those LEPC members present.
4. The affected member may submit a written response to the SERC chairperson, which shall be distributed to the SERC membership.
5. At the SERC meeting at which the petition is considered, SERC staff shall present the position of the petitioners. Any questions by members of the SERC shall be referred to the petitioners, answered by the affected member or by SERC staff. The affected member may then present a response to the petition and answer any questions by members of the Committee. Both the representative of the petitioners and the affected member may ask questions of one another.
6. Should the affected member of the petitioners refuse or fail to appear, the SERC may consider the available evidence and reach a decision.
7. The SERC shall decide the matter of removal following its review and consideration of all the evidence presented to it, on motion duly seconded, made by the representative of the petitioners. If said motion is not made or seconded, the proceedings shall terminate without further action. The motion to recommend removal must pass by the affirmative vote of $\frac{3}{4}$ or more of those SERC members present.



LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

LEPC DISTRICT:			DATE:	
MEMBERSHIP:				
NOMINEE'S NAME:				
IF ALTERNATE, PRIMARY'S NAME:				
JOB TITLE:				
PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:				
MAILING ADDRESS:				
CITY, STATE, ZIP:				
COUNTY:				
PHONE NUMBER (Work):				
CELL PHONE NUMBER:				
FAX NUMBER (Work):				
EMAIL ADDRESS:				
OCCUPATIONAL CATERGORY:				
Explanation of Choice of Category (if necessary):				
Please attach chairperson's recommendation (if alternate, also attach primary member's letter of recommendation).				

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| 1 | Primary | Elected State and Local Officials | Mr. |
| 2 | Alternate | Emergency Management | Ms. |
| NCF | Select | Firefighting | Select |
| 4 | | First Aid | |
| 5 | | Health | |
| 6 | | Law Enforcement | |
| 7 | | Local Environmental | |
| 8 | | Hospital | |
| 9 | | Transportation | |
| 10 | | Broadcast and Print Media | |
| 11 | | Community Groups | |
| Select | | Facility Owners and Operators | |
| | | Non-Elected Local Official | |
| | | Interested Citizen | |
| | | Water Management | |
| | | Local Option | |
| | | Education | |



SOUTHWEST FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Technical Assistance and Training Requests



101.1

What is a brownfield?

- Definition
- Typical brownfield sites
- Common contaminants



101.1 What is a brownfield site?

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101.2 How are communities affected?

- How does a brownfield site affect a community?
- How can a brownfield become a community opportunity?

101.3 Reuse process overview

101.4 Who can help your community address brownfield sites?

- State and Tribal Response Programs
- EPA brownfields technical assistance
- EPA Brownfields & Land Revitalization staff
- Local experts (licensed site environmental professionals, planners, landscape architects, etc)
- Available liability protections

101.5 What resources can help your community address brownfield sites?

- Competitive Brownfields Grants
- Section 128(a) Grants
- Targeted brownfields assessments
- Site reuse planning technical assistance
- Other federal programs



Brownfield Definition

A brownfield site is:

Real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

Statutory definition found in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) §101 (39)



Brownfield Definition

In other words, brownfields are:

Properties where the current or future use is affected by real or perceived contamination. Environmental contamination poses a threat to the environment and human health.

Typically, brownfields properties were used for commercial, industrial, or residential activities in the past. Properties may be blighted and vacant, abandoned or occupied.



Here are a few examples of brownfield sites

Are these sites contaminated? How do you know?



Housing and Residential Areas

Illegal dumping

Gas Station and Fuel Storage

Public and commercial buildings

Typical brownfield sites

Automotive Repair Facilities

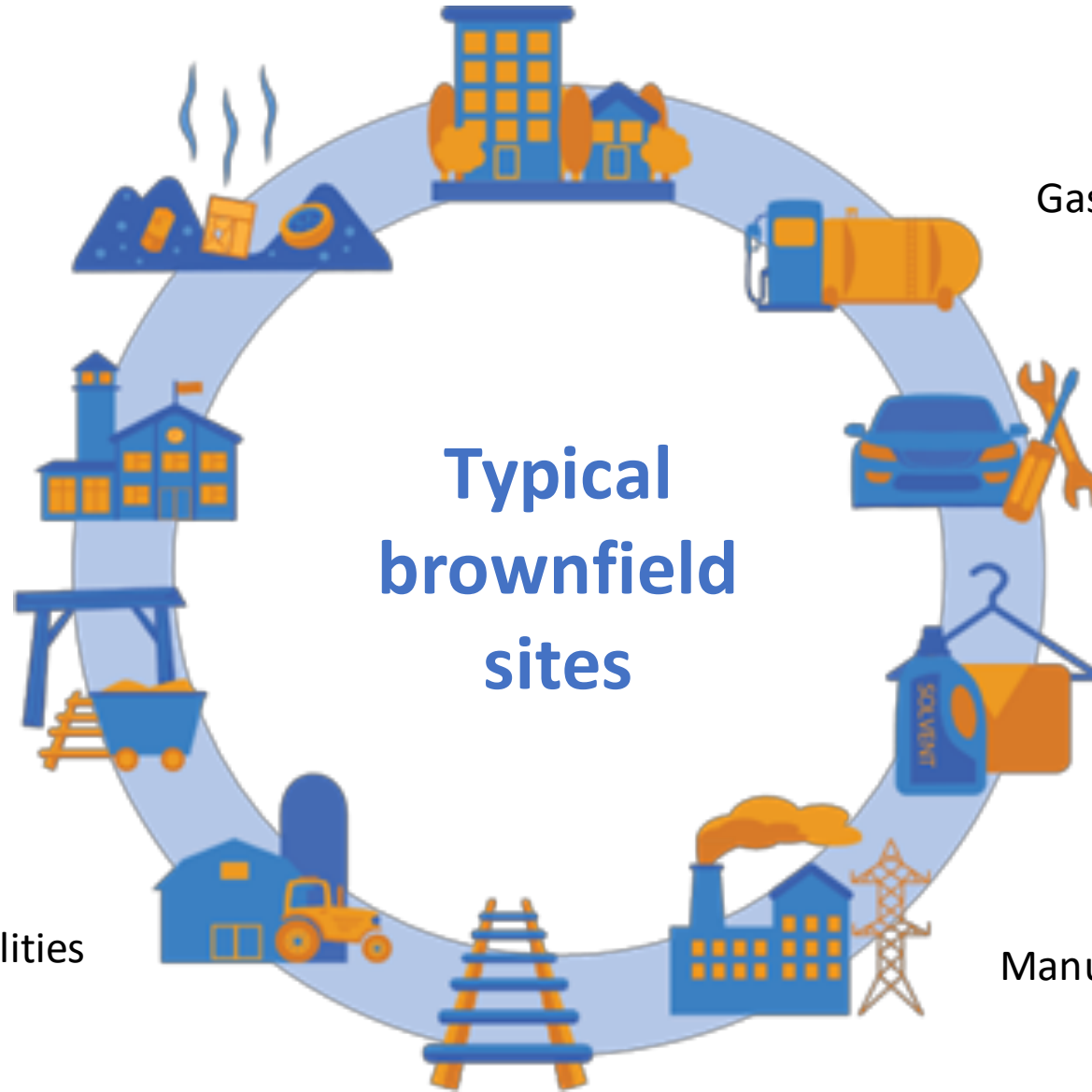
Mining Facilities

Dry Cleaners and Industrial Laundry

Agriculture Land and Facilities

Manufacture and Power Generation

Railroad Facilities



Common contaminants found at brownfields

Contaminant	Substance Type	Examples of Past Uses
1. Lead (Pb)	Metals	Mining, fuel, paint, inks, piping, batteries, ammunition
2. Petroleum	Oil, hydrocarbon compounds	Drill and refining, fuel, chemical and plastic production
3. Asbestos	Fiber in rock	Mining and processing, piping, insulation, fire proofing, brakes
4. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)	Hydrocarbon compounds, combustion byproduct	Coal tar, creosote, soot, fire, industry/ manufacturing byproduct
5. Other metals	Metals	Metal fabrication, plating, mining, industry/ manufacturing
6. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs)	Manmade chemicals	Industry and commercial product solvents, degreasers, paint strippers, dry cleaning
7. Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)	Manmade chemicals	Heat and electrical transfer fluids, lubricants, paint and caulk, manufacturing, power plant
8. Arsenic (As)	Metals	Pesticides, agriculture, manufacturing, wood preservative



Brownfields result from



Industry, resource extraction, and agriculture

- Fuel Terminals
- Tank Farms
- Metal Salvage and Recycling
- Mines and Mining Operations
- Agricultural Land and Facilities
- Industry Spills, Fires and Disaster

Which may leave behind:

- Petroleum or fuels
- VOCs or solvents
- Asbestos or Lead-based paint
- PAHs from power generation
- Metals from mining extraction
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Other hazardous substances



Brownfields result from



Vacancy and abandonment

- Former factories
- Former Railroad Facilities
- Illegal Dumping Sites
- Drug Labs
- Structural Fires

Which may leave behind:

- Lead-based paint and Asbestos
- Petroleum and fuels
- PCBs, solvents, other hazardous substances associated with operations
- Pesticides and herbicides

How does pollution get into the ground?



Spills and abandoned drums



Underground storage tanks



Waste injection wells (permitted)



Waste lagoons



Leaking wastewater treatment



Uncontrolled landfills

Brownfields result from



Public and Commercial land uses



Which may leave behind:

- Gas Stations
 - Manufacturing
 - Schools
 - Hospitals
 - Courthouses
 - Fuel Storage
 - Auto Repair
 - Dry Cleaners and Industrial Laundry
 - Salvage Yards
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- Asbestos
 - Petroleum
 - Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) or solvents
 - Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)
 - Pesticides
 - Lead from lead-based paint
 - Other hazardous substances



How does pollution get into the ground?



Spills and accidents



Fires and wildfires



Flooding and extreme weather events



Abandoned industry sites



Deteriorating residential and commercial areas



Illegal dumping

How does pollution get into a building?

Public and Commercial Buildings



Schools, hospitals, libraries, courthouses, jails, post offices and other governmental, community and commercial buildings built before 1978.

Asbestos from insulation and building materials.
Lead from lead-based paint used in public buildings and structures.
Petroleum for fleet fuel and heating operations.
Pesticides or other hazardous substances used in operations.

Housing and Residential Areas



Single/multifamily housing areas, apartment buildings and other structures built before 1978; garages, sheds or barns.

Asbestos used in insulation of heating and cooling systems, floor, wall and roofing materials.
Lead from lead-based paint and materials in homes and apartments.
Petroleum and fuels stored for use in heating systems.
PCBs from caulk and paint, **pesticides** from pest control and **methamphetamines** from drug activity.

Manufacturers and Power Generation



Textile mills, factories and power plants; industrial operation boiler houses and power systems.

Lead from lead-based paint and lead used on structures and equipment.
Petroleum and fuel for industry equipment and heating.
PCBs and **PAHs** as a result of industrial power burning, ash and fill.
Other metals, solvents and other hazardous substances from manufacturing.

*This includes industrial and light industrial buildings.





SOUTHWEST FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Schedule



SOUTHWEST FLORIDA LEPC MEETING SCHEDULE*



- May 28th, 2026

**NOTE: The Southwest Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) period of agreement is entered into by the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) and Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) from July 1st, 2025, through June 30th, 2026. All meetings are scheduled on the fourth Thursday of the quarterly month indicated above at 9:30am EST, unless the meeting date conflicts with a federal holiday, community event, member work schedule and/or noted otherwise.*



SOUTHWEST FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) Trainings and Events



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State Training and Events Schedule

The following schedule is provided by Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) to keep our customers advised of events and training opportunities throughout the state.

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February 2026 Training and Events

Date	Region	City/ County	Name	Status
Feb. 23 - Feb. 25	Region 6	Bradenton Manatee	G-300_post 5/10/2019 - G-300_post 5/10/2019 Intermedi...	Pending
Feb. 26 - Feb. 26	Region 6	Arcadia DeSoto	PER-294 - PER-294 Testing an Emergency Operations Pla ...	Pending

March 2026 Training and Events

Date	Region	City/ County	Name	Status
Mar. 03 - Mar. 05	Region 6	Cape Coral Lee	L-984 - L-984 Strike Team/Task Force	Pending
Mar. 10 - Mar. 12	Region 6	Moore Haven Glades	G-300_post 5/10/2019 - G-300_post 5/10/2019 Intermedi ...	Not started
Mar. 30 - Apr. 01	Region 6	Punta Gorda Charlotte	G-300_post 5/10/2019 - G-300_post 5/10/2019 Intermedi ...	Not started

April 2026 Training and Events

Date	Region	City/ County	Name	Status
Apr. 02 - Apr. 03	Region 6	Punta Gorda Charlotte	G-400_post 5/10/19 - G-400_post 5/10/19 Advanced ICS ...	Not started
Apr. 07 - Apr. 09	Region 6	Naples Collier	E/G/K-2300 - E/G/K-2300 Intermediate Emergency Operat ...	Not started
Apr. 07 - Apr. 07	Region 6	Bradenton Manatee	G-557 - G-557 Rapid Needs Assessment	Not started
Apr. 10 - Apr. 10	Region 6	Sebring Highlands	FL-003-RESP - FL-003-RESP Florida State Animal Respon ...	Not started
Apr. 21 - Apr. 23	Region 6	Punta Gorda Charlotte	E/G/K-2300 - E/G/K-2300 Intermediate Emergency Operat ...	Not started

July 2026 Training and Events

Date	Region	City/ County	Name	Status
Jul. 13 - Jul. 17	Region 6	Punta Gorda Charlotte	L-449 - L-449 Incident Command System (ICS) Curricula ...	Not started
Jul. 28 - Jul. 29	Region 6	Punta Gorda Charlotte	FL-393 Mitigation for Emergency Managers - FL-393 Miti ...	Not started



SOUTHWEST FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Hazardous Materials Incidents in Southwest Florida (SWFL)

Incident Num	Date/Time	Inc Address	Counties Affe	Worksheet Ty	Type	Lat
2026 - 248	01/09/2026	0	Lee		Incident	26.505687
2026 - 525	01/17/2026	0 2117 SE 5th C	Lee		Incident	26.612861
2026 - 617	01/20/2026	1 549 Old Venic	Sarasota		Incident	27.183704
2026 - 739	01/24/2026	0 4139 Wilmett	Sarasota		Incident	27.29438
2026 - 848	01/26/2026	0 1833 Everest	Lee		Incident	26.606898
2026 - 976	01/30/2026	1 17321 Caloos	Lee		Incident	26.487909
2026 - 1054	01/31/2026	0 823 S Palm Av	Sarasota		Incident	27.327922
2026 - 1063	01/01/2025	0 9076 Alan Blv	Charlotte		Incident	26.900219
2026 - 1313	10/10/2025	1 27710 Winds	Lee		Incident	26.334727
2026 - 1449	02/12/2026	0 13400 Marath	Charlotte		Incident	26.918691
2026 - 1655	02/18/2026	1 2461 Lakewo	Sarasota		Incident	27.358438
2026 - 1761	02/19/2026	1 428 Pine Islan	Lee		Incident	26.682522

Long	Reported to S	Incident Nam	Facility/Scene	City	Initial Report	Created By
-81.79431	01/09/2026	0	I-75 Closure v	I-75 at MM 12		Lee County C
-81.962636	01/17/2026	0	Mercury Relea		Cape Coral	Cape Coral FI
-82.481825	01/20/2026	1	Lithium Batter		Osprey	Sarasota Cou
-82.493617	01/24/2026	0	Lithium-Ion B		Sarasota	Sarasota Cou
-81.934816	01/26/2026	0	Paint Release		Cape Coral	Private Citizer
-81.816864	01/30/2026	1	Potential Hazi		Fort Myers	Lee County C
-82.539807	02/01/2026	0	Lithium Ion B		Sarasota	Sarasota Cou
-81.962768	02/01/2026	0	Fiberglass Rel		Punta Gorda	Per NRC#145
-81.811398	02/09/2026	1	Hazmat Relea		Bonita Spring	Private Citizer
-82.22828	02/12/2026	0	Concrete Dus		Port Charlotte	A private calle
-82.444489	02/18/2026	1	Bleach Relea		Sarasota	Per NRC#145
-81.895839	02/20/2026	1	Asbestos Con		North Fort My	Private Citizer