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Highlights

Monthly Report of the Northeast Florida Regional Council

February 2013

Thomas Yatabe Award Winners Announced

The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) gave out their annual Yatabe Awards at their January meeting in Daytona Beach. The Thomas Yatabe Award signifies outstanding contributions made in the implementation and support of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act through achievements, accomplishments or superior participation in hazardous materials planning or response. Annually, the SERC awards one individual, agency and/or organization the Thomas Yatabe Award for each LEPC District within the State. Lt. Jonathan Lamm of the Clay County Fire-Rescue was the District 4 LEPC recipient of the Thomas Yatabe Award. Lt. Lamm has represented the District 4 LEPC as the SERC Training Task Force representative. He has been involved in the LEPC Training Committee and has organized several training classes to benefit the Region. Lt. Lamm is a certified Fire Instructor I and a State certified Hazardous Materials Technician. In addition, he has served as an evaluator for Operation Integration IV. Lt. Lamm is held in high regard as a person who gets the job done and is a subject matter expert. Lt. Lamm has continued to provide outstanding participation in the LEPC and specifically in the training arena.



Left to right (SERC Representative, Nancy Stephens, LT. Jonathan Lamm's, Wife and Children, Chief Richard Knoff in back)

NEFRC CEO, Brian Teeple, is a member of the SERC and the NEFRC is staff to the District 4 LEPC. For more information, contact Eric Anderson at: eanderson@nefrc.org.

Coastal Hazards Summit

On February 13 and 14, several staff members of the Council participated in the Coastal Hazards Summit 2013. The Summit, hosted by the University of Florida, was held in St. Augustine. Participants included federal, state and local agencies, colleges and universities, insurance and other businesses organizations and coastal community representatives to share the latest advances in coastal hazards research and planning. The primary goal of the summit was to enhance communication between these agencies and to develop a continued working relationship to augment hazard resiliency of coastal communities and sustainability of the coastal environment and infrastructure, as well as to provide recommendations on how to enhance the application of research advances to local and regional planning and preparation efforts. It is hoped that these efforts will enable the development of efficient and effective policies with regard to coastal hazards.

NEFRC Staffer, Jeffrey Alexander, Managing Director Emergency Preparedness, moderated a panel discussion entitled "Defining Hazards" and participated in a panel discussion entitled "Planning for Hurricane Hazards." Another NEFRC staff member, Margo Moehring, Managing Director Policy and Planning, participated in a panel discussion entitled "Planning for Climate Change & Sea Level Rise." For more information, contact Jeffrey Alexander at: jalexander@nefrc.org or Margo Moehring at: mmoehring@nefrc.org.



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First Annual Hazardous Materials Symposium

The 1st Annual Hazardous Materials Symposium was held in Daytona Beach on January 23-24, which coincided with the greater Fire-Rescue East Conference. The District 4 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) sent 42 responders from the region to receive awareness level training on hazardous materials subject matter such as Chemical Suicide Response, Haz-Mat Risk Assessment, Air Monitoring, and Field Identification Techniques.



The symposium was well attended by responders from around the state, which validated the need for this type of training. In response, the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) has challenged the organizing group to conduct a 2nd Annual Hazardous Materials Symposium with additional class offerings that would allow for awareness and operations level training. There was also a suggestion to have competitions among the Haz-Mat teams throughout the state. The Northeast Florida Regional Council is staff to the District 4 LEPC. For more information, contact Eric Anderson at: eanderson@nefrc.org.

Regional Leadership Academy Meets in Flagler County



The 2013 Class of the Regional Leadership Academy (RLA) met in Flagler County on February 13, 2013. The morning session featured discussions on efforts by the City of Palm Coast to be energy efficient, as well as an update on the new Energy Element in the Northeast Florida Regional Council's Strategic Regional Policy Plan. David Dinkins, the Multi-County Agricultural Sustainability Extension Agent with the University of Florida and the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences provided an overview of the importance of agriculture to the economy of Northeast Florida. The class was also provided with a presentation by Professor Pierce Jones, with the University of Florida Program for Resource Efficient Communities on a case study of land and energy impacts from development in Florida. The afternoon session featured an informative walking tour of Blue Sky Farms, a major potato producer in southern St. Johns County. The next RLA class is on March 13 in Putnam County, where we will discuss transportation and natural resources issues. For more information, contact Ed Lehman at: elehman@nefrc.org.

NEFRC Announces Employee of the Year

The Northeast Florida Regional Council is pleased to announce its Employee of the Year, Ms. Angeliqe Carnley. Ms. Carnley is the Council's Accounting Assistant/Receptionist and she goes above and beyond to help anyone who requests her assistance. The Council congratulates Angilique!



Did you know?

"The regional planning council is recognized as Florida's only multipurpose regional entity that is in a position to plan for and coordinate intergovernmental solutions to growth-related problems on greater-than-local issues, provide technical assistance to local governments, and meet other needs of the communities in each region."

Source Chapter 186.502 (4), Florida Statutes