

NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL HighLights

Monthly Report of the Northeast Florida Regional Council February 2017

NEFRC Welcomes New Board Members

In February 2017, the Northeast Florida Regional Council gained three new Board Members. We welcome each one of them and look forward to their new ideas and participation in advancing the Regional agenda. For more information, please contact Brian Teeple, bteeple@nefrc.org



Hon. Buddy Goddard



Hon. Terrill Hill



Mr. Kelly Redford

NEFRC Celebrates 40 Years of Service and a New Home!

NEFRC held an open house to celebrate its 40th anniversary and its move to WJCT Offices on February 2. This was an opportunity to reconnect with old friends, meet the diverse and interesting occupants and tenants in the building and explore new opportunities for partnerships. NEFRC is looking forward to maximizing the potential of relationships and synergies in our new home. Interested in partnering? Contact Margo Moehring at mmoehring@nefrc.org.



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Public Hearings in Four Counties

The Transportation Disadvantaged service Plans are being updated in Baker Clay, Putnam and St. Johns Counties. To ensure that public input is included in the new plans, wide outreach has been done to encourage the public to attend the annual public hearing hosted by each Local Coordinating Board. These meetings allow the public to learn about the service and the plan, and to comment and have questions answered. For more information, contact Margo Moehring at mmoehring@nefrc.org.



Regional Leadership Academy in Duval County

The RLA Class of 2017 met at the Jacksonville University Public Policy Institute on March 1 to discuss politics and equity. Local leaders helped the class think about how all residents can thrive, as well as what is involved in running for office. For more information about RLA, contact Margo Moehring at mmoehring@nefrc.org.

Hurricane Matthew Post Storm Forum

On Tuesday, February 28, a Hurricane Matthew Post Storm Forum was held at the Thrasher Horne Center in Orange Park. The Forum featured the Director of the National Hurricane Center, Rick Knabb and Storm Surge Lead, Jamie Rhome. Over 75 participants heard the NHC speak on the track, forecast and impacts of Hurricane Matthew as well as new decision making products in use by the NHC for the upcoming 2017 Hurricane Season. This event was held as the capstone to a yearlong planning process for the creation of a Regional Evacuation Plan. For additional information, please contact Beth Payne, epayne@nefrc.org



John Ward, Clay County EM Director



Rick Knabb, National Hurricane Center Director



*Jamie Rhome, Storm Surge Unit Lead,
National Hurricane Center*

How to Comply Workshops

The Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) conducted three 2-hour "How to Comply" workshops for facilities with chemical inventories. These 2-hour workshops covered Tier II chemical inventory reporting and compliance with the Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). This law requires many businesses and facilities to annually report toxic and hazardous chemicals by March 1st.

The workshop was designed to give a brief overview of the regulatory requirements for annual reporting, and more importantly, to explain how to correctly file Tier II Chemical Inventory Reports and reduce errors. In addition, Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) staff provided an overview of the State's electronic reporting system known as E-Plan.

Approximately 60 facility representatives attended the workshop opportunities. This "How to Comply" workshop is offered on an annual basis, and is executed to assist facilities in preparation for their March 1st annual reporting deadline for chemical inventories.

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