

Lucas County LEPC Meeting Minutes
Lucas County Emergency Services Training Center
May 20, 2004

Order of Business

Chairman George France brought the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

- Commissioner Thurber made a motion to approved the March 18, 2004 meeting minutes, which was seconded by Bradley Roy. The minutes were approved as read.
- A quorum of twelve of the required thirteen groups was present at the meeting.

Old Business

- Chairman France indicated the LEPC Bylaws require absences to be excused. Excused and unexcused absences will be tracked on the membership roster. LEPC members need to contact Leigh if they are able to attend or not.

Committee Reports

- *Training Committee:* Gary Studer reported the exercise went well, even with a couple of glitches. Gary also reported the goal was to get all the fire departments involved, but only two could not participate. He gave thanks to the agencies involved. George France reported there were positive remarks from SERC. George France also reported that the exercise will be discussed at the next Fire Chief's meeting. George France also discussed accountability in the County in a disaster and cited the I-280 incident. Chief Locher reported on the identification system for large scale incidents. Chief Locher reported identification differs from accountability. Identification is the credentialing necessary to gain access to the incident site. Accountability is for the personnel working at the site.

Chief Locher reported various groups have been contacted for input on an identification system. The general process will be for representatives from various agencies to report to a staging area prior to accessing the incident site. Identification "credentialing" would take place at the staging area which will allow access to the incident site. Private industry would be included in this

credentialing process. A visual identification system is preferred by law enforcement. General discussion took place.

- *Information Coordinator:* No report.
- *Exercise Committee:* Gary Studer reported that Sun oil will host the 2005 drill. The next Exercise Committee meeting will be held on May 25, 2004.
- *Finance Committee:* No report.
- *Grants:* George France reported there is a need to discuss how to use the SERC Grant money. George discussed the possibility of hiring a full time person.
- *Plan Review Committee:* No report.
- *Compliance Committee:* Tony Sloma reported that as of late last week, we have had 99 release reports reported to the LEPC, Ohio EPA or both. Currently, of those 99 reports, only three have resulted in late reporting cases. The three cases are all late 30-day reports and all are transportation related incidents.

The Compliance Subcommittee met on April 5th. Lance Keiffer reported that the State law governing LEPC activities specified that any funds received under the Compliance Policies must be deposited into a Special Emergency Planning Fund in the treasury of the county. We believe that the LEPC funding is deposited into such an account, but it should be verified.

The City of Toledo has reported that many actions have been taken as part of their conference with the Executive Committee in November prior to the Findings & Orders issued by the LEPC in January. The Executive Committee should review the City's response and actions to determine if revision to the Orders should be voted on by the full committee.

The Compliance Subcommittee also reviewed the current outstanding late reporting cases and voted to send penalty letters to one entity. That entity and three others will be meeting with members of the Executive Committee on Friday June 4th to discuss their late reporting cases.

Lance Keiffer also reported that the case with Adams Cleaners would not move forward until an interpretation is received from the Attorney General's office on the question of whether spills to the sanitary sewer constitute releases to the environment covered by the spill reporting rules. Adams Cleaners has chosen not to settle the case at the reduced penalty (\$7,300) voted on by the full committee in January.

The Compliance Subcommittee and the Training Subcommittee co-hosted three half-day LEPC workshops in the month of April. These

sessions were attended by regulated entities in the County, spill response contractors who provide services in the County, members of Fire Departments within the County, and at least one company providing transport services located in the County. The workshops included presentations on spill response by USEPA, Ohio EPA, and Toledo Environmental Services; spill or accidental release reporting requirements for hazardous chemicals and oil; and BP's reporting flowchart and emissions estimating model. Chris Herman presented an introduction of the Toledo Mutual Assistance Association. BP also provided lunch for all three workshops. Copies of the workshop presentations will be available on the LEPC website.

The next Compliance Subcommittee meeting will be held on Thursday, June 3rd at 12:00 PM in the EMA conference room.

- *Bylaws:* George France reported the Bylaws have been approved, signed and accepted.
- *FYI:* It was reported that the LEPC Conference will be held August 10, 2004, in Columbus and is open to anyone who wants to attend.
- *FYI:* Captain Tom Jaksetic reported Dow Chemical has GPS tracking devices on top of their tank cars which may be mistaken for bombs.
- *Sunoco:* Pete Hanley reported Sunoco had a long standing air compliance infraction with a reported 6 million dollar penalty. Ohio EPA settled for \$475,000. He reported Sunoco had not broken any rules. OEPA agreed to use the money locally and fund equipment that County emergency responders need. A suggestion was made to purchase a mobile weather station.

New Business

- The next LEPC meeting will be held on Thursday, July 15, 2004 at 12:15 p.m. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Leigh Casey by July 14, 2004 if you plan to attend. **Please contact a member of the LEPC Executive Committee if you can NOT attend the meeting.**
- Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Timoff