

**Lucas County LEPC Meeting Minutes  
Lucas County Emergency Services Building  
June 26, 2003**

**Attendance:**

Brad Roy, BASF Corp, Vice Chairman	Rick Maxfield, American Red Cross
Leigh Casey, Secretary/Treasurer	George France, Sylvania Township Fire
Lance Keiffer, Lucas County Prosecutor	Art Schermbeck, Dynea
Frank Mrkva, Toledo Police	Stephanie Heldt, Dynea
Julie Slover, TDOES	Patekka Pope, TDOES
Eric Zgodzinski, Lucas Co. Health Dept.	Duane Abbott, Marsulex
Bill Halsey, EMA	Bob Morris Envirosafe
Tom Barnhizer, EMA	Mike Gerber, OEPA
Bob Schwanzl, Chair	Tony Sloma, Perstorp Polyols
Gregg Sekela, Toledo Police	Elmer Dunberger, Sunoco

**Order of Business**

Chairman Robert Schwanzl brought the meeting to order at 12:15 PM.

- The May 22, 2003, meeting minutes were approved as read.
- A quorum of eight of the required thirteen groups was present at the meeting.

**Old Business**

- Bob Schwanzl presented a MultiRae gas meter to the Toledo Fire and Rescue Department. Firefighters Lieutenant Straub, Mike Lester, Scott Vandootingh and Stacy Conley accepted the meter on behalf of the Toledo Fire Department Hazardous Materials Team. The meter is a programmable gas monitor designed to provide continuous exposure monitoring of oxygen, toxic and combustible gases for workers in hazardous environments. The Lucas County LEPC purchased the meter with grant funds provided by the State Emergency Response Commission.

Mike Gerber will assist the Hazardous Materials Team with training on the new meter. Leigh Casey will post a press release on the Lucas County Commissioners web site.

**Committee Reports**

- *Training Committee:* Leigh Casey, Greg Locher and Gregg Sekela have discussed the possibility of offering a WMD awareness course for facility operators. The course would be from two to four hours in length and could contain a session on release reporting requirements. It was suggested that the workshops include EHS and non-EHS facilities as well as over-the-road

carriers. Rick Maxfield reported that the American Red Cross has a WMDT awareness course available to the LEPC.

Lt. Gregg Sekela reported that money will be available in January to develop three Police/EMS COBRA teams. The primary purpose of the funding is for the purchase of equipment. Only 5% of the funding can be used for training and exercises.

Mike Gerber reported that there will be a "Bucket Chemistry" course offered at the OSPPERA Conference. The Conference is scheduled for September 29 to October 1, 2003, in Lima, Ohio.

- *Information Coordinator:* No report.
- *Exercise Committee:* Tom Barnhizer reported that the fire/hazmat/mass casualty drill at UT has been rescheduled for October 1, 2003. The LEPC plans to submit this exercise to Rich Lauffer for possible 2004 exercise credit.

Bill Halsey reported that the Davis-Besse exercise held on June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2003, went very well. Ottawa and Lucas Counties were the first in the nation to test the distribution of Potassium iodide tablets to residents. Bill also announced the availability of a portable radiological monitor for individuals through the County EMA/EMS.

Stephanie Heldt reported on the successful table top exercise held at Dynea on May 30, 2003. A hand-out describing the exercise was distributed to members in attendance.

- *Finance Committee:*

Balance as of 6/3/03:	\$42,084.91
Expenses YTD:	\$22,411.22
Receipts YTD:	\$ 5,186.33
- *Grants:* The FY 2004 SERC Grant is expected in September.
- *Plan Review Committee:* Leigh Casey reported that a complete digital copy of the Plan will be submitted to Rich Lauffer for review due to the large number of revisions. Hazard analyses and mapping for 74 Lucas County EHS facilities are completed with the expectation that the remaining EHS facilities will be completed by fall. A copy of the Master Planning document is available for review by LEPC members in the LEPC office.
- *Compliance Committee:* Tony Sloma reported on the Compliance Committee meeting held on June 16, 2003. The Norfolk Southern case and the need for an appeals process were discussed. The Compliance Committee met with representatives from Norfolk Southern on June 25, 2003. Norfolk Southern described the incident from their perspective and presented their case against a

possible fine. The Compliance Committee tabled the case until a formal appeals process is implemented.

There have been fifteen cases of late reporting in 2003. Fines have been levied against four parties, with one fine paid and three fines appealed. Fines are pending review in the remaining eleven cases.

The next Compliance Committee meeting will be held on July 21, 2003.

### **New Business**

- Incoming Chair George France thanked Chair Robert Schwanzl for his years of service to the LEPC and presented him with a lovely gift. Leigh Casey also presented Bob with a “Thank-you” cake on behalf of the LEPC. Bob has done an excellent job as Chairman of the LEPC and will be greatly missed.
- George France and Leigh Casey will be meeting with Commissioner Maggie Thurber on Monday, June 30, 2003, to discuss the LEPC.
- The next meeting will be held on September 18, 2003, at 12:15 PM. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Leigh Casey by September 17, 2003, if you plan to attend.
- Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Casey, Secretary/Treasurer  
Lucas County LEPC