

Lucas County LEPC Meeting Minutes Lucas County Emergency Services Building July 19, 2007

Order of Business

Chairman George France brought the meeting to order at 12:15 P.M.

- The May 17, 2007 meeting minutes were approved as read.
- A quorum of eleven of the required thirteen groups was present at the meeting.

Old Business

Committee Reports

- *Finance Committee:* Receipts YTD: \$17,330.51
Expenses YTD: \$56,691.78
Balance 07/03/07: <\$39,499.62>
- *Grants:* Leigh Casey reported that the FY 2008 SERC Grant will be \$66,896. The funds should be available for use by early September, 2007.
- *Plan Review:* The 2008 Plan review is in progress. The 2007 Plan is available on CD by request.
- *Information Coordinator:* Bill Halsey reported that two Phase I Environmental Assessment information requests were received and processed by Mike Frey.

A public information request for a list of all the companies required by SARA Title III to report to the Lucas County LEPC along with contact names and numbers was received from a Kentucky environmental firm. The request was denied in writing by Andy Ranazzi, Lucas County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

Bill Halsey is participating on a state-wide committee charged with the development of a public information request form for use by Ohio LEPCs.

- *Exercise Committee:* Gary Studer reported that the LEPC full scale exercise was held at Johns Manville Plant 1 on May 19, 2007. Richard Lauffer, OEMA Exercise Facilitator, requested a written corrective action report for Objective #10, Traffic and Access Control, within sixty days to receive his recommendation for concurrence for the exercise by SERC. Gary Studer and Leigh Casey will prepare and submit the corrective action to Rich Lauffer.

Maumee dispatch and Lucas County Sheriff dispatch were contacted prior to the exercise to coordinate communications between participating law enforcement and response agencies. Unfortunately, the exercise demonstrated that the existing dispatch systems do not interface well or not at all. This issue can not be

corrected by the Lucas County LEPC and will be referred to the Lucas County Fire Chiefs Association for appropriate action.

Response and support organizations need to be able to effectively communicate during an incident. Responders were able to switch over to the 800 MHz radios, which provided about 75% functionality and improved overall communications at the scene.

Gary Studer will conduct Hazardous Materials refresher training with the law enforcement agencies that participated in the exercise. Lt. Tom Wiegend also expressed the need for hazardous materials refresher training for all law enforcement officers in Lucas County.

Although the difficulty of the exercise made weak areas appear weaker, the participants, evaluators and design team members feel that many lessons were learned during the 2007 exercise that will improve future exercise design and performance.

Pete Hanley offered the assistance of Sunoco for the 2008 LEPC exercise.

The LEPC would like to thank Tim Livingston and NBC 24 for providing a cameraman to tape the entire exercise. The tape will be used by the LEPC to provide a record of lessons learned and a training tool to improve future exercises.

The exercise would not have been possible without the time and effort of John Cannon and the staff at Johns Manville and the support and participation of numerous volunteers from local, county and state agencies. Thank you!

- *Executive Committee:* George France reported that the Executive Committee met on July 19, 2007. Recommendations were made to address outstanding issues with Compliance and Enforcement Policy 1001 and Cost Recovery Policy 1002.
- *Compliance:* The Compliance Committee will convene to review and adjust the penalty structure in Policy 1001 to mitigate excessively high penalties. Lance Keiffer informed the LEPC that they do not have judicial authority to execute or enforce penalties. Modifications to Policy 1001 will be implemented after the current docket of cases is cleared out.

The “15% Administrative Fee” as defined in Cost Recovery Policy 1002 will be changed to reflect actual time and expenses required to process the case by the LEPC in compliance with ORC 3745.13. Responsible parties will no longer be billed at a flat 15% of the total cost recovery amount submitted by the Fire Department.

Chair Pete Hanley invited new LEPC members to participate on the Compliance Committee.

- *Training Committee:* The next CAMEO course will be offered on August 14-16, 2007, at Owens Community College. Contact the LEPC office for registration information.

Gary Studer reported that John Barnes and Ryan Grant were compiling a “wish list” of training and response equipment needed in Lucas County. The equipment will be purchased with funds generated locally through the USEPA Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) penalty sharing program.

New Business

- Thanks to Sunoco for sponsoring lunch for today’s meeting.
- Elections for LEPC Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer will be held during the September 20, 2007, meeting. Please contact George France or Leigh Casey if you are interested in running for any of these positions.

Vice Chairman Brad Roy informed the Committee that he will not be returning as Vice Chairman due to out of town commitments with his new position.

- Applications for appointment to the Lucas County LEPC for the 2007-2009 term may be downloaded from www.lucascountylepc.org and submitted at any time to Leigh Casey.
- The next Lucas County LEPC meeting will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2007, 12:15 p.m., at the Lucas County Emergency Services building. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Leigh Casey by November 16, 2007.
- Motion to adjourn by Bill Halsey, seconded by Brad Roy. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Casey

Secretary/Treasurer, Lucas County LEPC