

# Lucas County LEPC Meeting Minutes Lucas County Emergency Services Building September 15, 2005

## Order of Business

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

- The July 21, 2005 meeting minutes were approved as read.
- A quorum of twelve of the required thirteen groups were present at the meeting.

## Old Business

- A CAMEO course is scheduled for November 1-3, 2005 at Owens Community College. Contact Leigh Casey or Mike Frey for registration information.

## Committee Reports

- *Finance Committee:* Receipts YTD: \$71,191.90  
Expenses YTD: \$61,369.88  
Balance 05/03/05: \$40,118.13

Maggie Thurber reported that the Finance Committee met briefly prior to the September 15<sup>th</sup> LEPC meeting to review the current LEPC budget. The Finance Committee will present the 2006 LEPC budget for approval at the November 17, 2005 LEPC meeting.

- *Grants:* Leigh Casey reported that the LEPC is expecting approximately \$10,000 in HMEP grant funds to reimburse the LEPC for planning and training expenditures from October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005. The HMEP grant and facility inspection program applications have been submitted for LEPC activities from October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006.
- *Plan Review Committee:* SERC has concurred with the 2005 LEPC HazMat Plan revision. The revised Plan is available in hard copy or on CD by request. CDs will be distributed to Lucas County Fire Departments at a fall Fire Chief's meeting.
- *Information Coordinator:* No information requests have been received.
- *Exercise Committee:* Gary Studer discussed the June 16, 2005 full scale exercise held at the Sunoco Hocking Valley Docks and commended the Exercise Committee for a job well done. Chairman France commented that the exercise was well-received in the community and provided an excellent training opportunity for both fire and mutual aid responders. A public meeting to review the exercise report prepared by Rich Lauffer will be scheduled for October.

The LEPC must complete the 2006 exercise by June 30, 2006. Discussion followed with suggestions for suburban locations, shopping malls and fixed facilities. Maggie Thurber suggested that future LEPC hazardous materials

exercises incorporate terrorism or weapons of mass destruction to combine the planning and exercise efforts of various entities in Lucas County. State requirements for WMD and hazardous materials exercises differ, making it difficult to meet the objectives for both in a single exercise. Commissioner Thurber is working with the County Commissioner's Association to change the exercise requirements. Brad Roy suggested an invitation to state and local government representatives to meet with the LEPC to discuss the benefit of a combined WMD/terrorism and hazardous materials exercise.

- *Compliance Committee:* Tony Sloma discussed revisions made to Compliance Policy 1001. The policy will be distributed to LEPC members for review and comment thirty days prior to the November 17, 2005 LEPC meeting. A majority vote is required to adopt the policy changes.

An Executive Committee meeting will be scheduled in October to meet with three responsible parties.

- *Training Committee:* A CAMEO course is scheduled for November 1-3, 2005 at Owens Community College. Contact Leigh Casey or Mike Frey for registration information.

Ernie Toth thanked Commissioner Maggie Thurber for her participation on the LEPC and asked if she had any concerns regarding the ability of Lucas County to respond to a large scale disaster. Commissioner Thurber did not foresee issues in Lucas County similar to those faced by victims of Hurricane Katrina. Commissioner Thurber also expressed her confidence in the planning and exercise programs Lucas County has in place.

Ernie discussed the Disaster Site Worker training program, benefits for hurricane evacuees and the availability of training grant money. Please contact Ernie Toth or the LEPC office if you are interested in serving on the Training Committee.

## **New Business**

- Election of 2005-2007 LEPC officers was held. Chairman George France was nominated by Leigh Casey, seconded by Tony Sloma. Vice Chairman Brad Roy was nominated Tony Sloma, seconded by Maggie Thurber. Secretary/Treasurer Leigh Casey was nominated by Maggie Thurber, seconded by Brad Roy. Tom Barnhizer moved to close nominations. The slate of officers was approved by unanimous vote of those present.
- Tom Barnhizer discussed the need to develop evacuation plans for Lucas County in light of the Hurricane Katrina disaster.
- Mike Gerber gave a CAMEO demonstration using MARPLOT to map resources and special locations in Northwest Ohio. This data is in addition to the facility data maintained in CAMEO by the LEPC.
- Pete Hanley noted that RMP information on the LEPC website was incorrect and the content of at least one link was questionable. Leigh Casey will update the website as needed. Suggestions for improvement are welcome.

- The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2005 at 12:15 p.m. at the Emergency Services building. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Leigh Casey by November 16, 2005 if you plan to attend.
- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Leigh Casey*

Secretary, Treasurer  
Lucas County LEPC