

**Lucas County LEPC Meeting Minutes**  
**Lucas County Emergency Services Building**  
**September 16, 2004**

**Order of Business**

Chairman George France brought the meeting to order at 12:18 P.M.

- The July 15, 2004 meeting minutes were approved as read.
- LEPC members and guests introduced themselves.
- A quorum of eight of the required thirteen groups were present at the meeting.

**Old Business**

- No old business.

**Committee Reports**

- *Training Committee:* Mike Gerber reported there is a Cameo Workshop being held at Owens on October, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> with Leigh Casey and the class is full. Also there is an Inland Spills Conference the week of September 30<sup>th</sup> for three days at Kings Island. Mike Gerber reported Toledo Environmental Services is holding an eight-hour refresher entitled “Hazwoper” at Owens on October 25<sup>th</sup> which will have a mercury scenario. There is room for 125 people. A discussion of mercury spills and meters ensued. It was reported a low end meter could cost around \$13,000 with the high end of \$17,000.00. It was reported the maintenance on these meters run \$600 to \$900 a year to calibrate.

It was also reported that Hazmat ID training is still in progress.

- *Exercise Committee:* Gary Studer reported that the Committee has a meeting every month and has broken down the objectives and assigned them to two or three people. Prior to the drill, a tabletop exercise will be held as well as a site visit. The next meeting is October 23, 2004, at 9:00 at the Emergency Services Building.
- *Finance Committee:* George France reported we have money to keep operating that we received Grant funds. George also reported Leigh attended the Fire Chiefs meeting and will continue to attend.
- *Plan Review Committee:* Mike Frey reported LEPC has conducted twelve (12) of eighteen (18) scheduled inspections of EHS facilities so far this year. The goal of 12 inspections required for HMEP reimbursement was reached by September. Mike reported they have five more inspections in September and one more in October. They have started putting the data into CAMEO.

- *Information coordinator:* Bill Halsey reported there is very little activity regarding environmental requests. Only a small number of requests are sent in.

Bill also reported he put in a request for the Orange Books (DOT North American Emergency Response Guide Book) citing the allotment has been cut. Bill also reported the book can be accessed on the internet at [hazmat.dot.gov](http://hazmat.dot.gov).

Bill reported he has purchased Four Gas Meters or Multi Gas Monitors. Every Fire department will be receiving them and Chief Locher is giving the training. Also, PPE is being distributed, with 75% being completed outside of Toledo and distribution more than half way completed in Toledo.

- *Compliance Committee:* Tony Sloma reported findings and orders were sent out. Tony also reported there were 143 reportable releases. There were 3-5 late reporting cases compared to 11 last year. George France reported the reduction in cases is a credit to the Committee and contributed to the LEPC's receipt of the Excellence Award.

Chief Koeplinger from Spencer Fire reported he has some EPA issues in his area. He has contacted the State EPA and inquired if there are any other avenues he could try. Mike Gerber advised him of a Spill Contingency Program and phone numbers for him to use.

- *Bylaws Committee:* No report

## **New Business**

- Mike Gerber reported there was a new E-Plan developed in Texas that will be starting in Ohio at Cincinnati Fire. This plan will take information on EHS facilities and make it readily available on the internet for first responders. It is a link between LEPC and first responders. This plan will be available at the Spills Conference. There is a concern for security.
- Commissioner Thurber reported Sunoco didn't receive their entire request from the EPA. Sunoco received monies for the air monitoring equipment. Commissioner Thurber also reported she was in Washington, D.C. lobbying for money. She reported Senator Voinovitch has a bill in the Senate for Emergency Management to increase grant money for police and fire to cover overtime for training. The monies will be coming from customs user fees. A question was raised if the money could be used for the private sector. It did not appear that was an option.
- *NIMS:* George France asked if the fire departments have adopted NIMS Incident Command System. Bill Halsey explained that any governmental organization receiving funds would follow the same rules. It provides the groundwork to work together. The program can be downloaded over the internet at [FEMA.gov](http://FEMA.gov). There is an independent home study course available on the internet. A discussion followed about the adoption of the system through out the county.

- George France asked about classroom training for expressway accidents. Gary Studer reported the name of the program is Quick Clear Program which was designed by ODOT. It involves the fire and police departments shutting down the expressway for whatever reason. The goal is to open the roadways in a timely fashion to limit the potential for other accidents as a result of the closure. From a first responder perspective, it is the safety of their personnel and patients needing care.
- CERT: Lt Victor Ellis reported the CERT program is going well. There have been 230-240 volunteers trained. Victor said to let people know they can sign up at Owens. Victor also reported twelve (12) volunteers were sent to Florida. Commissioner Thurber reported the Technical Society of Toledo is interested in the program and would like information sent to their members.
- The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2004 at 12:00 p.m.
- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Timoff