

**LEPC MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 19, 2003**

Rich Szczepanek called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

**Members in Attendance:** Darwin Baas, John Crozier, Jack Hankiewicz, Paul Hascher, Dr. Paul Heidel, Lt. Steve Kempker, Sinee Maxwell, Earl Mokma, Dale Myaard, Chris Pfeiffer, Dianne Phillips, Myra Reimink, Bonnie Schuitema, Bill Smith, Chief Rich Szczepanek, Jim Szejda, Jeff Troser, Steve VanderHill, Paul Ziegler.

**Members Excused:** Michael Averill, John Edwards, Al Federico, Capt. Dave Guikema, Jim Hancock, George Keefe, Eric Klingensmith, Anne McManus, Randy Mergener, Susan Paauwe, Sen. William VanRegenmorter, Rick Velderman.

**Members Unexcused:** Willie Beattie, Scott Braak, Chief Dan Henderson, John McDonnell, Chuck Pistis, Doyle Stratton, Cornelius VanderKam, Mark VanderWerff.

**New Members Introduced:** No new members were introduced.

**Guests Present:** Tedd Belden, Allegan County Health Dept.; Chief Jason Ling, Georgetown Fire Dept.; Lis McNeil, Ottawa Co. Health Dept.; Brian Roth, Mirant.

**January 15, 2003 Minutes:** Paul Ziegler made the motion to approve the minutes; Steve VanderHill seconded it and the motion passed.

**Handouts:**

- .1 Community Right to Know Manual Bulletin
- .2 Letter from EMD to Ottawa County Board Chairperson
- .3 LEPC Conference Agenda for March 19, 2003

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Executive Subcommittee:** (Rich Szczepanek)

.4 Possibilities were discussed on how to get sub-committees to become more active. A plan was formulated on how to accomplish this, and following is the new schedule that will take effect for the **May 21, 2003 meeting:**

**9:00 AM-10:00 AM All Sub-Committees will meet**

**10:00 AM-11:00 AM LEPC Meeting will take place**

**11:00 AM-12:00 PM Training for LEPC**

**12:00 PM- 1:00 PM Executive Committee will meet**

**Planning Subcommittee:** (Jim Hancock)

- .5 No new plans were reviewed.
- .6 Based on 2002 Tier II Reports, several companies will require Off-Site Spill Response Plans.
- .7 Will attempt to compare our Tier II list with the local fire departments' list.

**Public Relations & Promotions Subcommittee:** (Randy Mergener)

·8 The LEPC will be represented at the Tulip Time parade on May 10, 2003 with the LEPC banner on a Holland City Fire Dept. fire truck, or there is also a possibility that the Haz-Mat truck could be entered that would carry the LEPC banner.

**Outreach Subcommittee:** (Darwin Baas)

·9 Dar Baas suggested that it might be beneficial to meet with the Ag Chemical dealers in Ottawa Co. to encourage better communication and to increase visibility with the dealers and farmers.

**Training & Exercise Subcommittee:** (Paul Hasher)

·10 The March 20, 2003, LEPC Conference plans were discussed. The speakers, refreshments and plans are all in place.

·11 Paul Hascher handed out a sheet from this committee that listed goals and activities of the committee.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Haz-Mat Team Update:**

·12 The training in Nevada was very beneficial to the Team.

·13 Ten-fifteen percent of the equipment has been received from the second WMD Grant.

·14 Work is being done on the Haz-Mat truck.

·15 The decon tent has been back ordered.

·16 A transfer trailer has been ordered.

·17 The Haz-Mat truck will hopefully be on display at the next LEPC meeting.

·18 Thanks to NOCH for the ambulance that was donated to the Haz-Mat Team. It will be used as a command center for the Team.

·19 The Haz-Mat Team will be deployed for the exercise on March 24, 2003. The full-scale exercise will be located at the Grand Haven High School and will include a hazardous chemical explosion. A tornado touchdown in Hudsonville will also be included.

·20 A user agreement will go to the Haz-Mat Team, and there will be a public officials conference in late May or early June.

·21 At this time, it is estimated that 50% of the funding for the Team will come from the county, and that the rest of the funding will come from the 24 political jurisdictions and private industry.

·22 Thanks go to Pfizer and Mirant for their generous donations to the Team.

·23 Once the equipment is all in, (which should be by late April), the Haz-Mat Team should be able to respond to calls.

**NEW BUSINESS**

·24 The Annual Skywarn Training will occur at the Ottawa Co. Fillmore St. Complex on Thursday, March 27, 2003, from 7:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M. No registration is necessary. The training will include information on the ingredients, life cycle, classification and visual identification of storms; information on the coordination between NWS, amateur radio operators and local units; and a review of Storm Spotter positions. There will also be local meteorologists present. More trained observers are needed, especially since Ottawa Co. borders Lake Michigan, and weather warnings are often originated from Ottawa County's Weather Spotters. If there are any questions, you may e-mail the Emergency Management Office at: [HYPERLINK "mailto:mkleinh@co.ottawa.mi.us"](mailto:mkleinh@co.ottawa.mi.us) or call: 616-738-4050.

·25 The Emergency Tube Plan Workshop on January 30, 2003, at the Chester Township Hall was a great success. Representatives from the Groundwater Stewardship Program were present and farmers there were able to complete their Emergency Tube documents.

.26 The explosion at Brenner Oil was discussed. The fire departments did a great job of quickly extinguishing the fire with foam. There were four tankers involved and it was determined the fire was caused by static electricity.

.27 The Michigan Homeland Security Conference will take place in Gaylord, MI, at the Treetops Resort from April 30-May 2, 2003. If you are interested in the conference, brochures are available at the Emergency Management Office.

.28 The annual MEMA Conference will be held from October 5-9, 2003, at Crystal Mountain. More details will be forthcoming.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting date is May 21, 2003, at the Fillmore Street Complex, Emergency Management Office. **Please note that the new schedule mentioned under the Executive Sub-Committee section will be in effect. All sub-committees will meet at 9:00 A.M.**

### **TRAINING**

The Ottawa County GIS Dept. gave the LEPC an interesting tour of their department and presented the capabilities they have of mapping and documentation.