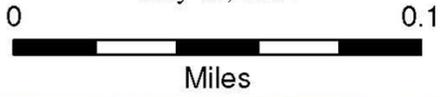


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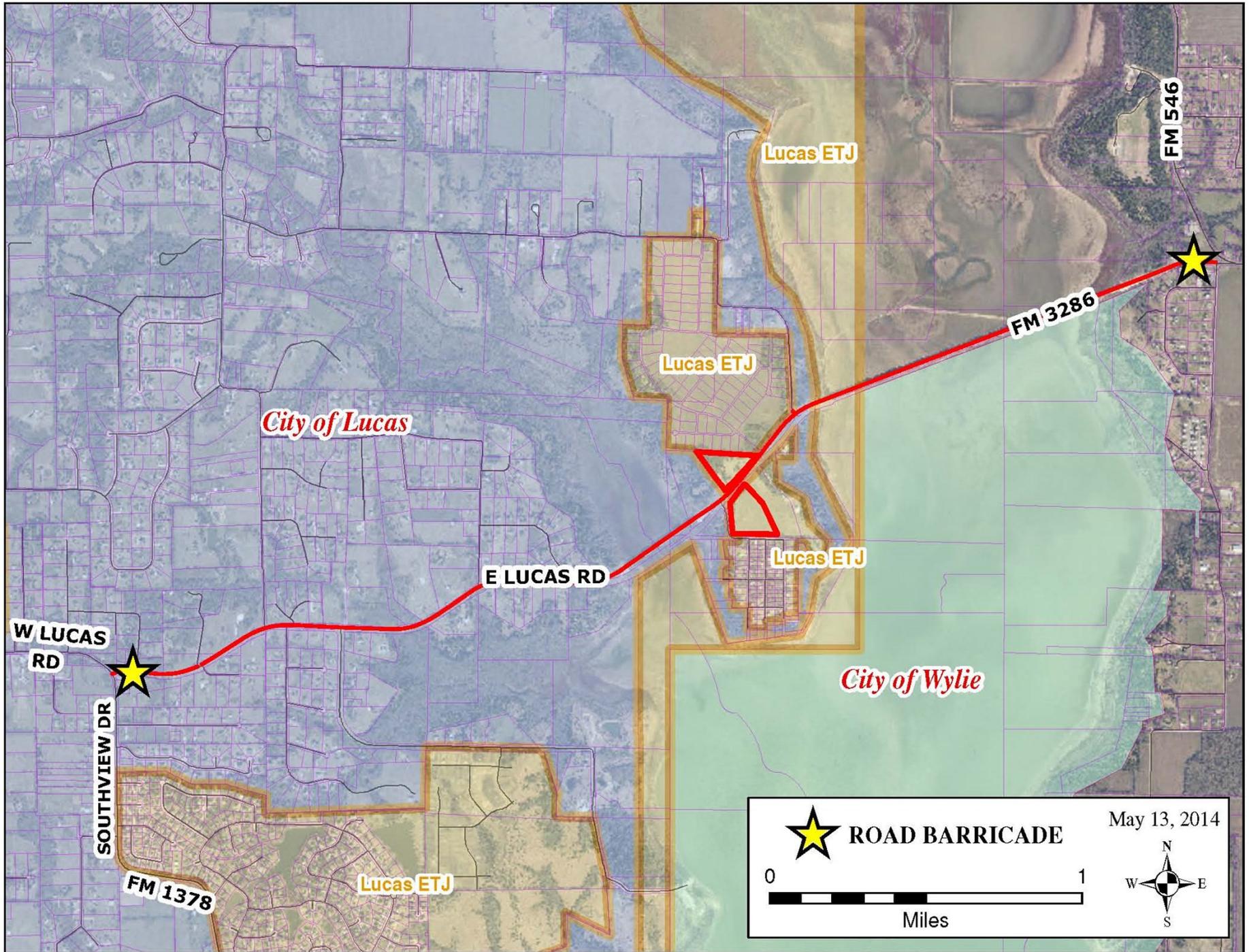
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# International Fire Code

## 403.2, 403.2.1

**403.2 Public safety plan.** In other than Group A or E occupancies, where the *fire code official* determines that an indoor or outdoor gathering of *persons* has an adverse impact on public safety through diminished access to buildings, structures, fire hydrants and fire apparatus access roads or where such gatherings adversely affect public safety services of any kind, the *fire code official* shall have the authority to order the development of, or prescribe a plan for, the provision of an *approved* level of public safety.

**403.2.1 Contents.** The public safety plan, where required by Section 403.2, shall address such items as emergency vehicle ingress and egress, fire protection, emergency medical services, public assembly areas and the directing of both attendees and vehicles (including the parking of vehicles), vendor and food concession distribution, and the need for the presence of law enforcement, and fire and emergency medical services personnel at the event.

# Timeline of Events

- 3/31/14 Meeting with Burch Fireworks and Mr. Big's Fireworks. Draft of public safety plan submitted. Both stands agreed to submit joint safety plan. Draft declared 2500 estimated customers. Advised that 2500 persons would qualify for a mass gatherings permit.
- 4/7/14 Second public safety plan submitted. Joint plan between both stands. Declared 2500 estimated customers. Sent plan to Mark Sanderson, Jon Kleinheksel, Sgt. Bonilla and Barry Heard for review.
- 4/22/14 Meeting with Jason Browning, Jon Kleinheksel, Mark Sanderson, Sgt. Bonilla (TXDPS) and Barry Heard (TXDOT) to review public safety plan.
- 4/25/14 Notice sent denying public safety plan.
- 5/9/14 Revised public safety plans submitted. Burch Fireworks and Mr. Big's Fireworks submitted independent plans. Both plans state "Although it is not expected, but as assurance that we will not fall under the mass gatherings act we will turn patrons away from our facility if we exceed 2400 people."

# Comments From Meeting to Review Safety Plan

- Sheriffs Department– Texas traffic laws and the Transportation Code prohibit parking and stopping in certain places. Public and private driveways and parking on a bridge are examples of places it is prohibited. The affected area of FM 3286 has both bridges and driveways that are blocked by the traffic that lines up along the roadway during the event. With the roadway blocked and traffic at a standstill those vehicles cannot yield the right of way for emergency traffic. Emergency traffic cannot access the areas around 3286. We have had traffic accidents, fires, medical emergencies and assaults in the past that emergency personnel were either seriously hampered or could not gain access to the call. If the event is allowed the only recourse when the roadway is determined to be unsafe or issues arise is to place barricades at 1378 and 546 to prevent incoming traffic and allow such time for outgoing traffic to clear the roadway before the roadway can be reopened. If traffic is not diverted to a major road traffic problems will occur on county roads.
- Public Works – Resources are all encompassing for department for duration of event. One week prior barricades are obtained from TXDOT and disbursed by personnel. Personnel continue to relocate barricades through the evening of July 4. Personnel have assisted Fire Department with the extinguishment of fires. Trash clean up has taken up to 2 days.
- Texas Department of Public Safety – Based on roadway and available resources there is not a practical way to manage the amount of traffic on the roadway. If traffic blocks roadway only practical solution is to shut down the road and divert incoming traffic until roadway clears.
- Texas Department of Transportation – No resources to assist with roadway. Cannot shut down TXDOT road for event without permit. Permit cannot be obtained by private individual. Roadway must not be obstructed and remain clear. In four counties they have been associated with they have no knowledge of any event like this.
- Fire Marshal – Fire and EMS response cannot be made in timely manner due to traffic in roadway being unmanageable. Fire Department staged on scene could not access reported brush fire. Fire Marshal personnel enroute to call outside of Lucas could not pass when traveling south from Princeton. Had to backtrack to Princeton and come in through Wylie to get to call. Wildland/Urban interface major concern with dry conditions.
- American Medical Response – could not attend meeting but commented on requirements to manage EMS. One fully staffed MICU staged on scene. One additional Paramedic/EMT team staged at scene. Burns and eye wash most common. Anticipate one or two transports for duration of event. Access to nearest hospital a concern given location, time to transport and time back to location.