The UGA CERT REVIEWER is an informational newsletter for UGA CERT members to share their experiences, post upcoming events, and provide feedback about the UGA CERT program.

» National Preparedness Month Event

UGA CERT members participated in the UGA Emergency Preparedness Information Fair held at UGA Tate Center on September 9, 2010. This was the sixth straight year that the Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness (OSEP) participated as a national coalition member. The 2010 year’s theme was "ARE YOU READY?" Posters, banners, bus cards and table tent cards reflecting this theme could be seen around campus to encourage personal preparedness for emergencies.

As a part of the overall information fair, UGA Tate Plaza was the venue for safety equipment demonstrations, information booths and displays. The event featured a drawing for an emergency kit, which included an emergency light/radio, first aid kit, a Four In One emergency tool and much more. **Stephen Rogers**, a UGA CERT member, won the emergency kit from the drawing.

» Fall 2010 UGA CERT Class

The fall 2010 UGA CERT Class is now in progress. This series, held from September 22 - November 9, 2010, is the 7th UGA CERT class. There are currently over 100 UGA CERT members. Watch for details of the next UGA CERT class scheduled for early 2011. Details will be posted on OSEP’s website at [www.osep.uga.edu](http://www.osep.uga.edu) as they become available.
UGA CERT Survey - NEW

Feedback from UGA CERT members is important in helping to improve the program and to know what training exercises and activities the members would like to see as part of the on-going program opportunities. UGA CERT members are encouraged to take a short survey to express their interests and suggestions about the UGA CERT program. The survey link can be found at https://emer.uosp.uga.edu/ OSEPFORMS/cert_survey_2010.cfm

The Challenge Course

UGA CERT members had the unique opportunity to take part in a Challenge Course held in October at the UGA Intramural Fields. The “low” portion of the Challenge Course was a series of exciting activities involving mental and physical challenges that encouraged interaction and communication. The group was required to complete a rope course, field games, cable and board balancing obstacles as a team. After each activity, participants engaged in group discussions that analyzed strategies used to complete the tasks while brainstorming more efficient ways to successfully complete each exercise. The challenges of the course provided the opportunity for UGA CERT members to develop, explore and implement problem solving skills collectively as team work was stimulated.

UGA CERT Photo Gallery - NEW

Pictures from UGA CERT events are now posted on OSEP’s website www.osep.uga.edu/CERT, including UGA CERT graduations, classes, exercises and events. Upcoming calendar of events is also posted in the UGA CERT section.

Active Shooter Exercise

UGA CERT members volunteered to act as victims during an active shooter training exercise held on Aug 9th and 10th at the Navy School in Athens. Other observers and participants included: the FBI, GBI, Athens Clarke County police, UGA Police and police academy cadets. Active shooter events can occur anywhere and training is extremely important in order to prepare and save lives.

Got an Idea for this Newsletter?

If you have ideas or suggestions for articles for future newsletters or want to share your experience as a UGA CERT member, email Pete Golden at pgolden@uga.edu.