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BSSR Brown Bag
Join us on Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012 from 11:30 AM until 12:30 PM in Room 137 Tate Center. Russell Dukes, manager of the UGA Office of Fire Safety, will talk about what Building Safety & Security Representatives can do to prepare for a fire emergency in their building. Unfortunately, some buildings on the UGA campus have had to learn first-hand the dangers of building fires. Russell Dukes is involved in both the prevention of fire and the response to fires. Please bring a lunch and join us.

Evacuation Chair Training
Evacuation Chair training is being offered on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012 from 11:00 AM until Noon at the University Health Center in Conference Room A. Faculty and Staff who may assist in the evacuation of mobility impaired individuals from buildings, or individuals who will assist in the development of the Building’s Emergency Action Plan are encouraged to attend. Visit www.osep.uga.edu to register.

Academic-Professional Security Series
Please join us on Monday, Oct. 22, 2012 from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM at the Tate Center Reception Hall. The lecture topic will be Terrorism Prevention and Prosecution. Michael Moore, the U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia, who is responsible for the prosecution of all federal criminal cases in Georgia’s middle district which includes Athens, will be the guest speaker. Mr. Moore is a member of the Terrorism and National Security Subcommittee of the Attorney General’s Advisory Committee.

Dr. Dan Silk, Fulbright Scholar and Criminal Justice Professor at UGA, will also be speaking. His forthcoming book, Preventing Ideological Violence: Communities, Police and Case Studies of Success, builds on his research concerning domestic anti-terrorism methods.

UGAlert Test Results
The recent test of UGAAlert emphasizes the need to receive alert messages through different methods. The responses to OSEP’s survey indicate there was some disruption in receiving emails from UGAAlert. While some people reported receiving their email messages very quickly others reported the email being slow or non-existent. In contrast, the UGAAlert Desktop application was the fastest way to receive the alert message followed by text messages, and then phone calls. The alert messages also posted quickly to Twitter within one minute and to Facebook within two minutes.

In this test, emails were inconsistent and phone calls appear to have been slower than in past tests. While we always attempt to determine why problems occur and correct them, it is important to sign up to receive emergency messages by different methods. If one method is slow, inconsistent, or is blocked for some reason, you may get the message through a different means. It is also important to emphasize that in a real emergency, OSEP expects that the first person to receive the emergency message will warn the people around them and spread the message quickly.

If you have not installed the UGAAlert Desktop Program, please go to sitesoft.uga.edu and scroll down to UGAAlert Desktop. The program will run on computers running Windows operating systems and Apple operating systems. It does not currently work on iPads or similar devices. If you have questions about UGAAlert, please contact our office at (706)542-5845 or osep@uga.edu.

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