Prepared Dawgs is a quarterly informational newsletter that is distributed by the Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) in order to update UGA Students, Faculty, and Staff on Emergency Preparedness along with providing information to Building Safety & Security Representatives (BSSRs) and keeping members of the UGA Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) informed on upcoming events and training.

**FALL 2013**

“National Preparedness Month” (NPM) is a nationwide effort held each September to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. National Preparedness Month 2013 is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/ FEMA, Citizen Corps and Ready.gov. The goal of NPM is to increase public awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies and to encourage individuals to take action. Throughout September, FEMA will work with a wide variety of organizations, including local, state and federal government agencies and the private sector, to highlight the importance of family emergency preparedness and promote individual involvement through events and activities across the nation.

This is the ninth year that the Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) has participated in National Preparedness Month as a coalition member. This year's theme is "ARE YOU A PREPARED DAWG?". Posters and bus cards reflecting this theme can be seen around campus to encourage personal preparedness in emergencies.

During September, OEP will host several events and activities that will focus attention on steps that students, faculty and staff can take to better prepare for emergencies.

**Events: September 11, 2013**

- **UGA Emergency Preparedness Information Fair**
  UGA Tate Plaza, 10:00 A.M. - Noon. The Fair will feature safety equipment demonstrations, information booths and displays. The event will also feature a drawing for an emergency kit. You do not have to be present to win.

- **Public Safety Vehicle Display**
  Public Safety Vehicles will be on display between Miller Learning Center and the UGA Bookstore at Tate from 10:00 A.M. - Noon, included are vehicles and equipment from the UGA Police Department, National EMS, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and others.

- **Lecture - Terrorism: Soft Targets and What You Should Know**
  FBI Bomb Technician Kevin Harrison will talk about the use of improvised explosive devices similar to what was used at the Boston Marathon, Madrid Train Bombing, and the Oklahoma University TATP incident. He will discuss the evolution of the devices, common household items used in making them, and explain the hazards associated with the materials. His presentation will help people understand what suspicious activities are associated with homemade explosive devices.

- **GBI Agent Jeff Roesler works in the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center (GISAC). He will explain how information from the public is combined with information from other sources to provide credible information for law enforcement. Additionally, he will discuss how the intelligence center in Georgia works, its cooperation with other intelligence centers and the Federal Government.**

The lecture is a **Blue Card Event**. It is open to public with no registration. It will be held at the Tate Center Reception Hall from 3:00-4:00 P.M.

**National Preparedness Month: Is Your Department Ready?**

The fall season is an exciting time on campus. It marks a new academic year for our students and faculty. It is also a new year for our many athletic teams on campus. A lot of preparation goes into getting our campus ready for the influx of students and visitors. However, what would it look like if these plans were not made and no one took the time to get ready?

Just as we all prepare for a new academic year, each of us should also consider preparing our departments for those unexpected disruptions that may come our way. The power in our building may go out, a water pipe may break and flood our office, classroom, or laboratory, or we may experience a larger emergency that displaces our personnel, equipment and materials for a longer period of time. Each department on campus would need to know how to respond to these and other types of emergencies.
Why Emergency Drills Are Important

Creating an emergency plan for your building is important and takes only a few minutes using the MyBEAP online plan generator found at www.prepare.uga.edu. While creating an emergency plan and disseminating it to the people in your building is important, exercises and drills to test those plans are also important.

Conducting an exercise such as a fire drill or a severe weather drill can be done very quickly with a minimum of disruption to normal activities. All the time that is required is the amount of time it takes to move employees from their work area to the shelter or evacuation location and then accounting for the employees who were present at work. Often these drills will only take 5-10 minutes from beginning to end.

In addition to being easy to do, drills and exercises can provide a wealth of useful information. Practicing your emergency plan will help you determine if there are problems with the plan that need to be addressed. It is important to identify potential problems before an emergency occurs rather than learning of shortcomings after an emergency incident.

Practicing a severe weather shelter drill will help to determine if your shelter locations are large enough to accommodate the number of people in the building. It may also help to determine the best routes to get to the shelter location without putting building occupants at risk. The drill will also help to inform and reinforce the appropriate shelter locations in the building. Similarly, a fire drill will help to determine how long it takes to get people out of your building, whether building occupants are using the most appropriate egress routes, and reinforce the evacuation location.

It is important to have an emergency plan for your building, but that plan needs to be tested. An emergency drill will be able to help you test that plan and determine if any changes need to be made. If you need assistance with an exercise or drill, please contact the Office of Emergency Preparedness at prepare@uga.edu.

Help OEP Wreck Tech!

In recognition of National Preparedness Month this September, the UGA Office of Emergency Preparedness is in a competition with the Georgia Tech Office of Emergency Preparedness on who can gain the most Facebook and Twitter followers by month’s end. The department that loses has to wear the opposing school’s colors to work. Did we mention we DO NOT look good in navy and yellow!

FOLLOW OEP ON TWITTER!

If you have a Twitter account, consider following the “Office of Emergency Preparedness” @UGAOEP

JOIN OEP ON FACEBOOK!

If you have a Facebook account, consider becoming a fan of the “Office of Emergency Preparedness” Facebook page located at https://www.facebook.com/osepuga.

Building Safety & Security Representatives don’t forget to update your Building Emergency Action Plan each year. A reminder email is sent out when your plan is due for an annual update. https://emer.prepare.uga.edu/OSEPFORMS/beap_overview.cfm.

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Registration is now open for the Fall 2013 UGA CERT class. UGA CERT is open to UGA faculty, staff, and students. The classes will be held each Tuesday from 2:30-5:00 PM starting on September 17 through November 5, 2013. Contact Pete Golden at pgolden@uga.edu if you have questions about the UGA CERT program. Registration link for the 2013 class is available from OEP’s homepage: www.prepare.uga.edu.

Conflict De-escalation, Thursday, September 12, from 9-11AM. This class will focus on techniques to keep a confrontation from becoming violent. Many members of the UGA community are involved in exchanges that have the potential to become heated. This class will discuss how to keep unpleasant encounters of this nature from becoming violent and how to de-escalate a heated exchange. The goal of the class will be to provide the participants with the ability to obtain voluntary compliance from an individual who does not want to comply.

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a small, portable device that analyzes the heart’s rhythm for any abnormalities and, if necessary, directs the rescuer to deliver an electrical shock to the heart of someone suffering from sudden cardiac arrest. This shock, called defibrillation, may help the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm. Contact Pete Golden, pgolden@uga.edu, for further instructions on obtaining an AED for your building. More information on the AED program and a map of the locations of AEDs on the main UGA campus can be found at www.prepare.uga.edu.

Emergency App: Are you prepared?

An UGA Emergency App is now available for FREE from both the iTunes App Store and Google Play. The UGA emergency app has student emergency procedures, faculty/staff emergency procedures, and international travel safety tips. Download the app from In Case of Crisis today.

Severe Weather Shelter Sign

Severe Weather Shelter Signs are now available for your building. OEP will gladly assist all Building Safety & Security Representatives with installation. Contact us today at prepare@uga.edu or visit www.prepare.uga.edu for more information.

Emergency Guidebooks

OEP has produced an Emergency Response Guidebook for interested UGA Faculty and Staff. The guidebook includes a list of quick contacts for emergencies, a list of the UGA Emergency Notification methods, and how to respond to emergencies on campus including tornados, medical emergencies, fires, bomb threats, active shooter, and chemical spills to name a few. If you are interested in a Faculty/Staff guidebook, contact Savannah Hembree at (706) 542-5845 or email: shembree@uga.edu.