UGA CERT Participated in the 2011 Stadion Athens Golf Classic

Members of the UGA CERT team volunteered to staff the first aid tent during the Stadion Athens Classic held at the UGA Golf Course from May 2 to May 8, 2011. During the week over 20 different UGA CERT members worked to provide basic first aid to patrons, workers and golfers from 7:30 am until approximately 7:00 pm each evening. UGA CERT members worked 2-4 hour shifts, depending on their schedules, with many working more than one day. Fortunately, there were no major medical issues to report other than the occasional cuts, blisters and bug bites to handle. OSEP and UGA CERT members are looking forward to helping with the 2012 Stadion Athens Classic.

(L-R: John Newton, Pete Golden, Steven Harris and Dr. Dan Silk)

The Tenth UGA CERT Session will start in July. Classes include sessions on:
- Disaster preparedness
- CERT organization
- Disaster medical
- Fire safety
- Light search & rescue
- Terrorism & CERT
- Disaster Psychology and Radio Ops
- Final Exercise

Faculty, staff and students make up the voluntary UGA CERT team, and UGA employees must obtain approval from their supervisors prior to participating in the program. Employees are not paid extra nor do they accrue flex hours by participating in the program.

The goal of UGA CERT is to do the most good for
the most number of people. UGA CERT volunteers are not intended to replace professional emergency responders, nor constitute the university’s primary emergency response capability. Rather, they serve as an important supplement to the University’s emergency plan and complement and enhance first-response capabilities.

If you have any questions about the class, please contact Pete Golden, Emergency Operations Coordinator, at 706-542-7578 or via email pgolden@uga.edu.

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**Summer Security Tips for Campus**

The weather is warm, fewer people are on campus. Now is the time to be more aware of your surroundings and building security.

- Lock your residence hall or apartment door, even when you’re home. Lock your car. Lock your bike. Lock your purse in a drawer in your office. Use the lockers at the bookstore.
- Lock your door when you leave, even if you’re only leaving “for a minute”. It only takes a thief 10 seconds to take something from your room or office.
- Don’t leave your property unattended in the library, dining hall, classroom, or any campus facility.
- Put your name and address on textbooks—inside the cover and on an inside page or two. Engrave your personal code on items that might interest a thief—TV sets, stereo equipment, radios, cameras, computers, appliances, sports equipment, bicycles, CD/DVD players and anything else that is portable and valuable.
- Don’t open a building door for a stranger who doesn’t have a key. Don’t prop open a door.
- Do report suspicious behavior immediately to the UGA police at (706) 542-2200 or 911.

Enjoy the summer while helping to keep yourself and the campus safe.

Adapted from UGA’s Safe and Secure website: [www.uga.edu/safeandsecure/theft.html](http://www.uga.edu/safeandsecure/theft.html)

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**Drop, Cover, and Hold On**

On April 28, 2011, over 3 million people in eleven states participated in the Great Central US “Shake Out”, a mass earthquake preparedness drill initiated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Why participate in an earthquake drill in Georgia? One in six earthquakes, or fifteen percent, of all earthquakes happen away from fault lines.

Remember to follow the internationally recognized “Drop, Cover and Hold On” protocol during an earthquake.

- Drop to the ground
- Take Cover by getting under a sturdy desk or table, and
- Hold On to it until the shaking stops.

For more information on Earthquake Preparedness, contact the Office of Security & Emergency Preparedness at osep@uga.edu.
Weather Radios Save Lives

According to NOAA, the tornadoes that tore across the Southeast between April 25 and April 28, 2011 spawned an estimated 305 tornadoes. The National Weather Service (NWS) Storm Prediction Center issued severe weather outlooks five days in advance and tornado watches hours in advance. NWS issued life-saving tornado warnings, with an average lead-time of 24 minutes. NWS issued warnings for more than 90 percent of these tornadoes.

Although there are no guarantees any structure can withstand a powerful tornado, sheltering provides your best chance of survival. For this reason, early warning is essential to saving lives. Because you may not be able to hear outdoor warning sirens inside buildings, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radios are recommended for all homes, college residence halls, and offices. Weather radios are available, starting around $20, at mass-market retailers such as Target, Wal-Mart, Best Buy, etc., and on the Web. More information is available through the Weather Service's NOAA weather radio Web site: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr as well as from OSEP’s Web site: www.osep.uga.edu.

OSEP recommends a NOAA weather radio with SAME technology, an AM/FM radio, and battery back-up. Two weather radios that have all the features suggested by OSEP are the Midland WR-300 and the Reecom R-1650. With these radios, you can unplug them and take them with you when you move to your shelter location. The AM/FM radio allows you to listen for news updates while you are in your shelter location. If there is an announcement from NOAA, the radio automatically switches back to the weather radio stations. The Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) technology allows the radios to be programmed to receive only the alerts for the counties you are interested in. For weather radios used on campus, OSEP staff are happy to assist in programming the radios to only announce the alerts needed for this area. If you have questions about programming your home NOAA radio, OSEP staff can provide links to programming guides and answer questions to help in programming the radio.

NOAA’s radio network is an all-hazards system. It provides watches and warnings for natural incidents such as hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, thunderstorms, winter storms, oil spills, 911 telephone outages, AMBER alerts, and terrorist attacks.

The hearing-and-visually impaired can get these warnings by connecting weather radios with alarm tones to strobe lights, pagers, bed-shakers, personal computers, and text printers. A battery-operated weather radio will also advise you of emergency conditions at home, work, traveling, on vacation, or at play.

We encourage campus departments and individuals to make this small investment in safety—your life could depend on it!

Adapted from the NOAA website: www.noaanews.noaa.gov/april_2011_tornado_information.html

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