September is National Preparedness Month

“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 2011 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.

On September 9th, OSEP 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 9, 2011**

- **Lecture**
  
  "A Time to Remember, A Time to Prepare", Tate Center Room 141, 1:00 - 2:00 P.M. Guest speakers are FBI Supervisory Special Agent Andrew Young and DHS Agent David Walker. Special Agent Young will share his personal experience in responding to the 9/11 attacks in New York. Agent Walker will talk about anti-terrorism efforts in Georgia.

- **2011 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 which includes an emergency light/radio, first aid kit, a 4 in 1 emergency tool and much more. You may either register for the drawing during the event or register on line at [www.osep.uga.edu](http://www.osep.uga.edu). 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 FBI, Oconee County Fire/EMS, Northeast Georgia Public Health and the GBI.

For complete event details, event flyer and registration link for a drawing to win an emergency kit, visit [www.osep.uga.edu](http://www.osep.uga.edu).
UGAAlert Desktop is now available from http://sitesoft.uga.edu. UGAAlert Desktop is an application that will show emergency messages from UGAAlert on your computer. Emergency messages will crawl across the bottom of your computer when a message from UGAAlert is issued.

UGAAlert Desktop provides another notification method in addition to voice phone calls, text messaging, and e-mails. UGAAlert Desktop is ideal for classrooms or meetings where a computer is used to project information on a screen. Everyone in the room can be notified through the scrolled message.

Currently, this service is limited to UGA owned desktop and laptop computers due to OSEP’s license agreement with the vendor. A MyID is needed to download the software. UGAAlert Desktop is designed for Windows XP, Vista and 7, as well as Mac OS X 10.5, 10.6.

Test of the UGAAlert System

A TEST of UGA’s emergency mass notification system, UGAAlert, and UGA emergency homepage is planned for Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 10:45 A.M. in conjunction with National Preparedness Month. After the TEST, a short survey will be posted on OSEP’s Web site at www.osep.uga.edu. UGAAlert users are encouraged to participate in this short survey. Feedback from this survey will provide valuable information to help improve future drills and emergency alerts.

UGAAlert is used to send emergency messages to the UGA campus community when immediate action is needed due to life threatening emergencies.

Prior to the TEST, users are encouraged to update their contact information at www.ugaalert.uga.edu.

UGA CERT – Fall 2011

The Fall 2011 UGA Community Emergency Response Team Program registration is now open for UGA students, faculty and staff. This series will be held on Tuesdays from 2:30 - 5:00 P.M. from September 20 – November 8, 2011. Registration is available on OSEP’s Web site at www.osep.uga.edu.

If you are interested in the UGA CERT Program, contact Pete Golden, OSEP, at (706) 542-7578 or email: pgolden@uga.edu.

Are You Ready?
A Resource Guide for New Students

Student Emergency Guidebooks were made available to incoming UGA students during summer orientation. Over 7,200 guidebooks were given out. The pocket sized guidebooks are a quick reference guide that contains emergency numbers, popular UGA Web sites, Emergency Notification Methods, Fall and Spring Semester Calendars, Safe & Secure Resources and Preventing Theft tips. This project was partially funded by a 2011 grant from the UGA Parents and Families Association.

If you are interested in a guidebook, contact OSEP at (706) 542-5845 or email: osep@uga.edu

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