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 to highlight the importance of family emergency preparedness and promote individual involvement through events and activities across the nation.

This is the seventh year that the Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness (OSEP) has participated in National Preparedness Month as a coalition member. This year's theme, the same as last year, is "ARE YOU READY?".

Posters and bus cards reflecting this theme can be seen around campus to encourage personal preparedness in 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 online at 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.]
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.

UGAAlert Desktop is 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.

One of the purposes of the BSSR Program is have emergency contact numbers for each BSSR. This information needs to be verified from time to time. BSSRs are encouraged to update their own emergency contact information by logging in with their UGA MYID and password to: https://emer.uosp.uga.edu/osepforms/rep_login.cfm

UGA CERT PROGRAM

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 have questions about the UGA CERT Program, contact Pete Golden, OSEP, at (706) 542-7578 or email: pgolden@uga.edu.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: MyBEAP

The Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness is in the final design and testing phase of an online plan generator that will be available to UGA Building Safety and Security Representatives (BSSRs) to create a building specific emergency plan that prepares the building occupants for possible emergency situations. We are looking for BSSRs who would like to volunteer to test the new BEAP online generator. Please contact OSEP, osep@uga.edu, if you are interested.

Let us know what topics you would like discussed at BSSR Brown Bag lunches. Contact John Newton at jnnewton@uga.edu if you have any ideas.

UGA BSSR NEWS

Contact: John Newton at jnnewton@uga.edu

- For questions about the BSSR Program
- For upcoming event details
- For suggestions for future BSSR INFORMER newsletters or kudos to BSSRs