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Featured Article

Opal Haley retiring as director of UGA Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness



Opal D. Haley, director of the University of Georgia Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness, is retiring with more than 30 years of service to the state of Georgia and 24 years to the university. Steven D. Harris,

emergency operations manager in the office, will step in as interim director.

The changes will occur Nov. 1, said George Stafford, associate vice president for auxiliary and administrative services.

UGA created the security preparedness office in 2002 to help the university identify possible security threats and provide faculty, staff and students with information and education on emergencies and security issues.

Haley became director of the office July 1, 2005, after serving as interim director. Under her direction the office expanded, assuming the role of emergency operations in August, 2005. Haley coordinated UGA's Hurricane Katrina relief efforts and introduced a number of new initiatives to improve emergency operations at UGA including the UGAalert emergency notification system and building safety and security representatives program.

“The university is indebted to Opal Haley for her many years of extraordinary service,” said Stafford. “It’s been my pleasure to work with her for the past two and a half years in her role as director of the Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness. The university is much better prepared to deal with emergencies now thanks to the efforts of Ms. Haley and her staff.”

Prior to assuming her current role, Haley was director of the UGA Human Resources Training and Development Department, which she established in the late 1980s and led to national prominence. She directed the department for 18 years, designing and developing hundreds of programs to meet individual and organizational development goals. The Training and Development Center was constructed and expanded twice under her leadership.

Haley holds two UGA degrees, a bachelor’s in psychology and a master’s in human resources and organizational development.

Harris joined the security preparedness office as emergency operations manager in January, 2006. Previously he worked seven years in the Georgia Emergency Management Agency’s (GEMA) Homeland Security office as manager of the State School Safety Unit. He was also an assistant security administrator with the Clarke County School District.



Harris has a bachelor’s degree in history from Georgia Southern University and a master’s in social science education from UGA. He is certified by GEMA as an emergency manager and is certified

by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation as an Internet master instructor.

He serves on several advisory councils and technical working groups associated with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Education.



(excerpts from the News Release - October 15, 2007 from Arnett Mace and Tim Burgess

to the university community)

The University of Georgia continues to partner with the Athens community in addressing what has become an historic drought – the worst recorded here in 100 years. Each of us needs to take personal responsibility for conserving water.

The Bear Creek Reservoir, which supplies water to Clarke, Oconee, Jackson and Barrow counties, is at approximately 13.8 feet below full pool. It stabilized over the past week due to a small precipitation event and additional pumping from the Middle Oconee River. Athens has a precipitation deficit of 15.75 inches for the year. October is historically our driest month, so the situation is not expected to improve in the immediate future and stricter water conservation guidelines may be imposed in early to mid-November.

The university already has taken significant steps to reduce water consumption, such as stopping all outdoor watering from the municipal water supply, accelerating the change of bathroom fixtures in residence halls and resident instruction buildings to low-flow devices, aggressively pursuing identification and repair of any water leaks, shutting down campus fountains and banning pressure washing, reducing operation hours on building chillers, and discontinuing washing campus vehicles (except for refuse trucks due to health concerns). University departments should do all they can to

reduce water consumption without compromising standards of cleanliness and public health.

The university's Task Force on Water Resources will issue a written report in mid-November in which it will make recommendations to further reduce water use in the event of increased county-mandated water restrictions, as well as recommendations regarding sustained water conservation efforts and potential methods for increasing the university's water supply, both now and in the future.

The Task Force fully recognizes, however, the necessity for implementing further water saving practices immediately, and therefore urges everyone to incorporate the following common sense practices into their daily routines at work and at home:

1. reduce water usage to the maximum extent feasible in work and research-related activities;
2. limit showers to two to five minutes and use water only for wetting and rinsing;
3. do not leave water running while brushing teeth, shaving, soaping hands, or washing dishes;
4. avoid flushing toilets multiple times;
5. operate washers and other cleaning appliances with full loads only;
6. turn off all faucets tightly; and
7. immediately report any leaks to building administrators, Physical Plant at (706) 542-7456, UGA Housing at hsgwkodr@uga.edu, and emergencies after hours (such as broken water mains) to University Police at (706) 542-0090.

For additional tips, consult the university's website at www.uga.edu/aboutUGA/water_tips.html.

It is the duty of each member of the university community to become educated about the severity of the situation and consciously conservative in water use. Remember, every drop counts!

Updates to the University's Task Force on Water Resources can be found at:

<http://www.uga.edu/WaterResourcesReport.pdf>

Volunteers Needed
Emergency Preparedness Drill Set for
December 20, 2007

The University of Georgia, in conjunction with the Athens-Clarke County Fire & Emergency Services, the Athens-Clarke County Police Department, the Oconee County Emergency Management Agency, St. Mary's Hospital and the Athens Regional Medical Center, will be conducting a mass casualty full-scale exercise.

There will be required orientation sessions prior to the exercise to let all volunteers know what is expected of them. Volunteers should wear old, loose fitting clothing and comfortable shoes for the exercise. It is recommended that jewelry not be worn during the exercise. Participants may be outside for an extended period of time, so dress warmly.

Please contact the Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness with any questions.

Registration is available from the OSEP Web site www.osep.uga.edu under the "Volunteer" link.

UGA Alert
 Emergency Notification System
<http://ugaalert.uga.edu/>

Although college campuses are usually safe places, emergencies and disasters do occur. UGA is committed to keeping you as safe as possible through effective communication prior to, during, and following emergencies. *UGAAlert* allows you to receive emergency messages on multiple devices. You may identify as many as three phone numbers and two email addresses for receiving emergency notifications. To register, you must have a valid [UGA MyID](#).

- [Proceed to registration](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Access information regarding any current emergencies



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OSEP Web site Redesigned....
NEW LOOK, NEW FEATURES

The Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness has completed the redesign of its Web site. The updated site features user friendly links to campus alert systems, emergency planning efforts at UGA, OSEP publications and more. The Building Safety and Security Representative section provides quick links to registration, policy, training and downloadable forms.

"WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?..." theme provokes awareness of what to do in case of an emergency. Visit the site often for news updates and information regarding emergency preparedness issues.

Campus Event:



UGA SAFETY FAIR
December 20, 2007

The University of Georgia Physical Plant Division is hosting a Safety Fair on campus that will focus on safety products and services.

The fair will include safety demonstrations as well as displays of safety products.

For more information, contact Hope Thomas, Safety Coordinator, UGA Physical Plant Division.

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