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Featured Article



UGA CERT Comes to Campus

The intent of the UGA Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is to educate the University community (faculty, staff and students) about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact the campus. Specifically, the program will provide training in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. These skills will assist UGA CERT members in their reaction to natural disasters and other large emergencies on campus during the first 72 hours following an event. The training which involves a 9 week commitment allows UGA CERT members the ability to assist in giving critical support to other faculty, staff, students and visitors in the event of a campus disaster. The UGA CERT program is a coordinated effort between the UGA Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness, the East Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Athens-Clarke County Fire Department.

► What are the benefits of participating in UGA CERT?

- Enhanced & consistent training for campus responders
- Working knowledge of response procedures during a campus emergency
- Participants receive a free backpack containing emergency preparedness items

- Volunteer opportunities to assist with campus drills, exercises and other activities
- Formal graduation ceremony and certificate of course completion

► What classes are involved in the program?

Fire Safety
Disaster Medical Operations
Light Search and Rescue
CERT Organization
Disaster Psychology
Terrorism Preparedness
Basic First Aid
Includes a “hands on” practice during a simulated emergency exercise

► How do I register for the program?

Participants, using their MYId, can register online for the program via a link provided on OSEP’s website:

https://busfin1.busfin.uga.edu/osepforms/cert_login.cfm

► What is the time commitment associated with the UGA CERT Program?

UGA CERT participants are required to attend a weekly 2.5 hour class for 9 weeks.

► How can I find out more about the UGA CERT Program?

Visit www.osep.uga.edu/CERT for complete program details, including a FAQ section.

The inaugural **UGA CERT** Program began with the first class held on October 15, 2008. The 9 week course will end in December 2008. Due to overwhelming interest in the **UGA CERT** Program,

a second program is being finalized for 2009. If you are interested in being added to a wait list for the next program, participating in the **UGA CERT** program or would like additional information about the program, please contact the Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness (OSEP) at (706) 542-5845 or email OSEP at osep@uga.edu. Updates and registration information will be posted on OSEP's website www.osep.uga.edu as they become available.



November Basic Emergency Preparedness Class

Space is still available for this informative class. Register today.

November 11, 2008
9:00 – 11:30 am

UGA Training & Development Center

Individual preparedness is the responsibility of all faculty, staff and students on the UGA campus. Everyone should know how to prepare, respond to and recover from an emergency or disaster, both at home and in the workplace. This class will help prepare members of the UGA community to respond appropriately to various building level emergencies and campus emergencies. The class includes a demonstration of the departmental "GRAB AND GO" emergency kit as well as a question and answer session.

Class details and registration link is provided on OSEP's homepage at www.osep.uga.edu.



We'd like to hear from you...
Please email us at osep@uga.edu
or call us at 706-542-5845.

UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENT



Diseases - What's Next... How Are We Preparing?

Academic-Professional Security Series

Hosted by:

UGA Office of Security and
Emergency Preparedness
UGA Center for International Trade and Security

Friday, November 21, 2008

8:30 am – Noon, Room K-L

**Georgia Center for Continuing Education
(Open to the public and no registration required)**

Speakers

- Dr. Chris Whalen, UGA College of Public Health
- Dr. Corrie Brown, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine
- Dr. Stan Edwards, Northeast Health District

Topics:

Theory behind biological outbreaks
Zoonotic diseases (animal to human disease transfer)
What diseases should concern the public, likelihood of new diseases
Public health response to biological outbreaks
Question and Answer Session



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