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Office of Security & Emergency Preparedness Bulletin

January 2006

Featured Article

Changes in the Office of Security Preparedness

Over the past twelve months, the Office of Security Preparedness has undergone several significant changes including the assignment of a permanent director, a name and address change, and the addition of a position. All these changes are intended to better enable the department to prepare the University to respond to large scale emergencies.

In July, Opal Haley was named permanent director of the Office of Security Preparedness. She held the position on an interim basis from February to July, 2005. Opal was the Director of UGA’s Training and Development Department for almost 20 years before joining the Office of Security Preparedness.

In August, the vacant Emergency Operations HTMF Manager position was restructured and reassigned from the Environmental Safety Division to the Office of Security Preparedness. The Emergency Operations Manager is responsible for development, design, revision, and testing of the University’s basic emergency operations plan as well as development of departmental specific plans.

Steve Harris, who has served as the School Safety Unit Manager with the Georgia Office of Homeland Security-Georgia Emergency Management Agency for the past six years, will assume the Emergency Operations Manager position on January 13, 2006. Steve, a former University of Georgia police officer, brings a wealth of experience related to emergency operations planning, security and risk assessments, exercise design and development,

specialized training, and incident response services. Steve has an undergraduate degree in History and Spanish from Georgia Southern University and a Master of Education from the University of Georgia. We welcome Steve back to the University of Georgia.



During November, the department relocated from the Chicopee Complex to the recently renovated Hodgson Oil Building. The proximity to the University of Georgia Police Department, Public Affairs, and Real Estate and Space Management provides the opportunity to collaborate more effectively in the event of a large scale emergency. The new mailing address is reflected at the bottom of this newsletter.

Effective December 15, 2005, the department was renamed the Office of Security & Emergency Preparedness to more accurately reflect the department’s overall responsibilities. We look forward to working with our campus colleagues to further enhance the University’s security and emergency preparedness capabilities.

Bulletins are available bimonthly. The issues assist in disseminating current security and emergency preparedness information from this office and other University units. Sign up to receive issues of **Readiness Rules** by e-mail. Click on “bulletin by e-mail” located on the [home / contact us](#) bar on the UOSP website.

Readiness Rules –“A Year in Review”

Our bimonthly bulletins provide information regarding personal safety, security, and emergency preparedness. These bulletins are available for reading or downloading from our website (www.uosp.uga.edu). Select “bulletins” under the AWARENESS section. Some featured highlights from the past twelve month’s bulletins are reflected below:

January 2005

Cyber Security – Part II

Stan S. Gatewood, UGA CISO, CIFI, Office of Information Security and Centaur Lab explains how your home computer is a popular target for intruders. A list is provided with five suggestions to make your computer more secure. (Part I of Cyber Security is available from the July 2004 bulletin found on our website’s homepage).

March 2005

Terrorism – Student Prospective

Adam Sparks, 2004-2005 Student Government Association President, provides a personal view about terrorism and campus security. He relates his experience regarding how safe he felt traveling through Morocco and Tunisia. His observation was that “perhaps the most frustrating obstacle for students is poor quality of information most of us feel we possess concerning our safety.”

May 2005

USA PATRIOT Act Impact on the University of Georgia

S. Elizabeth Bailey, Associate Director for Legal Affairs, University of Georgia, concentrated on four major issues that have been addressed by UGA since the USA PATRIOT Act was passed.

The four issues included discussions on:

- Amendments to FERPA
- Amendments to Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act
- Legislation Restricting the Use and Possession of “Select Agents”
- Legislation Impacting Information Technology

July 2005

Preventing Crime on Campus: A look inside the UGA Police Department’s Crime Prevention Bureau

The University of Georgia Police Department’s Crime Prevention Bureau is committed to educating the University’s faculty, staff, and students in lessening the opportunity to become a victim of a crime. Contact the Bureau at (706) 542-0104 or (706) 542-0411 for additional information.

September 2005

Take Action During National Preparedness Month

Mike Sherberger, Director, Office of Homeland Security-Georgia Emergency Management Agency, provides information about Georgia’s resources that keep residents safe statewide.

In addition to the featured article, this issue promoted National Preparedness Month by providing information for the Emergency Preparedness Showcase and Lecture Series hosted by the University Office of Security Preparedness.

November 2005

Ready or Not, Here it Comes

Ryan Logan discussed the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in this issue. Ryan is the Emergency Services Director for the East Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Athens-Clarke County CERT Program Director. University of Georgia faculty, staff, and students who had completed the CERT program were also recognized.

Also in this edition, the article “UGA’s Role in Katrina Relief Effort” detailed the efforts the University of Georgia played in providing shelter for over 600 evacuees at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Putnam County.



Upcoming Issue: Avian Flu