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Featured Article

Keeping Bulldogs Safe

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Along with the horrors and anguish of September 11 came a new mindset for all Americans. Highly-attended, high-profile, public events have increased as a viable target to terrorism. This has always been the case on the international scene (1972 Summer Olympics, 1996 Summer Olympics). However, with the attacks on our native soil, arenas across the country have taken steps to lessen the probability of a similar tragedy.

This was seen first-hand by thousands of Bulldog fans with the inception of additional security precautions immediately following the terrorist attacks in the Fall of 2001. Commencing with the first University football game after the attacks, new policies and procedures were put in place by the Athletic Association to offer both a sense of safety and provide a more secure environment.

In conjunction with University Public Safety, a review of current policies resulted in the addition of personnel through the stadium's event services provider and more restrictive procedures. This increased the manpower to carry out the new policies, while offering a general increased presence and visible deterrent. Some of these policies included: prohibiting large bags from entry into the

stadium, inspecting all other bags that fit the size requirements and intensified vehicle surveillance in and around the stadium. Additional law enforcement officers were also hired to assist with stadium security operations, and federal guidelines were enacted to restrict the air space above and around arenas nationwide.



These policies are still in effect three seasons later. Sanford Stadium is not the only Association venue with these security policies. Our other ticketed events (basketball, gymnastics and baseball) also restrict what can and cannot be brought into the facility. While some policies and procedures may temporarily inconvenience some spectators, in the long term, the measures are warranted and indeed prove integral for the overall effectiveness of our operations.

Each year, these policies and the safety of those attending athletic events are discussed among the Athletic Association, University Public Safety, and local law enforcement. The possibility of future terrorist activity will almost certainly be a factor in event planning for years to come. We will do everything in our power to ensure that Bulldog fans, staff, and athletes can enjoy a safe and secure environment.

Bulletins are available bimonthly. The issues assist in disseminating current security 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”

The information in the bimonthly bulletins, during this past year, provided a base of knowledge as a guide for personal safety and security preparedness. These bulletins are available for reading or downloading from the UOSP website www.uosp.uga.edu under the AWARENESS section, **Readiness Rules (bulletins)**. Featured highlights are provided from the past twelve month’s bulletins:

September 2003

SEVIS and The University

The first issue of Readiness Rules introduced the new bulletin and featured Fausto Sarmiento, Director of the Office of International Education, who describes the Student Exchange Visitor Information System and how it affects students at UGA.

November 2003

WHO IS THAT IN OUR BUILDING?

Ralph Johnson, Associate VP for Physical Plant, promotes awareness among faculty and staff regarding wearing UGA identification.

January 2004

Common Flu versus Anthrax:

How do you know?

Ronald Forehand, MD, Captain, US Navy (Retired), Chairman, Medical Staff, University Health Center, describes the difference between flu and anthrax and its effect on people.

March 2003

Agroterror

Dr. Corrie Brown, Professor and Coordinator of International Activities, College of Veterinary Medicine, UGA, explains the effect of agroterror on animals and plants.

May 2003

Campus Security: Designing Against Terrorism

David Spooner – Assistant Professor, Landscape Architecture, School of Environmental Design explains how landscape design can help prevent easy unauthorized access to buildings.

July 2003

What is Information Security?

Stan S. Gatewood - UGA CISO, CIFI, Office of Information Security and Centaur Lab, describes the four basic Information Security tenets - Data Integrity, Secrecy (Confidentiality), Authentication, and Non-repudiation.

What NOW?

If the campus is to survive a terrorist attack, knowledge gained from experts in the field is important in relieving anxiety and calming fears in order to save lives. Information pertinent to individual safety and security as well as other related information will be presented by a combination of experts from UGA, local, and state authorities in future issues.

In addition to the UOSP bimonthly bulletins, assembling an emergency kit plays an important part in personal preparedness. The UOSP brochure “**Grab and GO!**” provides information on how to prepare an emergency kit. This brochure can be downloaded from the UOSP website, www.uosp.uga.edu, under the AWARENESS section, **UOSP Brochures**.



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