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## Featured Article

### **September is National Preparedness Month**

“National Preparedness Month 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 2006 is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The goal of the month is to increase public awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies and to encourage individuals to take action. Throughout September, Homeland Security will work with a wide variety of organizations, including local, state and federal government agencies and the private sector, to highlight the importance of family emergency preparedness and promote individual involvement through events and activities across the nation.” (Referenced from the Web site [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).)

As a National Preparedness Month 2006 Coalition Member, the Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness (OSEP) is hosting an Emergency Preparedness Showcase and lecture on campus. This will be the second year that OSEP has hosted a Preparedness Month Showcase and lecture in recognition of National Preparedness Month.

***For Governor Perdue’s National  
Preparedness Month Proclamation  
Visit [www.osep.uga.edu](http://www.osep.uga.edu).***

- ***“Pandemic Influenza:  
Perspectives from the CDC”***  
Speaker: Dr. Anne Schuchat  
Director, National Center for Immunization  
and Respiratory Diseases, CDC  
Thursday, September 21, 2006  
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm  
UGA Chapel  
(registration not required)



- ***Emergency Preparedness Showcase***  
Tuesday, September 26, 2006  
11am – 2pm  
Tate Student Center Plaza  
Displays • Prize Drawings • Demos • Information



2005 Showcase

## What Can I Do to Prepare for Emergencies?

While state and local governments are spearheading preparation and response efforts, individual preparedness is the cornerstone of emergency preparedness and response. Our office encourages you to take action during National Preparedness Month by taking the following steps:

- **Get a Kit** - Get a kit of emergency supplies that will allow you to survive for at least three days in the event an emergency happens. The kit should include basic items like water, food, wind up or battery powered radio & flashlight (with fresh batteries), and a first aid kit. Visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for a more detailed listing of kit items.
- **Make a Plan** - Plan in advance what you will do in an emergency. Your plan should include a communications plan and address sheltering-in-place and evacuation situations. Preplan several evacuation routes.
- **Be Informed** - Learn more about different threats that could affect your community and appropriate responses to them.
- **Learn More** - Go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and [www.redcross.org/preparedness](http://www.redcross.org/preparedness) for a complete list of recommended supplies for your disaster kit and for templates to help get you started on a communications plan. You will also find information about natural disasters and potential terrorist threats including biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological emergencies.
- **Get Involved** - After preparing yourself for possible emergencies, take the next step: get training in first aid and emergency response and get involved in preparing your community.
  - Learn CPR.
  - Receive disaster preparedness training through the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
  - Volunteer with the Medical Reserve Corp
  - Volunteer with the American Red Cross

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Here are a few scenes from the 2005 Emergency Preparedness Showcase:



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