The University of Georgia Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) provides a comprehensive homeland security and emergency management program for the University of Georgia in order to save lives, protect property, promote continuity of operations, and reduce the overall effects of large-scale disasters. This annual report reflects major programs, initiatives and training during fiscal year 2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017).

Major Accomplishments
- OEP hosted 3 interns who provided 1010 total hours of project assistance
- Introduced the national Stop the Bleed program on campus by installing over 300 bleeding control kits in AED cabinets and UGA vehicles and trained nearly 400 volunteers through 24 classes
- Introduced the LiveSafe mobile safety app to the campus in collaboration with the UGA Police
- Purchased and implemented new Emergency Operations Center/situational awareness software
- Transitioned to a new AED program management vendor, including a centralized billing process
- Developed the UGA Golf Course venue emergency action plan for the 2017 NCAA Women’s Golf tournament and revised the Foley Field baseball and Stegeman Coliseum basketball/gymnastics venue emergency action plans for UGA Athletics

Program Initiatives
- Coordinated 44 new Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) program additions, including the replacement of all the AED units associated with the UGA Griffin and Tifton campuses
- Held two UGA CERT 8-week, new member training sessions which added an additional 24 faculty, staff and students to the over 350 trained members in the program
- The UGA Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), in collaboration with the UGA College of Public Health, increased its membership to 122 members and participated in over 103 activities (community meetings, information fairs, training, exercises, etc.) where volunteers contributed over 1,050 hours
- Distributed 426 emergency guidebooks for faculty and staff and 2,677 wallet-sized emergency guidebooks for students
- Installed over 402 emergency posters and podium cards in 27 buildings on all UGA campuses

Service and Outreach
- OEP staff participated in over 20 campus, community and regional boards/standing committees
- Conducted or participated in 25 emergency drills and exercises on campus and in the community
- Provided training to over 23,000 students, faculty, staff and parents through 197 training sessions
- Distributed over 14,000 departmental emergency preparedness materials (brochures, newsletters, NOAA radios, emergency posters, etc.) to faculty, staff, students, visitors and parents
- Trained over 235 campus volunteers on CPR/AED use and two OEP staff members became CPR/AED Instructors. An AED saved a conference attendee’s life at the UGA Fortson 4-H Center with the assistance of trained UGA staff in April 2017.
- Managed the Kassinger Scholarship application process and awarded two $1,800 scholarships to a graduate candidate from the University of Georgia Police Department and an undergraduate candidate from the Athens-Clarke County Police Department.
- Assisted over 50 institutions of higher education across the nation with technical assistance and through sharing of resources, templates and OEP department structure information, including Cornell, Texas A&M, Indiana University, Arizona State University, University of Texas, UMass Amherst, University of Hawaii, Virginia Tech, Cal State Fullerton, Georgia Tech and others.