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 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019).

Major Accomplishments

- Completed website and training material updates for the University System of Georgia (USG) Plan, Prepare, React: Active Threat Response Options program utilized by all USG institutions and technical colleges in Georgia
- OEP hosted 4 interns during the fiscal year who provided 988 total hours of project assistance
- Transitioned the overall UGAAlert registration system to a new vendor-hosted portal and added the UGA Skidaway Marine Sciences Campus to the UGAAlert system
- Assisted with 23 new departmental business continuity plan completions (over 200% increase over previous FY)

Program Initiatives

- Coordinated 26 new Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) units and installed 93 new bleeding control kits (over 450 total in place), including kits on all campus transit buses
- Added 26 new members to the UGA CERT program (400 members overall) and 35 new members to the UGA Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) program (187 members overall). Volunteers contributed 889 hours towards various community meetings, information fairs, training and exercises
- Hosted 17 student ambassadors for the academic year who coordinated a campus Stop the Bleed Awareness Week and provided several emergency preparedness presentations to UGA student organizations
- Received $23,000 associated with various grants and $243,000 for Hurricane Irma
- Conducted or participated in 28 emergency drills and exercises on campus and in the community

Service and Outreach

- OEP staff participated in over 20 campus, community and regional boards/standing committees
- Provided training to over 7,660 students, faculty, staff and parents through 179 training sessions
- Distributed over 9,710 departmental emergency preparedness materials (brochures, newsletters, NOAA radios, emergency posters, etc.) to faculty, staff, students, visitors and parents
- Distributed over 900 emergency guidebooks to faculty and staff on campus
- Held 23 CPR/AED certification classes and 22 bleeding control classes resulting in over 550 trained campus volunteers
- Completed a comprehensive safety and security site assessment at the request of the USG for South Georgia State College in collaboration with the UGA Police Department
- Managed the Kassinger Scholarship application process and awarded two $1,800 scholarships to an undergraduate and graduate candidate from the UGA Police Department
- Assisted over 42 institutions of higher education with technical assistance and through sharing of UGA resources, templates and policies, including Texas A&M, Brigham Young, University of San Diego, Syracuse University, U.S. Department of Education, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, University of Oklahoma, University of Tennessee, University of Iowa, Auburn University, George Mason University, Montana State University, Boise State University, Ole Miss, UCLA and others