The University of Georgia Office of Security & Emergency Preparedness (OSEP) provides a comprehensive 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 2009 (July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009).

Major Accomplishments

- Completed the “Plan, Prepare, React” Active Shooter Response Training program (video, training activity and presentation) to be used by all the University System of Georgia institutions
- Initiated the first UGA Community Emergency Response Team (UGA CERT) program and held two, 8-week training classes and two field training exercises to include over 40 faculty, staff and students
- Achieved over 98% participation in the campus Building Safety and Security Representatives (BSSR) program that designates building personnel to oversee security and emergency planning initiatives for each occupied building on campus
- Assisted the UGA Police Department with the federally grant-funded emergency operations center project to include identification of an event management software system

Program Initiatives

- Emergency Planning: Completed comprehensive updates to the UGA Emergency Operations Plan and to the University Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. Completed the UGA Companion Animal Shelter Plan with assistance from the Vet School and the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences
- UGA Alert System: Initiated the purge process with the assistance of UGA Enterprise Information Technology Services (EITS)
- Obtained two grants for departmental project work totaling over $30,000

Education, Service and Outreach

- Developed a departmental FaceBook page and began using this medium to advertise upcoming training classes, events, and to promote a message of individual preparedness
- Held three sessions of the Academic and Professional Security Series to bring together public safety professionals and academics to increase collaborative efforts on campus to address security initiatives
- Developed a new training program entitled “Dawg Watch: Preventing Acts of Terrorism on Campus”
- Expanded the membership of the monthly Safety and Security meetings to include federal and state agencies
- Provided assistance to the UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government by teaching disaster preparedness and incident management classes in China under the government civil servant exchange program

Specific Training Initiatives

- Conducted or participated in 11 emergency drills and exercises, including coordinating the statewide severe weather drill for campus and a full-scale active shooter exercise for the UGA and ACC Police
- Provided training to 16,263 faculty, students and staff through 150 training sessions
- Held 22 campus National Incident Management System (NIMS) training sessions serving 240 participants
- Distributed 12,900 departmental emergency preparedness brochures to the faculty, staff, students, visitors and parents