



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 2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018).

Major Accomplishments

- OEP hosted **3 interns** who provided **776 total hours** of project assistance
- Revised the UGA *Alert* activation procedures for the UGA Griffin and Tifton campuses, including the testing and evaluation for automatic tornado warning notifications
- Completed comprehensive safety and security site assessments in collaboration with the UGA Police for the UGA Skidaway Island facilities, the Savannah State University campus, and the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine facilities and farms
- Developed the Sanford Stadium Mass Casualty Incident Response Plan in collaboration with campus and community partners and completed updates for the Dan Magill Tennis Complex, Turner Softball Stadium, Soccer, the Equestrian Complex, and Spec Towns Track venue emergency action plans

Program Initiatives

- Coordinated **26** new Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and 7 emergency evacuation chair program additions
- Held two UGA CERT 8-week, new member training sessions which added an additional 21 faculty, staff and students to the over 370 trained members involved in the program
- The UGA Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), in collaboration with the UGA College of Public Health, increased its membership to 151 members (29 new members), and volunteers contributed 756 hours towards various community meetings, information fairs, training and exercises, including assisting Athens-Clarke Emergency Management with a hurricane information call center in September
- Hosted 17 student ambassadors who coordinated a campus AED Awareness week and provided nine emergency preparedness presentations to UGA student organizations reaching over 900 people
- Coordinated reimbursement efforts with FEMA for Hurricane Matthew (2016) and for Hurricane Irma (2017). Received \$206,838 associated with Hurricane Matthew and filed for \$360,000 for Irma.
- Renewed the National Weather Service StormReady certification for campus for another 3 years

Service and Outreach

- OEP staff participated in over 20 campus, community and regional boards/standing committees
- Conducted or participated in **27** emergency drills and exercises on campus and in the community
- Provided training to over **5,400** students, faculty, staff and parents through **196** training sessions
- Distributed over **11,000** departmental emergency preparedness materials (brochures, newsletters, NOAA radios, emergency posters, etc.) to faculty, staff, students, visitors and parents
- Held 24 CPR/AED certification classes (4-hours each) on campus and trained 335 campus volunteers
- Managed the Kassinger Scholarship application process and awarded one \$1,800 scholarship to an undergraduate candidate from the UGA Police Department
- Assisted over **30** institutions of higher education with technical assistance and through sharing of resources, templates and policies, including the University of Florida, Northeastern University, Louisiana State University, University of Connecticut, Virginia Tech, Rochester Institute of Technology, Oklahoma University, UCLA, Auburn University, University of Alabama and others