



The University of Georgia Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) provides a comprehensive 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 2020 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020).

Major Accomplishments

- Partnered with University Housing to implement an AED program for all of their residential and support facilities with the addition of 29 new AEDs to the campus program
- OEP hosted **2 interns** during the fiscal year who provided **608 total hours** of project assistance
- Developed four, brief emergency preparedness videos for use by faculty, staff and students on how to respond to severe weather, active threat situations, building evacuation and medical emergencies
- Assisted with **114** new departmental business continuity plan completions (30 plans were completed/updated in previous fiscal year)
- Assisted with the overall planning and coordination for the University's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic including the development of the Return to Campus Guidelines for Faculty and Staff, the Supervisor and Faculty/Staff training modules and distributed nearly 16,000 pieces of personal protective equipment to the state, locally and on campus

Program Initiatives

- Coordinated **39** new Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) units
- Added **62 new members** to the UGA Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) program (254 members overall).
- Hosted **23** student ambassadors for the academic year who participated in National Preparedness Month, Operation Safe Drive and shared information about LiveSafe with student organizations
- OEP partnered with the Disability Resource Center and the University Health Center to start a campus Yellow Dot program that provides emergency information about special populations to first responders

Service and Outreach

- OEP staff participated in over 20 campus, community and regional boards and committees
- Continued to market the LiveSafe mobile safety app (5,119 registered users)
- Provided training to over **2,786** students, faculty, staff and parents through **115** training sessions
- Distributed over **4,812** departmental emergency preparedness materials (brochures, newsletters, NOAA radios, emergency posters, etc.) to faculty, staff, students, visitors and parents
- Distributed over **250** emergency guidebooks to faculty and staff on campus
- Held **30** CPR/AED certification classes and **23** bleeding control classes resulting in over **750** trained campus volunteers
- Expanded the Stop the Bleed program with the addition of **137 bleeding control kits** on all UGA buses and in residential housing facilities (total of 590 kits on all campuses)
- Managed the Kassinger Scholarship application process and awarded one \$3,000 scholarship to a graduate candidate from the UGA Police Department
- Assisted a number of other institutions of higher education with technical assistance and through sharing of UGA resources, templates and policies

Note: The University of Georgia experienced a temporary closure/suspension of in-person classes from March 12, 2020 until the end of July 2020 that affected many of OEP's training and programs.