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Department of Safety and Security Emergency Management

2023 Annual Report

UVAEM AT A GLANCE



Message from the Director

Our team leads the University's planning, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery efforts. This is accomplished in collaboration with partners across Grounds, at our separate campuses, and with the community at-large, to continually improve the University's preparedness and resiliency. We do this through a strategic program that encompasses planning, training, exercises, outreach, and response to both emergencies and planned events.

UVA's Office of Emergency Management (UVAEM) facilitates preparedness activities, organizes and coordinates the University's response and recovery efforts, and maintains mitigation strategies based on the hazards that make us most vulnerable.

Mission: The Office of Emergency Management facilitates a comprehensive emergency management program to ensure the University and its Medical Center are prepared to respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters that impact UVA, to maintain the continuity of teaching, research, patient care, and essential services to our community.



PLANNING

Our office conducted the annual review and update of the Critical Incident Management Plan (CIMP), as well as the enterprise Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). Our office also reviewed and updated **four** of our standalone emergency plans, **five** of our CIMP annexes and the University's Emergency Procedures Guide and Poster.

Building Emergency Action Plan (BEAP) Program

Our office also completed the initial rollout of the BEAP Program, which aims to improve emergency preparedness across Grounds and identify points of contact to support emergency response efforts. In June, the first annual BEAP Summit was held with 57 of the University's Building Emergency Coordinators and Alternates in attendance to learn more about how to prepare their buildings for emergencies.





State Coordinated Regional Shelter Plan

We developed a new plan this year which focuses on how to support the opening of a State Coordinated Regional Shelter on Grounds in the event of a large scale disaster occurring in the state.

Emergency Action Planning (EAP)

We also developed **16** Event Action Plans throughout the year to support special event operations on Grounds.

OUTREACH

Throughout the year, our office held **49** total outreach events reaching **3,132** members of the University community. In partnership with other units in the Department of Safety and Security, **21** Active Attacker Prevention, Response, and Notification trainings were offered reaching a total of **858** faculty, staff, and students. Our office also held **14** Emergency Preparedness trainings reaching **822** faculty, staff, and students.



Orientation & New Student Programs Resource Fair

We also had the opportunity to meet with **1,293** new first year and transfer students and their families over the ten summer orientation sessions.

Cornerstone Program

Our outreach highlight of the year was the tremendous support we received from the Cornerstone Program Team that helped us revitalize our approach to student engagement.



TRAINING AND EXERCISE

The Training and Exercise Program is responsible for coordinating with University and regional stakeholders to train and exercise on plans that are identified in our Integrated Preparedness Plan. We onboarded **71** new members to our Critical Incident Management Team (CIMT), Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT), and Special Event Command Post Team (SECPT). Throughout the year, our office held **eight** exercises with a combined total of **329** participants.

Disaster Recovery Tabletop Exercise

In January we assisted Information Technology Services (ITS) with their discussion-based Disaster Recovery exercise.

Authorized Sender Drill Program

A total of **29** authorized sender drills were completed, which tested the ability of the participants to properly activate the University's emergency notification system. Of the **29** drills, **10** included drilling siren activation and **four** included hospital integrations.

CIMT Tabletop Exercise

In August a tabletop exercise was conducted with the CIMT to test response and recovery operations to a civil unrest scenario.





Regional Railroad Tabletop Exercise

In August a tabletop exercise was conducted by Norfolk Southern Railroad with UVA and regional public safety partners to test response operations to a train derailment near the UVA Medical Center.

SEPARATE CAMPUSES

Separate Campus is a Clery Act designation for locations owned or controlled by an institution that is not geographically contiguous with the main campus, has an organized program of study, and at least one person on-site acting in an administrative capacity.

Darden Sands Family Grounds

Located just outside of our nation's capital, Sands Family Grounds, serves as the home base for Darden's Executive MBA, Part-Time MBA, and the UVA Darden/McIntire Master of Science in Business Analytics and Darden Executive Education Washington D.C. programs.





Mountain Lake Biological Station

Mountain Lake is a full-service residential field station atop Salt Pond Mountain in southwest Virginia. Mountain Lake hosts field courses as well as research experiences, outreach activities, faculty-driven research projects, and more.

Morven Farm

Morven is a sustainability lab located in central Virginia. Morven offers various courses in the summer, youth programs, and is the host of several external events in their historic buildings.



Richmond Center

UVA School of Nursing is co-located with Virginia Tech in Richmond to provide RN and BSN programming.



At the University of Virginia, there are five Clery designated separate campuses, four of which utilize UVAEM for their emergency procedures, alerting, trainings, and exercises.

Trainings

We onboarded **10** new members to the Separate Campus Incident Assessment Group, who are responsible for attending conference calls when an incident occurs at their respective site.

Exercises

We conducted **four** separate campus tabletop exercises with a combined total of **33** participants including UVAEM, Clery, contractors, UVA departments, and local emergency management partners.



Separate Campuses Integrated Preparedness Plan

Our Separate Campus Coordinator developed the first Separate Campuses Integrated Preparedness Plan to outline how we will support separate campuses with planning, trainings, and exercises on a three-year cycle.

Authorized Sender Drills

Nine separate campus authorized sender drills were completed, which tested the ability of the participants to properly activate the University's emergency notification system.

COMMAND POST ACTIVATIONS

We activated the Command Post **14** times to coordinate with partners for special events that occurred on Grounds.



Final Exercises

The Command Post was activated for Final Exercises Weekend.

Wahoo Welcome

The Command Post was activated for the Wahoo Welcome Concert and Hoos Home Events.





Football

The Command Post was activated for all six home football games.

Lighting of the Lawn

The Command Post was activated for the 22nd Lighting of the Lawn.



AED PROGRAM

The University of Virginia is committed to maintaining the safety of all students, faculty, staff, and visitors to Grounds. To this end, we oversee and maintain the University's Public Access Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Program.

Public Access AEDs

UVA students, faculty, staff, and visitors can easily learn where AED's are located across Grounds by visiting the *Public AED List*.

Growing Program

The number of public access AED's continued to grow with a total of **242** across Grounds.





AED Maintenance

A majority of the public access AED's are inspected monthly by UVA's Facility Management.

CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PROGRAM

The <u>Emergency Management and Continuity of Operations Policy</u> was approved in November. Emergency and continuity of operations planning is a core responsibility of all University schools, departments, units and separate campuses.

The University has established a framework to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against the effects of a wide range of disasters and emergencies that includes University-wide standards for emergency and continuity of operations planning (COOP). This policy applies to all University schools, departments, units and separate campuses.

As required by <u>Governor's Executive Order 41 (2019)</u>, the University maintains a current institutional-level Continuity Plan that identifies the University's mission-essential functions and the primary business functions and resources (e.g., facilities, human capital, and IT) needed to perform these functions when normal operations are disrupted.

University-wide standards for emergency and Continuity of Operations Planning have been established to:

- Safeguard the welfare of faculty, staff, students, patients, and visitors.
- Protect university property before, during, and after a disaster or emergency.
- Preserve the University's mission of teaching, research, patient care, and public service.

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