

Update on Emergency Management Actions

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Emergency Management Organization

- A university-wide emergency management organization was approved by the senior leadership on October 23. It calls for the creation of an emergency management council to ensure that our policies and practices remain up to date. Individuals with management responsibility throughout the university are being identified and drills planned for 2008.

Information Technology

- Dedicated email server (for 15 minute email delivery) will be active in two weeks. Web interface for easy email authorization/sending by key administrators is operational
- “E-notify” alerts to top administrators are operational: OIT and News and Communication notify 200 administrators in the event of an emergency.
- Offsite web presence: Equipment and connections for offsite web presence at Stanford are complete.
- Installation of complete cellular coverage is underway.

Communications

- New emergency website has been activated (emergency.duke.edu).
- A brochure, wallet card, and magnet on emergency procedures for the Duke community have been completed and distributed to faculty, staff, and students.
- The new Clery Act campus alert process is operational.
- An article on Duke’s emergency response plans was featured in the November issue of Working@Duke, posted on Duke Today and shared with communicators across the university for adaptation in their publications. .
- Kemel Dawkins and Aaron Graves hosted the Primetime employee forum on December 11 to discuss Duke’s emergency response plans. Meetings also held or planned for Academic Council, DSG/GPSC, the Dean’s Cabinet, and other manager and staff groups.
- Text messaging – OIT is vetting three vendors, expects implementation sometime after end of academic year.
- Sirens and loudspeaker systems will be installed by end of June 2008