Greetings from EHS!

As the fall semester begins, the Environment, Health and Safety Department (EHS) is asking that faculty and staff supervisors direct the attention of their students and new employees to the posted Emergency Guidelines and Evacuation/Sheltering maps located in all university buildings. Additionally, Emergency Response Quick Reference Flipcharts have been distributed and posted in departments communicating UM-Flint’s procedures for a wide variety of emergency situations.

September is National Preparedness Month - Be Disaster Aware, Take Action to Prepare. Know what kind of emergencies or disasters can affect you in your community, make a family emergency plan and build a disaster supplies kit.

SIGN UP – UM-FLINT ALERT System. The University of Michigan-Flint has an Emergency Alert System designed to notify the campus community of a major emergency or campus closing. This Emergency Alert is part of many communication methods that the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and University Relations use during campus emergencies. Other methods include the public address system, building emergency alarms, regular campus emails and local news media. In order to receive these urgent notification alert messages, students, faculty and staff are encouraged to register for up to three communications devices, such as text message devices, cell phones or other phones. Registration is available by logging on and entering your information on the Student Information System for UM-Flint Students or Wolverine Access for UM-Flint faculty and staff. If you have already signed up, it is a good idea to log into the system and check that your contact information is still current/accurate.

Please take a few minutes to review the Emergency Guidelines with new students and staff. It is important that individuals are familiar with the Emergency Guidelines, evacuation routes, assembly and shelter areas, the location of emergency equipment such as fire extinguishers, AEDs, emergency eye wash and showers, spill kits, emergency telephones and that they understand emergency reporting procedures. Students, faculty and staff should program the DPS emergency telephone number (810-762-3333) in their cell phones for use in an emergency.

The Campus Emergency Response Plan (ERP) is available for viewing or downloading on the EHS web site.

Annual Emergency Drills and Exercises. EHS and DPS will be conducting evacuation drills in university buildings during the fall term. Both EHS and DPS are available to meet with individual units to discuss emergency planning, assist in designing department specific drills, or discuss any other related environment, health safety and training issues.

Additional Emergency Planning and campus Security Information and Resources. Information can be found by visiting the DPS website and the EHS website.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or require additional information about emergency preparedness planning or any other health related issue, do not hesitate to call us at 766-6763.

Have a safe year from the staff at EHS

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