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. Contact EHS if your department needs an extra copy.

SIGN UP – UM-FLINT Emergency 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 Department of Public Safety’s (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. Registrations is available through the Student Information System for UM-Flint Students or Wolverine Access for UM-Flint faculty and staff.

Please take a few minutes to review the emergency guidelines with new students and with new staff. It is important that individuals are familiar with the emergency guidelines, evacuation routes, assembly and sheltering areas, the location of emergency equipment, telephones and understand emergency reporting procedures. We are also asking students, faculty and staff to take just a few minutes to program the Department of Public Safety’s (DPS) emergency telephone number (810-762-3333) into their cell phones for use in the event of an emergency.

The Campus Emergency Response Plan (ERP) is available for viewing or downloading on the EHS web site at http://www.umflint.edu/ehs/documents/UMF_ERPaugust 2012.pdf

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

Additional Emergency Planning and Campus Security Information and Resources can be found by visiting the Department of Public Safety (DPS) website at http://www.umflint.edu/safety/ and the Environment, Health and Safety (EHS) Department's website at http://www.umflint.edu/ehs/

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

Have a safe year from the staff at EHS:

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