

The following is a highlight summary of emergency management items discussed at the March 20, 2019, UI Building Coordinators meeting. Please note this summary is not intended to be all inclusive nor does it reflect the complete context of all discussions. Instead, it should serve as a highlight of points discussed for those unable to attend the meeting and a reminder for those that were able to attend. Please contact the UI Office of Emergency Management (OEM) if you have any questions or concerns.

UI Flood Update/Outlook:

- Mitigation project completions impacted designation of flood categories. As a result of the completions and changes, FM is working to update the UI Flood Emergency Response Plan (FERP).
 - New Flood Categories for Iowa River at Iowa City are:
 - Action Stage: 21.0 ft.
 - Flood State: 23.5.0 ft.
 - Moderate Flood Stage: 24.5.0 ft.
 - Major Flood Stage: 26.0 ft.
- USACE current forecast (as of this morning) was for Coralville Lake to rise to approximately 708.5' between now and April 1 before going down. Of course this will be impacted by general weather conditions, rain fall amounts, melting of snowpack, etc.
 - Based on current forecasts, snowmelt crest most likely to occur April 10-25.
- Ensure your respective areas have a Business Continuity Plan (BCP).
 - Contact Risk Management with any questions about planning resources, approvals, etc.
- No immediate flooding threats to UI exist at the time of this meeting but OEM, in partnership, will continue to monitor.
- Great partnerships exist within UI, Iowa City, and Johnson County as well as with NWS, USACE, etc. Have confidence in the collaboration occurring in our community but also ensure your own preparedness both at work and at home.

EAP Update:

- Goal is to have final template ready to share prior to the end of this semester. Preference is to have them returned to UI Emergency Management prior to the start of the Fall Semester. Specific timeline TBD
- Gather information now. The previous template can serve as a guide of the type of information you will need to complete the new plan.
- Consider implementing a team concept for plan implementation and activation.

Exercises:

- Exercise "THE PLAN".
 - Drills and exercises are a simulation of an emergency situation and have multiple purposes:
 - Test and validate plans
 - Identify planning and procedural deficiencies
 - Clarify roles and responsibilities
 - Identify program improvement opportunities
 - Measure improvement compared to performance objectives
 - Improve coordination between internal and external entities

- Validate training and education
 - Increase awareness and understanding of hazards and the potential impacts of hazards.
 - Assess the capabilities of existing resources and identify needed resources
- We should plan, conduct, critique and document emergency response drills and exercises.
- Contact OEM for assistance and please share your after-action reports with us.
- Full-Scale Active Shooter Exercise at CRWC in August (before students return).
 - Extensive steps are taken to ensure safety of all involved and/or affected.
 - This is a Johnson County exercise that is occurring at UI in partnership with local agencies and organizations, including UI.
 - Primary exercise objective is to assess multi-agency response coordination, etc.
 - UI will also test various parts of our plan and plan annexes.
 - Stay tuned for more information as the date nears.
- ASHER (Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response): Topic being discussed on campus, especially when the topic of this exercise is brought up. Therefore, we wanted to provide some clarification and opportunity for discussion
 - This standard is a voluntary consensus standard from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Also, as a whole, we are not specifically mandated by NFPA. We should always consider the guidance of organizations such as NFPA and/ or other industry “best practices” as/if it applies to us and when possible.
 - If you are interested and want to learn more about this topic:
 - <https://www.facilitiesnet.com/security/article/New-NFPA-Standard-Helps-Facilities-Prepare-for-Active-Shooters--18314>
 - <https://www.facilitiesnet.com/security/article/Emergency-Preparedness-Requirements-in-NFPA-3000---18315?source=next>
 - EAP update will follow the “All-Hazards” approach and support the intentions of ASHER.

Severe Weather Awareness Week March 25-29

- ✓ Monday: Severe Thunderstorms
- ✓ Tuesday: Receiving Warning Information
- ✓ Wednesday: Tornadoes
- ✓ Thursday: Family Preparedness
- ✓ Friday: Flash Flooding
- Wednesday, March 27, is the statewide Tornado Drill. There will be a test tornado watch issued by NWS at 10 AM with a test tornado warning issued at 1015 AM. Postponement may occur if severe weather is forecasted for our area that day. Updates will be shared if this occurs.
- As part of this test, the sirens on campus will be activated for the tornado warning and the campus community will receive test Hawk Alert messages to ensure that members of the UI community are able to receive timely emergency notifications. At a minimum for participation, we ask that when the sirens sound, everyone take a moment to consider what actions they would take to ensure their safety during an actual incident.
 - At this time, OEM has not been made aware of any buildings conducting actual severe weather sheltering drills but if you do, please let us know how it goes by providing an after-action report.
- Make sure to follow UI Police social media channels for additional information and tips related to severe weather awareness week.