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TO: The University of Arizona Community

I am pleased to submit the 2007 revision of the Campus Emergency Response Plan (CERP), the purpose of which is to safeguard lives, protect property, and preclude or minimize disruptions in the conduct of the academic mission and related support operations. Although no plan can encompass all emergency situations, this plan is our "All Hazards Approach" and our basic foundation for successful response and resolution to situations on campus.

The University of Arizona is committed to maintaining compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and our emergency plans through the UA Campus Emergency Response Team (UA CERT) structure. All responses to incidents on the campus will be managed in accordance with NIMS.

The 2007 revision has been updated to reflect current functions and responsibilities of the UA CERT and operational support areas/units, a succession line for the administrative operations of the university, and the inclusion of the interim policy concerning Pandemic Planning.

The day-to-day emergency operations procedures are contained in Volume I. Procedures for the longer term or catastrophic type situations, such as those that affect a significant portion of the campus, are outline in Volume II. Two new volumes were added to the CERP this year: Volume III addresses the "line of succession" and travel considerations for the President and the Cabinet, and Volume IV addresses the University's Pandemic Plan and Continuity of Operations during such times.

Each college and department is required to become familiar with the CERP and develop its own emergency plans, educate its employees, and exercise its plans to help ensure readiness, communication, and timely response to incidents as they arise. A copy of these plans should be filed with the Manager of Emergency Preparedness, Commander Brian Seastone, and should be updated annually. Commander Seastone is available to assist you with development, education, and training of your individual emergency plans.

Please provide your comments for improvement of the Campus Emergency Response Plan to Commander Seastone at 520.621.3507, or by email at seastone@uapd.arizona.edu.

The CERP and plans developed by each college and department should become a part of our everyday business and are critical to the successful resolution of incidents on this campus. Your knowledge and understanding of our emergency plans will enhance our ability to return to daily operations in a timely manner after critical incidents.

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President