



CAMPUS EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (CERP) INTRODUCTION

After the September 11, 2001 tragedy colleges and universities across the nation began to take an introspective look at their own emergency plans and procedures. This was due primarily to the mass of people and the invaluable assets at these locations that may be of interest to terrorists. A major concern was and still is the state of preparedness on college campuses to deal not only with terrorist actions, but also natural or human-contrived disasters as well.

It is impossible to anticipate every possible major emergency or disaster situation that may be encountered by the University of Arizona or the community, and equally impossible to prepare detailed plans for incidents where the nature and extent of the event or condition is not known beforehand. Emergencies and crises occurred on university campuses before the September outbreak of terrorism, but these tragic events have increased awareness of our need for preparedness. As such, we are developing plans that are not specific to one particular event, but is rather an “All Hazards Approach” to emergency planning.

As a result of the foregoing, the UA planning efforts to deal with emergencies, both short and long duration evolved into the development of the **Campus Emergency Response Plan (CERP)** consisting of five (5) volumes.

The purpose of the CERP is two-fold. First, is to facilitate the rapid gathering of knowledgeable personnel and information resources in order to better advise the President of The University of Arizona with respect to actions that should be taken if an emergency or crisis situation occurs. Second, is to provide a plan that can be used as a guide to mobilize University resources and those of external agencies, when needed, in order to address urgent requirements and preclude disruptions in the academic and support mission.

Volume I is the overarching base document/plan which defines and establishes the overall organizational and operational structure and concept for managing both short duration and longer duration emergencies. However, the focus is on managing short term (up to 24 hours) routine/day-to-day emergencies.

Volume II orients on (1) managing emergencies of a longer duration (those impacting a major portion or the entire campus, requiring additional administrative, logistical, fire, police or other emergency services) which threaten the University’s ability to continue its academic mission, and (2) recovery operations.

Volume III, one of three new volumes in this revision, addresses the Presidential Succession and travel of cabinet-level personnel.

Volume IV, the second newest volume, addresses Pandemic Planning and the Continuity of Operations for Colleges/Departments and Units of the university.

Volume V, the third volume added to this plan, addresses the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the basic fundamentals of NIMS, The University of Arizona has implemented NIMS as the standard for response to incidents and crisis situations.

These plans have been developed to be in accordance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the National Response Plan, as directed by Homeland Security Presidential Directives 5 and 8.

Due to the sensitivity of some of the information contained in these documents there will be two separate manual distributions, a complete manual with all documents and a redacted public manual (due to sensitive security information) available for more general distribution that will be posted on the UA CERT webpage.

Complete copies will be distributed to the following:

- President of the University of Arizona
- Provost/Executive Vice President
- Senior Vice President for Business Affairs
- Associate Vice President for Business Affairs
- Chair, UA CERT
- Executive Policy Members
- Manager of Emergency Preparedness
- Director, Risk Management and Safety
- Office of the General Counsel
- Each Dean
- UAPD (Communications Center, Mobile Command Post and Supervisor's vehicle)
- UA Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- As directed by the President or Manager of Emergency Preparedness

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