To: Campus Community
From: Eugene G. Sander, President
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Subject: 2012 Campus Emergency Response Plan Update

The Campus Emergency Response Plan (CERP) is the foundation for the university's response to critical incidents on our campus. Utilizing the four phases of emergency management—Prevention-Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery—the CERP has been developed to aid in our response to critical incidents affecting our campus. Although no plan can encompass every emergency or critical incident situation, the plans we have developed and continue to refine are considered "all-hazard plans" that will guide our response during natural or human-caused incidents.

In our planning for critical incidents and events at the University of Arizona, we are committed to using the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS). Applying these principles allows the organizational structure to expand and contract as necessary and enables other entities to meld quickly into the organizational structure.

The UA Campus Emergency Response Team continues to serve the university community as a multi-discipline group of university personnel who assemble and assist the Incident Commander with technical and logistical support. This team is vested with the authority to exercise and implement these plans and to mitigate and recover from critical incidents at the University of Arizona.

Each college and department is required to become familiar with the CERP and develop its own emergency plans, to support the CERP, educate its employees, and exercise these plans to ensure readiness, communication, and timely responses to incidents. These plans should be updated annually and sent to Commander Brian Seastone, Manager of Emergency Preparedness.

The 2012 CERP has been redesigned to be more user-friendly by incorporating graphs and bullet points and combining areas into three Volumes, 15 Functional Annexes and 10 Hazard Specific Appendices. The CERP can also be found on line at www.cert.arizona.edu.

Together we can help ensure that we are well-prepared to handle large events and critical incidents at the University of Arizona.