



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

**ANNUAL
REPORT
2019**

INTRODUCTION

Mission

To support our campus community of staff, faculty, and students to ensure that as a university we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards

Year Highlights

OEM has accomplished many goals over the year, but a few highlights are:

- Receiving StormReady Certification from the National Weather Service
- UH Emergency Notification System Workgroup receiving Everbridge Critical Impact Award
- Developing 4 new Emergency Plans – 3 University-wide and 1 Departmental
- Launched new sections of our website, including “Be Prepared” and “DisABILITIES Resources”
- Developing the EOC Liaison Program

Planning for All - Prepared to Respond

Looking Ahead

Our strategic vision and goals continue to focus on how the Office of Emergency Management can better prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards that can affect our community. This Annual Report and our Goals will help explain further.

PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A major component of our office is developing and reviewing plans. OEM maintains the Emergency Management Plan, Continuity of Operations Plan, Mass Evacuation Plan, Mass Notification Plan & Pandemic Influenza Plan.

Plan Maintenance

- Over 28 Plans have been Reviewed/Updated this year
- New Veoci Templates and Tools have been developed to support incidents and special events
- Over 200 COOPs for Colleges, Divisions and Departments were submitted this year



Plan Development

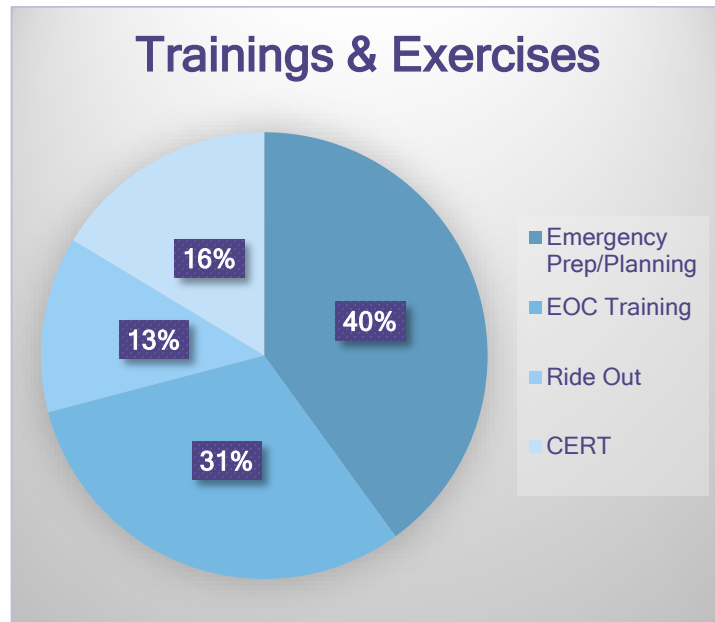
Four new plans have been developed this year by our office. These are:

- UH Mass Notification Plan
- UH Hazardous Weather Plan
- EOC Operating Manual
- UH Hazard Mitigation Annex

TRAINING AND EXERCISES

Trainings and Exercises of 2019

OEM participated in over 68 Trainings, Exercises and Outreach events in 2019



Exercises of 2019

- OEM participated or conducted 14 exercises in 2019. These include Outside Warning Siren System Tests, Campus-wide UH ALERT Test, Haz Mat Tabletop Exercise, Ride Out Team Functional Exercise, CERT Training Final Exercise, CERT Rodeo 2019 and a State Wide Hurricane Preparedness Workshop

By the Numbers

Below are just a few of our highlighted trainings and exercises

HIGHLIGHTED NAMES	DATE	ATTENDANCE	TRAIN/EXERCISE
Spring/Fall RA Training	Jan & Aug	150	Training
UH EMP/COOP Ride Out Functional Exercise	May 30	87	Exercise
Hurricane Preparedness Workshop	July 12	60	Training
Faculty Preparedness Symposium	Sept 13	40	Training
UHPD UHS Tabletop – Haz Mat	Nov 21	25	Exercise

Outreach

- SHRL Meet the Pros
- CRASE Training
- Orientation Information Fairs
- Cougar First Impressions
- MD Anderson Library Safety Day
- A&F Kick-Off Event
- Behind the Badge
- National Night Out
- Faculty Safety and Emergency Preparedness Symposium
- Monthly Press Releases



UH CERT Team at the CERT Rodeo 2019



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UH OEM Website for Resources

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SPECIAL EVENTS

IAP Creations

OEM is responsible for creating Incident Action Plans for all major events on campus. These range from sporting events to large campus wide gatherings.



Special Events Supported

Our office has worked and supported over 20 events including UH Football Games, UH Men's Basketball, UH Spring and Fall Commencements, March of Dimes, Frontier Fiesta, and any other large event that may occur on campus.

Football

5 Home Football Games with individual IAPs created and OEM support in Command Post

Basketball

Season Long IAP with OEM support in Command Post as Requested

Commencement

IAP for Fall and Spring Commencement with OEM support in Command Post

Other Events

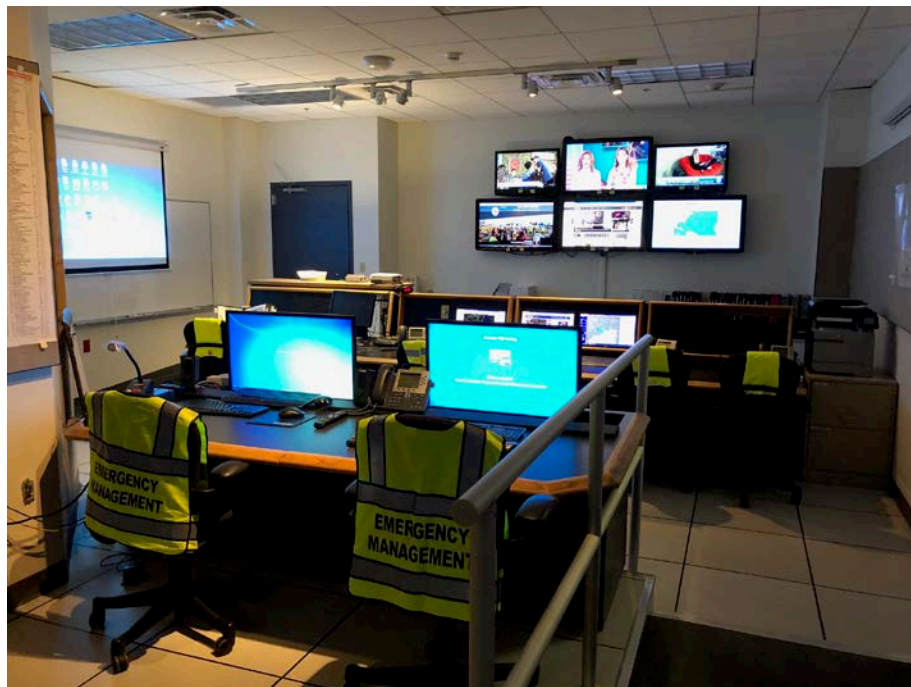
IAP creation with OEM support in Command Post as needed for large campus wide events.

“Hoping for the Best is Not a Plan!”

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER UTILIZATION

EOC Activations

- Tropical Storm Imelda – September 2019
 - Flood Event – May 2019
 - COVID-19 Response – Late 2019
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- The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is not only utilized for incidents that require support across campus, but also used as a daily monitoring location. The EOC consistently displays local and national media, weather resources, local and national media websites and our weather station. All of these channels can be changed based on the hazard we may be monitoring.
 - The EOC also supports the University of Houston Police Department by housing a redundancy system for their dispatch services and incident command. If Dispatch is not functioning for any reason, they are able to relocate to the EOC and fully function to support the campus community.



STORMREADY & YEAR AHEAD GOALS

StormReady Designation

The University of Houston is now recognized by the National Weather Service as being StormReady. This means the University has met a number of requirements regarding our ability to receive, disseminate and monitor weather warnings through the use of the University of Houston Police Department's (UHPD) Dispatch Center and the Emergency Operation Center.



2020 Goals

- Utilize Veoci to submit and compile all 200+ Department and College/Division COOPs
- Develop Outline for the Student Housing and Residential Life Continuity and Sheltering Plan
- Conduct Exercises and Drills that test the components of the UH Emergency Management Plan and UH COOP
- Create Cross Training Program for all OEM staff members to train on major job functions and tasks