



Office of
Emergency Management

**Division of Administration
& Finance**

2022 Annual Report

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 past year, but a few highlights are:

- Transitioned the University's response to the continued COVID-19 Pandemic to Occupational Health Services
- Hired a new Emergency Management Specialist to focus on the University's Continuity of Operations Planning Program
- Upgraded the Emergency Operations Center by upgrading equipment and installing a new multi-functional video wall
- Conducted multiple trainings and presentations in a virtual format
- Create Cross Training Program for all OEM staff members to train on major job functions and tasks

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 Plan.

Plan Maintenance

- 12 Plans have been Reviewed/Updated this year
- New Veoci Templates and Tools have been developed for the COOP Program
- Over 260 COOPs for Colleges, Divisions and Departments were submitted this year



Emergency Planning Committee

The Emergency Planning Committee consists of representatives from various campus departments and divisions. This committee works in partnership and participates to improve campus-wide emergency operations through campus-wide collaboration, coordination and the development of specific emergency procedures and processes. The representatives are responsible for providing support and giving direction within their area of expertise.

TRAINING AND EXERCISES

Trainings and Exercises of 2022

OEM participated in over 25 Trainings & Exercises in 2022

Exercises and Trainings of 2022

- OEM facilitated, participated, or conducted 21 exercises in 2022. These included:

Facilitated	Participated
UH ALERT Campus-wide Test – Spring and Fall	WebEOC Monthly Drill
SHRL Shelter in Place Drill – Spring and Fall	Nationwide Test of EAS
Community Emergency Response Team Drill	NWS Tornado Drill
UHS Active Shooter Tabletop	
Monthly Outdoor Warning Siren System Test	

By the Numbers

Trainings, Exercises and Presentations

Internal:

HIGHLIGHTED NAMES	DATE	ATTENDANCE	TRAIN/EXERCISE
Campus wide UH ALERT Test	February	53,116 Spring	Exercise
	September	56,554 Fall	
COOP Liaison Training	March	87	Training
UHS Active Shooter Tabletop	November	23	Exercise
Fall Residential Assistant Training	August	150	Training
CSS Building ERP Plan Training	August	30	Training
EOC Liaison Training	March	28	Training
Staff Council Emergency Preparedness	March	127	Training
Community Emergency Response Team	September	22	Training
Emergency Preparedness – Staff Council	March	127	Training
Hurricane Preparedness – Building Coord.	July	30	Training

External:

HIGHLIGHTED NAMES	DATE	ATTENDANCE	TRAIN/EXERCISE
UASI Peer Planning Workshop	October	37	Training
COOP – Building from the Ground Up	March	60	Training

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 15 events including UH Football Games, UH Spring and Fall Commencements, All Elite Wrestling, and any other large event that may occur on campus.

Football

6 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

IAPs for Spring 2022 & Fall 2022 Commencements with OEM support in Command Post

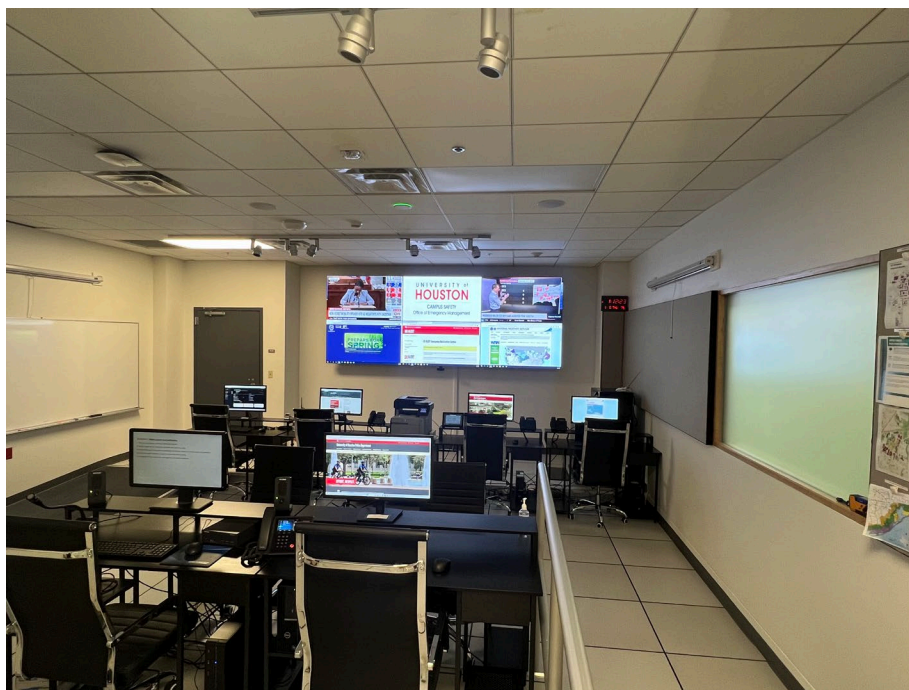
Other Events

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

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER UTILIZATION

EOC Activations

- Petroleum Smell GCSW – February 2022
 - Boil Water Notice – November 2022
 - Artic Freeze – December 2022
 - COVID-19 Response - Annual
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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 Re-Designation in 2023

The University of Houston is recognized by the National Weather Service as being StormReady. This means the University has met several 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. We will be applying for re-designation as a StormReady Institution in 2023.



2023 Goals

- Utilize Veoci to submit and compile all 200+ Department and College/Division COOPs
- Re-Designate the University of Houston as a StormReady Institution
- Exercise - UH Emergency Management Plan and UH COOP
- Implementation of the Campus Safety Strategic Planning Initiatives
- Key Performance Indicator Enhancements