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Emergency Management:

“The framework for the development, coordination, control and direction of an integrated approach to the management of all phases (preparedness, response, recovery, mitigation/prevention) and all types of disasters (natural and man-made) for all levels of the public or private sectors.”
Emergency Management

- Preparedness
- Mitigation
- Disaster
- Response
- Recovery
DRU = Disaster Resistant University

http://em.uoregon.edu/info/resources/

• *.edu email address required

• Narrowly focused as a discussion group for University/College Emergency Management practitioners

• Also includes academics

• Members:
  – 35 members in 2005
  – 125 members April 2007
  – 382 members mid-June 2008
You gotta have a program …
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Professional Program  
Positioned Correctly  
Team Effort  
Support of the Administration
Fallout from Virginia Tech

Virginia Tech:
1. Gun control
2. Student Mental Health
3. Wireless notification

Columbine:
1. Gun control
2. Student Mental Health
3. Active Shooter Training
This generation grew up with wireless
And we all learned how to “text”.
Distracted by the ‘disaster du jour’

- Do something! Anything!
- “I have the answers to all your problems.”
- When to use it; who makes the decision and who pushes the button.
- Only text?
- What else? Sirens, message boards, blue light phones, PA systems
- Sustainable
“Pandemic planning is nothing more than a business continuity plan based on the single hazard of excessive absenteeism.”
Pandemic Guidelines for College/Universities

1. Plan for dismissal of students
2. Plan to help students return home.
3. Plan for students who cannot return home.
4. Plan for alternate ways to provide continued instruction and services to students/staff.
5. Use of **social distancing** to reduce contact between adults in the community and workplace.
6. Develop a sick leave policy that does not penalize sick employees
Survivability of the institution: Tulane

- Closed for a semester
- Lost half of the student body
- Lost half of the faculty/staff
Survivability of the research

UC Santa Cruz:
2. The fire completely destroyed several labs, including the research lab of Professor Manny Ares, who lost more than a decade of work on the Human Genome Project.
3. Damage from the fire has been estimated at $4-5 million. The building was constructed in 1987, before fire codes required a sprinkler system.
Standards by which to measure the program
Questions?