

XVI. Mutual Aid Agreements

Since UGA's main campus is located within the Athens-Clarke County (ACC) jurisdiction, the University is included in the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) and receives assistance without the need for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The Athens-Clarke County Office of Emergency Management, and fire services are also provided to UGA as a service without a specific MOU. Discussions with the ACC Emergency Management Director regarding a MOU have indicated that a MOU is not necessary between UGA and ACC in order to continue to receive emergency management services.

For special emergency response teams and circumstances that fall outside the typical emergency response to citizens of ACC, MOUs and Mutual Aid Agreements have been established. The University maintains mutual aid assistance agreements with appropriate law enforcement agencies, details of which can be obtained from the University Police.

Primary ambulance services are provided by National EMS Service and patients are taken to either St. Mary's Hospital or Athens Regional Medical Center based on patient requests. Currently, there are no MOUs in place with National EMS.

Mutual aid agreements are retained by the participating department on campus and OEP maintains a copy on-file. Existing agreements with local emergency response partners include the following:

- Northeast Health District/UGA Letter of Commitment (Strategic National Stockpile Plan/SNS)
- Northeast Health District On-Call Emergency Pager Agreement
- Northeast Health District MOU/UGA Campus Transit
- Athens-Clarke County Police Dept.-HazMat Agreement-UGA
- Athens-Clarke County MOU (fire services)
- Athens-Clarke County /UGA Police Department MOU (explosive ordnance disposal)
- Athens-Clarke County /UGA Police Department MOU (emergency communications)
- Athens-Clarke County /UGA Police Dept. Agreement (Drug Task Force)
- Athens-Clarke County /UGA MOU (emergency warning system)
- Athens-Clarke County /UGA MOU (crowd control)
- Athens-Clarke County HazMat Team Assistance Letter
- St. Mary's Hospital Letter of Understanding
- Athens Regional Medical Center-UGA HazMat Facility Assistance Letter

Monthly Safety and Security Lunch Meetings

In addition to MOUs, the UGA Office of Emergency Preparedness coordinates a lunch meeting every other month for campus, local, state, and federal agencies that have public safety, emergency management or homeland security responsibilities. Regular attendees include representatives from the UGA Police Department, UGA OEP, Athens-Clarke County Police Department, Athens Tech, Athens-Clarke County Emergency Management, National EMS, Public Health, Athens Regional Medical Center, St. Mary's Hospital, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Attorney's Office, Georgia Emergency Management Agency, State Office of EMS and several other agencies. As a result of this