INTRODUCTION

This Crisis Action Guide was developed by the Florida Atlantic University Safety Committee to provide pertinent information for the University Community to respond to an emergency or crisis. Since no document can include every possible event, if a crisis occurs and you need assistance, please call either 561-297-3500 or 911 for assistance and/or response.

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The greatest responsibilities of FAU are to protect the health and safety of its people, preserve its physical assets, and protect the environment. In addition to that, all of us share in the responsibility for safety at Florida Atlantic University.

NOTIFICATION AND ALERT

Warnings of potential or actual emergency events such as; hurricanes, tornados, other severe weather, terrorism, toxic clouds, are received from local and state emergency management agencies, and/or local media. Once in receipt of the information, the President or designee with consultation and technical advice from applicable sources will decide on the applicable response. Emergencies such as; bomb threats, explosions, utility failures, violent crimes, fires, medical emergencies, terrorism, are normally reported directly to the University Police, Environmental Health and Safety, and/or Physical Plant who relay the information to University administrators.

Depending on the nature and extent of the emergency, some or all of the President’s Senior Staff and other key University personnel will be alerted. Each University unit is required to prepare and then respond, as well. If the emergency requires extensive decision making, or command and control that cannot be accomplished by routine measures, the Emergency Operations Center is activated.

Florida Atlantic University also disseminates information to the University community through FAU Alert. FAU Alert is system that uses the internet, tone and voice warning systems, telephone call out, text messaging, media, hotline, mass e-mail, social media and others methods as tools for information dissemination.