Safety Ambassadors

University of Pittsburgh
Office of Public Safety and Emergency Management
Department of Environmental Health and Safety
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UNSUCCESSFUL PREVENTION
Why didn’t you prevent this disaster?
Can’t you do your job?
You’re fired!

SUCCESSFUL PREVENTION
Your ridiculous paranoia made us waste a great deal of time and money.
And nothing ever happened! You’re fired!
Department of EM&P Core Functions

• Plan and Facilitate Public Safety’s Table Top Exercise (TTX) Program
• Responsible for the Emergency Operations Center
• Oversee Pitt’s Business Continuity Program
Table Top Exercises (TTX)

• Simulated Emergency or Crisis
• We Develop and Facilitate the Exercise
• Bottom Line: Gets everyone on the Same Sheet of Music
• EM Conducts Monthly TTX’s (Student Affairs, Housing, UPPD, Falk School, UCDC, PEC, EH&S, Ransomware, Regional Campuses, and Event Staff)
Emergency Operations center (EOC)

• We manage the information flow during a crisis or emergency
• Prepare for potential incidents by conducting indications and warnings efforts with relevant agencies
• Assist in the coordination of the emergency response with agencies that are outside of Pitt’s control (City, State, and Federal Agencies)
• Assist in the development of Public Safety’s Message during an Incident
• Physically set up and operate the EOC (This is extremely challenging because there is only one person in the Emergency Management section)
Business Continuity Program

- How do we continue operations at Pitt during a catastrophic emergency?
- We are developing a business continuity prevention and recovery plan, UPitt Ready, using the Kuali program
- UPitt Ready was initiated in Late 2018, but remained inactive until October 2021
- We provide training and guidance “We’re from the university, and we are here to help you!”
What is Business Continuity?

The goal of UPitt Ready, Pitt’s Business Continuity program, is to enable the university to maintain operations and services in the face of a disruptive or catastrophic event. The longer an institution takes to recover, the greater damage it sustains to its branding and reputation.
Why UPitt Ready Matters

• Unexpected Catastrophe

• Personnel Changes

• Institutional Knowledge
Additional Duties and Responsibilities

• Campus Climate Assessment Team (CCAT) member
• Executive Command Committee (ECC) Coordinator
• Assist with critical infrastructure Vulnerability Assessments
• Pitt’s point of contact with the National Weather Service and Weather Stem
• Represent Pitt at Regional Emergency Manager conferences and meetings
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