

Current FSU Safety Infrastructure

The list of items catalogued below represents the FSU effort put forth primarily between late 2003 until the time of the internal and external reports on the shootings at Virginia Tech in late 2007. In a number of cases these preparations were made even before that time period but were enhanced recently. The nature of the process of emergency preparedness dictates that these and others will continue to be a work in progress.

1. 800 MHz radio obtained via a grant for state-wide communications
2. Twenty-three Automated External Defibrillators on campus and regularly offered CPR training
3. Blended assignments in Emergency Operations Center (EOC) management and in emergency messaging and fire response liaison
4. Blue light emergency phones strategically placed around campus
5. Building Emergency Coordinators/ Building Access Coordinators
6. Business continuity planning
7. Campus-Citizen Emergency Response Team development, primarily consisting of students (Homeland Security Citizens' Corps-volunteers)
8. Chemical monitors—devices in limited locations for environmental monitoring
9. Development of the well-equipped FSU Emergency Operations Center
10. E-Team system in place to communicate with State of Michigan-web based emergency communications and asset management
11. Emergency Flip Charts –widely distributed multi-page, spiral bound cards with response information on a series of different emergency types
12. Emergency power generator for FSU Department of Public Safety
13. Emergency Notification Cards for Emergency Response Team members
14. Emergency Response Team-reorganization and development
15. Exterior lighting (health and safety and crime prevention by environmental design)
16. Facilities evacuation planning
17. FSU DPS Director assuming presidency on the executive boards of the Michigan Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators and the regional drug investigations unit CMET (Central Michigan Enforcement Team)
18. FSU DPS Dispatch functioning as a local service dispatch while relying upon the professional 9-1-1 emergency dispatching to be handled regionally—a two-tiered approach.
19. FSU DPS Officers are compliant with the current NIMS requirements. Ongoing training is conducted to maintain this level of commitment.
20. HAZMAT response team
21. Homeland Security Certification in the FSU Criminal Justice Program
22. Homeland Security Policy of the FSU Board of Trustees
23. Inclement Weather Policy and Procedure in the Business Policy Letter and related document

24. Marsh Risk Consulting guidance in the FSU Emergency Response Plan (included Kendall College of Art and Design)
25. Mutual aid compacts are in place to facilitate relationships with the surrounding jurisdictions. These agreements provide for a formal arrangement when assistance is requested from other agencies.
26. Newly offered courses and curricula aimed at sensitizing students to emergency response and preparedness (Sociology 390—The Sociology of Disasters and Emergency Preparedness)
27. Notify Quick / City Watch—automated phone dialing and message delivery systems that deliver multiple messages simultaneously.
28. Partnership with the local Amateur Radio Emergency Services / Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services group; an Amateur Radio station was established at Campus Police to aid in communications emergencies. This station is operated by FCC licensed operators who meet Mecosta County Emergency Management guidelines and the National Incident Management System (NIMS) training requirements.
29. Physical Plant Rapid Response Kits-keeps critical infrastructure functioning
30. Physical Plant specific response protocols (FSU Emergency Response Plan supplement)
31. Public Information Officer for emergency communications identified and trained
32. Region 6 Homeland Security Grants administration and leadership
33. Regional Law Enforcement Training Consortium led by DPS Assistant Director
34. Regularly scheduled employee health and safety training
35. Residence Hall flashlights stocked at DPS in large numbers as an emergency asset
36. Residence halls communication procedures
37. A walk-through magnetometer for weapons detection at events of concern—accomplished via a Homeland Security grant
38. Simplex Fire alarms and limited security system monitoring
39. SUV equipped for rapid police response
40. Table-top emergency exercises and drills
41. Training of University employees in the Incident Command System (ICS)
42. Updated DPS radio repeater—making this frequency booster narrow band compliant
43. Updated electronic signs across campus
44. Use of My FSU for Emergency Response Team group-page secure messaging
45. Utilities infrastructure assessment and mapping
46. Video recordings in limited locations
47. Voice data recorder in DPS dispatch
48. Weather and all-hazards alert radios (locations across campus)