

# 2019 UF Alert Summary & After Action Report



## Overview

The University of Florida (UF) strives to provide an effective emergency notification and timely warning system for students, faculty, staff and visitors. The system, branded as UF Alert, is consistently reviewed and measured for performance. When a significant emergency or dangerous situation is immediately occurring or threatening the health and safety of Campus, an **emergency notification** is issued. A **timely warning** is sent when the incident represents a serious or continuing, but not immediate, threat to students and/or employees. Messages are triggered by reports or confirmations of incidents within the University's Clery Act-defined geography. Generally, these boundaries include "reasonably contiguous" areas of Campus as well as public sidewalks, streets and opposite sidewalks along the campus borders.

UF Alert has five subscription areas:

- System-wide – The **UF Alert-Systemwide** service area provides notification to all locations regarding significant impacts to University operations or schedules.
- Gainesville – The **UF Alert-Gainesville** service area includes the University campus as well as other Gainesville facilities such as East Campus.
- Shands – The **UF Alert-Shands** service area comprises the UF Health Shands Hospital complex on and adjacent to the University.
- Lake Nona - The **UF Alert-Lake Nona** service area covers the UF Lake Nona Research & Academic Center Facility near Orlando, Florida.
- Jacksonville – The **UF Alert-Jacksonville** service area supports the UF Health Center in Jacksonville, Florida.

## Summary of Calendar Year 2019 UF Alert Messages

UF issued a total of seventy-four (74) messages covering thirty (30) separate incidents during the year. Of those incidents, twenty-three (23) involved UF Alert-Gainesville, three (3) for UF Alert-Shands, one (1) for UF Alert-Lake Nona, and one (1) for UF Alert-Systemwide. Included in the overall total is ten (10) Timely Warnings and two (2) test messages.

The table below lists the incidents and number of associated messages. Message content for each of the notifications is documented in *Attachment 1*.

**Table 1: UF Alerts Issued During the Calendar year 2019**

Incident	Number of Messages	Date Issued	UF Alert Recipient Group
Mass Casualty Incident Alert	3	01/03/19	Shands
Vehicle Fire – Garage 13	4	01/11/19	Gainesville
Hydraulic Fluid Spill – Museum Rd from Woodlawn Drive to Center Drive	3	01/30/19	Gainesville
Timely Warning – Simpon Hall (Residential Burglary and Battery)	1	02/04/19	Gainesville
Timely Warning – Simpson Hall Incident Update	1	02/07/19	Gainesville



Timely Warning – Florida Gym Area (Sexual Battery)	1	02/11/19	Gainesville
Armed Robbery – 3120 SW Archer Road	4	02/13/19	Gainesville
Armed Robbery – Jennings Hall	5	03/25/19	Gainesville
Gas Leak – Center Drive from Museum Road to Archer Road	5	03/26/19	Gainesville
Severe Weather Impacts	4	04/19/19	Shands
Timely Warning – 1000 Block of SW 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (Battery)	1	04/26/19	Gainesville
Shots Fired – 300 NW 18th Street	4	5/11/19	Gainesville
UF Alert Test	3	05/30/19	Shands
Timely Warning – 710 W Depot Avenue (Burglary)	1	06/08/19	Gainesville
Armed Robbery – 2601 SW Archer Road	3	07/02/19	Gainesville
Robbery – 1700 NW 2nd Avenue	4	07/18/19	Gainesville
Robbery – 2370 SW Archer Road	3	07/26/19	Gainesville
Timely Warning – 1995 SW Archer Road (Battery)	1	08/05/19	Gainesville
Hurricane Dorian Closure – University of Florida	1	08/30/19	Systemwide
Hurricane Dorian Closure – Lake Nona RAC	1	08/30/19	Lake Nona
Hurricane Dorian Update – University of Florida	1	09/02/19	Systemwide
Hurricane Dorian Update – Lake Nona RAC	1	09/02/19	Lake Nona
Timely Warning – Jennings Hall (Sexual Battery)	1	09/10/19	Gainesville
Timely Warning – Rawlings Hall (Sexual Battery)	1	09/18/19	Gainesville
Armed Robber – 3436 W University Avenue	6	09/26/19	Gainesville
Timely Warning – University of Florida campus (Sexual Battery)	1	10/07/19	Gainesville
Stabbing – 914 SW 8th Avenue	6	10/12/19	Gainesville
UF Alert Test	1	11/19/19	Gainesville
Timely Warning – SW 1st Avenue and SW 13th Street (Strong Arm Robbery)	1	12/11/19	Gainesville
Tornado Warning – UF Campus	2	12/14/19	Gainesville

## UF Alert Users Training

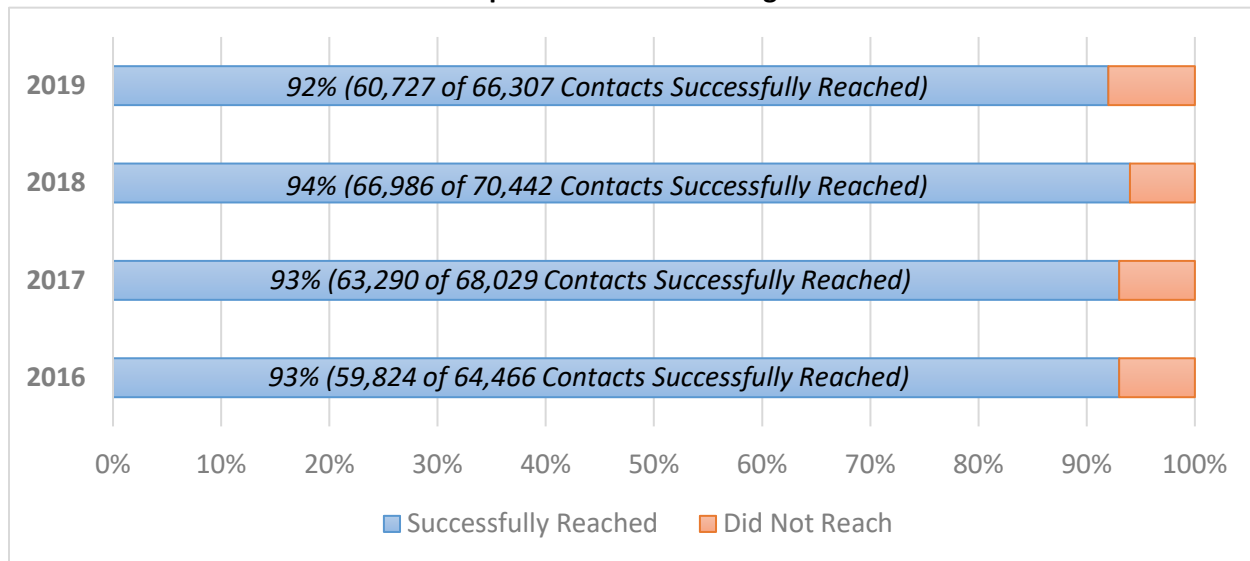
Users of the UF Alert system, who are authorized to send messages, are provided regular education and training opportunities. For University Relations, UF Department of Emergency Management (UFDEM) conducts training on a quarterly basis, requiring users to log in and initiate a test message from the InformaCast portal. University of Florida Police Communications Operators (PCOs) complete a monthly test administered by the Police Communications Manager. PCOs must demonstrate proficiency on InformaCast as well as Blackboard Connect. All new operators are presented with an overview training, outlining the UF Alert program and specific details of sending a message. Following an actual UF Alert, the sending PCO is provided with a written quality assurance review of performance and message wording. The purpose of the regular testing and training is to address and improve the human component behind commencing an emergency notification. UF Health at Shands Hospital and Lake Nona Research and Academic Center are responsible for training authorized senders for UF Alert-Shands and UF Alert-Lake Nona respectively.

## UF Alert Annual Test Results

In accordance with UF's Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, *Together for a Safe Campus*, as well as the *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act*, a coordinated test is conducted a minimum of once per year. In 2019, two UF Alert drills were held. For annual comparison purposes, this document will focus on the test administered on November 19<sup>th</sup>. The drill activated all notification methods: text messaging, email, VoIP mass notification, social media, web and RSS. The test messages were sent via the integrated InformaCast portal. Specifically, the test activated notifications directed to subscribers of "UF Alert -Gainesville." A UFPD PCO initiated the messages, including recording the audio portion.

## SMS/Text Messaging

Text messaging is sent through an interface with the University's SMS vendor, Blackboard Connect. The majority of individuals who did not receive the messages have either opted out of receiving texts from Blackboard or have entered an invalid telephone number in the MyUFL emergency contact registry. Performance is in line with previous years, as depicted in Table 2.

**Table 2: Annual Test Performance Comparison of Text Message Device Deliveries**

The text was initiated at 10:27 AM and completed by 10:39 AM. Delivery was attempted to 66,307 subscribers. Ninety-two percent (92%), or 60,727 devices, were successfully reached by the message. A detailed breakdown of the delivery results is provided in Table 4 below.

**Table 4: SMS/Text Message Detailed Delivery Rates for November 2019 Exercise**

	Number of Contacts	Percentage of Total
Text Email Sent	2030	3%
Sent to Carrier	2,624	4%
Delivery Confirmed	55,878	84%
Status Unavailable	195	0%
Text Not Sent	16	0%
Text Opted-Out	4,495	7%
Text pending Opt-In	527	1%
Invalid Text Phone	232	0%
International Text Not Enabled	227	0%
Text Deactivated	83	0%
	Total = 66,307	

## Email

Table 5 compares email delivery execution against recent annual tests. As clearly depicted, email performance was considerably below previous performance standards during minute one. Considerably more emails should have been delivered during minute one. The UF ALERT Working Group addressed the concern and subsequent UF Alert activations have demonstrated a correction of the issue.

**Table 5: Annual Test Performance Comparison of Email Deliveries During Initial Five (5) Minutes**

	Minute 1	Minute 2	Minute 3	Minute 4	Minute 5
2019	1,716	29,065	26,945	10,936	11
2018	6,621	7,927	8,053	6,022	5,825
2017	67,544	77	1	2	1
2016	65,003	19	57	1	40

### VoIP Mass Notification

A test audio and text message was sent to IP devices (telephones and speakers) maintained by the two campus telephone providers – Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Housing & Residence Education. At the time of the test, UF maintained over 17,000 IP devices connected to the InformaCast system.

Performance did not improve from 2018 tests for devices connected to the ICT server. Activation failures increased from 37 to 4,169 devices. There was a technology issue with the Housing & Residence Education activation, resulting in no audio broadcast. Follow-up research by UFIT determined a new configuration field had been added during a system upgrade. Once that setting was appropriately adjusted, subsequent messages were broadcast.

**Table 6: Detailed Results of IP Device Performance During November 2019 Exercise**

	Information and Communication Technology	Housing & Residence Education
Number of activation attempts	17,178	Error
Number of activation successes	13,009	Error
Number of activation failures	4,169	Error
Authentication errors	0	Error
Network errors	0	Error
Unknown errors	940	Error
Average time to activate a device	.7 seconds	Error
Maximum time to activate a device	5.62 seconds	Error
Minimum time to activate a device	0.0 seconds	Error
Broadcast initiated (HH:MM:SS)	10:27:45	Error
Broadcast finished (HH:MM:SS)	10:31:49	Error

**Table 7: Annual Test Performance Comparison of IP Device Deliveries**

	Information and Communication Technology			Housing & Residence Education		
	2019	2018	2017	2019 <sup>2</sup>	2018	2017
Total Number of Devices	17,178	17,010	16,134	Error	485	331
Number of Successful Activations	13,009	16,973	16,110	Error	470	325
Percentage of Successful Device Activations	75%	99%	99%	Error	97%	98%

(<sup>2</sup>Housing & Residence Education speakers did not broadcast audio during the test, misrepresenting successful activation figures.)

### Social Media

Both tests successfully posted to the Twitter accounts for UF Alert ([@ufalert](https://twitter.com/ufalert)) and the University of Florida ([@uf](https://twitter.com/uf)). The UF Alert account currently has over 9,000 followers. Changes made by Facebook to their application programming interface (API) have created disruptions to the integration of the account into the UF Alert platform. A message is pinned to the top of the account, advising followers that timely warning and emergency notifications will not longer appear as well as providing alternatives for reception, such as the GatorSafe app. Long-term solutions will continue to be sought.

### GatorSafe App

Android and iOS users of the GatorSafe App, with push notification enabled, successfully received the test message on their devices. Individuals can adjust notification preferences in settings for the app. The default set-up is to for UF Alert messages to appear as notifications on the mobile device. The app can be downloaded without cost by anyone from either the Google Play or Apple App Stores.

### Web

The message effectively posted on the UF homepage ([www.ufl.edu](http://www.ufl.edu)) during the test. The University's homepage provides an easily available outlet for those internal or external to the institution to view UF Alerts. Additionally, the test appeared on the University's mobile web application ([m.ufl.edu](http://m.ufl.edu)) as well as the official University of Florida app for iPhone and Android phones.

### RSS

A RSS (Real Simple Syndication) feed was created when both test messages were initiated, as is the case with all UF Alerts. These feeds allow anyone with a third-party RSS reader, such as Microsoft Outlook, to receive UF Alert messages. RSS feeds are available for each service area (Systemwide, Gainesville, Lake Nona and Shands) and are listed on the UF Alert website at [ufalert.ufl.edu/methods/](http://ufalert.ufl.edu/methods/).

## Areas for Improvement

The University works to improve the emergency notification process through a performance evaluation following each UF Alert activation. Enhancements, both technological and training, are continually occurring. Improvement items are tracked during regularly occurring UF Alert Working Group meetings. The Department of Emergency Management coordinates the Work Group, which normally meets on a monthly basis. From the 2019 fall exercise, one area was noted for improvement:

**Issue** – Housing & Residence Education phones did not activate during the annual test due to an additional message field (Play Time) added to the system during an upgrade and defaulted to “78.” The length of time was not sufficient enough to ensure all listeners hear the entire message.

**Status** – Issue has been resolved. UFIT increased the numerical value in the Play Time message field to “300” and subsequent alerts were heard on the Housing & Residence Education phones.

## UF Alert Program Goals and Successes

Several long-term goals are in place to drive enhancements and the future direction of the University’s emergency notification program. These aspirations are primarily developed and carried out through the UF Alert Working Group. Below are the desired improvements over the next five-year period as well as recently completed goals:

- **Integration of Housing & Residence Education InformaCast** (on-going) – During 2020, UFIT and Housing IT staff will begin coordination of a project to migrate IP devices registered in the Housing InformaCast server to the UFIT InformaCast server. Once completed, the Housing server will be removed from the UF Alert infrastructure. Due to the university-wide COVID-19 response and recovery efforts, the project was put on hold.
- **IP device replacement plan** (on-going) – With the allocation of UF Alert-specific funding, a programmatic maintenance/replacement plan is being implemented with UFIT to proactively address UF Alert VoIP telephones and end of vendor support status. The process involves replacement of IP telephones in academic classrooms, class laboratories and other locations updated devices.
- **Facebook Integration** (on-going) – Due to the removal of a Twitter feature allowing automatic Facebook posting, along with the previous removal of Facebook posting by InformaCast, no viable method is available for automated posting to that social media platform by UF Alert. Potential technologies will be researched and tested in attempts to address the issue.



## Attachment 1 – UF Alert Messages Sent During the Calendar Year 2019

(Message Content from UF Alert Emails)

### UF Alert-Shands

Thursday, January 3, 2019, 04:22 PM

Mass casualty incident, patients arriving at Shands. Respond as directed for your department.

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### UF Alert-Gainesville

Friday, January 11, 2019, 11:02 AM

Vehicle Fire at Garage 13/ TAPS. Evacuate immediately if inside. Avoid area. Details to follow.

GFR on scene reporting no injuries. Fire has been extinguished. The area is still blocked.

Fire is contained, officers are on scene and the garage is back open with limited access.

Garage 13/TAPS is now open and clear for full access.

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### UF Alert-Gainesville

Wednesday, January 30, 2019, 07:39 AM

Hydraulic fluid spill on eastbound lane Museum Road from Woodlawn Dr. to Center Dr. Seek alternate route while clean up underway.

Clean up has been completed. Resume normal traffic.

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### UF Alert-Gainesville Timely Warning

Monday, February 4, 2019, 11:12 AM

The UFPD is currently investigating a residential burglary and battery incident that took place Sunday morning, at approximately 4:50am within Simpson Hall on the University of Florida campus. According to the initial reporting person, she was in the stairwell heading towards her floor (the 4th floor) of Simpson Hall when she noticed an unknown male enter on the 3rd floor and began to follow her. She then entered her floor, let the individual pass, returned to her room and called 9-1-1. It was later discovered that the unknown male entered the room of two other female residence members on the 4th floor. The residence members immediately questioned why he entered their room and told him to leave. After a brief discussion regarding the potential that he was in the wrong room, the unknown male then walked by each residence member as he was leaving, touched them on their legs, and ran out of their room. A search of the area was conducted with negative results.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 6' 02" wearing a white shirt and blue pajama pants. He was also said to have a "fade haircut" and was last seen wearing an Apple watch on one wrist and orange band on the other.

Anyone with information about the incident or who may know the suspects identity is asked to call the University of Florida Police Department at 352-392-1111. Those who wish to remain anonymous can

call Crime Stoppers at 352-372-STOP (7867) or through the UFPD Silent Witness program located at: [http://www.police.ufl.edu/wp-content/asp/secure\\_ufpd/silent\\_witness.aspx](http://www.police.ufl.edu/wp-content/asp/secure_ufpd/silent_witness.aspx) .

The UFPD firmly believes that crime is never the fault of the victim. These general safety tips are provided in an effort to assist members of the UF community.

Immediately report criminal incident and suspicious activities/individuals to law enforcement by calling 9-1-1

Always lock your residence doors, even if you are in a secure housing facility.

Always be alert and aware of your surroundings. This is particularly true if you are wearing headphones and may not be able to hear someone near or behind you.

If someone bothers you, don't be embarrassed to attract attention to yourself. Yell!

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#### UF Alert-Gainesville

Thursday, February 7, 2019, 3:33 PM

The UFPD has identified the suspect in the residential burglary-battery incident reported this past Sunday that led to the issuance of the Timely Warning Monday. While the investigation is still on-going, the suspect is not believed to pose an immediate threat to the campus community.

For questions regarding information contained in this release, please contact Major Brad Barber at (352) 273-3309. If after hours, please call (352) 392-1111 or # UFPD (#8373) and ask to speak to a Patrol Supervisor. Major Barber can also be reached via e-mail at: [wbarber@ufl.edu](mailto:wbarber@ufl.edu). Or see the UFPD webpage at <http://www.police.ufl.edu>.

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#### UF Alert-Gainesville

Monday, February 11, 2019, 11:34 AM

The UFPD is currently investigating a sexual battery that was reported to have occurred Saturday night sometime between 8:00pm and 10:00pm on the University of Florida campus.

The delayed reporting of this incident was provided to the UFPD by a food services employee supervisor to whom the victim confided. The victim currently does not want to report the matter to law enforcement. The reporting person indicated that the victim disclosed that she was in the area of alleyway north of the Florida Gym and south of the Student Recreation and Fitness Center when an unknown male assailant came up from behind her and sexually battered her. The victim was unable to provide any suspect description or additional details of the incident to the reporting person.

In the interest of public safety, the UFPD is notifying the community of this incident. Additionally, anyone with information about the incident, was in the area at the time, or who may know the man's identity is asked to call the University of Florida Police Department at 352.392-1111 or use the UFPD

Silent Witness link at: <https://police.ufl.edu/contact/silent-witness/>. Those who wish to remain anonymous can also call Crime Stoppers at 352.372.STOP (7867).

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Please report criminal incident and suspicious activities/individuals immediately to law enforcement by calling 9-1-1.

If at all possible, walk and/or stay with known acquaintances until you arrive safely home

Avoid walking alone if at all possible.

Always be alert and aware of your surroundings. This is particularly true if you are wearing headphones and may not be able to hear someone near or behind you.

If someone bothers you, don't be embarrassed to attract attention to yourself. Yell!

Stay in well-lighted areas, away from alleys, bushes, and entryways.

If a driver stops to ask directions, avoid getting close to the individual or vehicle.

If a vehicle appears to be following you, turn and walk in the opposite direction. You should go to a location where other people are and get assistance.

Always try to let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return

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#### UF Alert-Gainesville

Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 11:22 PM

Armed Robbery off campus at 3120 SW Archer Rd (Bojangles). Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow.

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#### UF Alert-Gainesville

Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 11:27 PM

Two males, one in red mask, green shirt, blue jeans, other in orange mask, olive sweater, blue jeans. Left in unknown direction.

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#### UF Alert-Gainesville

Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 11:32 PM

One suspect armed with AK-47. Suspects last seen 3100 block of Archer Rd.

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UF Alert-Gainesville

Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 11:51 PM

Suspects not located. Police have cleared scene. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 352-955-1818 or 911 with any info.

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UF Alert-Gainesville

Monday, March 25, 2019, 12:15 AM

Armed Robbery at Jennings Hall. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow.

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UF Alert-Gainesville

Monday, March 25, 2019, 12:25 AM

Subject 1 light skinned black male red plaid shirt with jeans. Armed with a silver handgun. Subject 2 female in a hot pink shirt.

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UF Alert-Gainesville

Monday, March 25, 2019, 12:28 AM

Subject 3 black male blue shirt backpack. Subjects last seen south bound out of Jennings Hall on foot unknown direction.

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UF Alert-Gainesville

Monday, March 25, 2019, 12:36 AM

Update Subjects are two black males, one white female.

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UF Alert-Gainesville

Monday, March 25, 2019, 1:18 AM

Suspects in custody. Police are still on scene as part of the investigation. No need to avoid area or secure in place.

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UF Alert-Gainesville

Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 4:00 PM

Gas leak along Center Dr. Road closed from Museum Rd to Archer Rd. Please seek alternate routes until resolved.

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UF Alert-Gainesville

Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 5:08 PM

Gas leak is still ongoing. Center Dr. from Mowry Rd to Archer Rd is still blocked.

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UF Alert-Gainesville

Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 7:04 PM

UF Alert Gas leak is still ongoing. Center Dr. from Mowry Rd. to Archer Rd. is still blocked.

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UF Alert-Gainesville

Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 9:03 PM

UF Alert Gas leak is nearing completion. Update will be sent when Center Dr. from Mowry Rd. to Archer Rd. is open.

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UF Alert-Gainesville

Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 9:32 PM

The gas leak emergency has ended. Roads are now open. Resume normal activities.

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UF Alert-Shands

Friday, April 19, 2019, 12:45 PM

Severe weather in North Central Florida. More Details to follow.

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UF Alert-Shands

Friday, April 19, 2019, 1:11 PM

Command center is open. Several operations in Spring Hill, Mag Park & Haile Plantation have all been effected by severe weather. Please check with department supervisor for further direction.

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UF Alert-Shands

Friday, April 19, 2019, 1:17 PM

Please check with department supervisor for further direction.

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UF Alert-Shands

Friday, April 19, 2019, 2:20 PM

Hospital emergency activation has ended. Resume normal operations.

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UF Alert-Gainesville

Friday, April 26, 2019, 2:28 PM

The Gainesville Police Department is currently investigating a battery that was reported to have occurred Friday, April 26, 2019 at approximately 2:00am in the 1000 block of SW 5th Ave. According to the victim, she was in the area of her residence when an unknown male suspect came from behind and grabbed her. After the suspect grabbed the victim, he then released her and fled the area on foot.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 30 years of age, heavy set, wearing a blue shirt and khaki shorts, with his hair in corn rows with white rubber bands.

In the interest of public safety, the UFPD is notifying the community of this incident. Additionally, anyone with information about the incident, was in the area at the time, or who may know the man's identity is asked to call the Gainesville Police Department at 352-955-1818 or text keyword GPDFL plus your tip to 274637 (CRIMES). Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 352-372-STOP (7867).

The UFPD firmly believes that crime is never the fault of the victim. These general safety tips are provided in an effort to assist members of the UF community.

If you become a victim of crime, please contact law enforcement immediately by calling 9-1-1.

Immediately report any suspicious person or activity to law enforcement.

Always be alert and aware of your surroundings. This is particularly true if you are wearing headphones and may not be able to hear someone near or behind you.

If someone bothers you, don't be embarrassed to attract attention to yourself. Yell!

Do not allow anyone to follow you in your residence as you enter.

Stay in well-lighted areas, away from alleys, bushes, or entryways.

If possible, walk with others to your destination.

If you observe any suspicious person or activity, immediately contact law enforcement by calling 9-1-1.

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UF Alert-Gainesville

Monday, May 11, 2019, 3:07 PM

Shots Fired off campus at 300 NW 18th St. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow.

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UF Alert-Gainesville

Monday, May 11, 2019, 3:19 PM

One suspect detained, remain clear of area. Details to follow.

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UF Alert-Gainesville

Monday, May 11, 2019, 3:31 PM

2 suspects, black male and black female, last seen in white Ford SUV, unknown direction of travel. Avoid area, details to follow.

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UF Alert-Gainesville

Monday, May 11, 2019, 3:52 PM

Suspects not located. Police are still on scene. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 352-955-1818 or 911 with any info.

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UF Alert-Shands

Thursday, May 30, 2019, 7:43 PM

Mass casualty incident, patients arriving at Shands. Respond as directed for your department. THIS IS A DRILL

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UF Alert-Shands

Thursday, May 30, 2019, 7:44 PM

Mass casualty incident, patients arriving at Shands. Respond as directed for your department. THIS IS A DRILL

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UF Alert-Shands

Thursday, May 30, 2019, 9:08 PM

This is a Drill. Mass Casualty has been concluded. Command Center has been closed.

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UF Alert-Gainesville

Saturday, June 8, 2019, 8:23 PM

The Gainesville Police Department is currently investigating a burglary that was reported to have occurred Friday night sometime between 9:15pm and 9:30pm at 710 W Depot Ave, in the Royal Village apartment complex.

The report was provided to UFPD by a resident who explained that a black male, in his 20's, with short hair, thin build, medium height, wearing a white tank top, and light colored pants entered her

apartment without invitation or reason for being there. The residents who were in the apartment at the time did not recognize the male and had never seen him before.

Once inside the residence, the male told one of the residents that he was there looking for someone by the name of "EJ." There was no one by that name in the apartment and the male abruptly left without further incident. It was reported that a theft occurred. It was confirmed that the male did not work for the complex's maintenance staff.

Anyone with information about the incident or who may know the suspects identity is asked to call the University of Florida Police Department at 352-392-1111. Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 352-372-STOP (7867) or through the UFPD Silent Witness program located at: [http://www.police.ufl.edu/wp-content/asp/secure\\_ufpd/silent\\_witness.aspx](http://www.police.ufl.edu/wp-content/asp/secure_ufpd/silent_witness.aspx).

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UF Alert-Gainesville,  
Tuesday, July 2, 2019, 4:03 PM

Armed Robbery off campus at University Commons Apartments Building F, 2601 SW Archer Road. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,  
Tuesday, July 2, 2019, 4:13 PM

2 suspects at large. 1 black male, bald wearing black shirt. 1 black male with dreads wearing orange shirt. 1 male armed with a folding pocket knife.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,  
Tuesday, July 2, 2019, 4:33 PM

Suspects not located. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call GPD 352-955-1818 or 911 with any info.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,  
Thursday, July 18, 2019, 2:41 AM

Robbery at 1700 Northwest 2nd Ave. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,

Thursday, July 18, 2019, 3:05 AM

3 black male suspects, one wearing grey shirt with dreads muscular build, one with flat top, 3rd suspect unknown, westbound on foot on 2nd avenue.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,

Thursday, July 18, 2019, 3:11 AM

Personal robbery, victim's phone was taken. Suspects last seen headed eastbound away from campus.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,

Thursday, July 18, 2019, 3:14 AM

Suspects not located. Police have cleared scene. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 352-955-1818 or 911 with any info.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,

Friday, July 26, 2019, 9:19 PM

Robbery off campus at 2370 SW Archer Rd. Mt Vernon Apts. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,

Friday, July 26, 2019, 9:25 PM

Robbery suspect, older white male, long white beard to his chest, short gray shirt, punched victim, fled on bike southbound towards Archer Rd.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,

Friday, July 26, 2019, 9:45 PM

Suspect not located. Police have cleared scene. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 352-955-1818 or 911 with any info.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,

Monday, August 5, 2019, 10:56 AM

The University of Florida Police Department is currently investigating a battery that was reported to have occurred Monday, August 5th, 2019, at approximately 5:52 AM north of Garage 9, 1995 SW Archer

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Road. According to the victim, she was walking north from the garage when a male grabbed her from behind. The victim was able to run away, and the male suspect fled back towards the garage.

The suspect is described as possibly a Hispanic male, early 20's, 5'6"-5'7" tall, wearing a tan shirt, gray shorts, and black baseball cap.

In the interest of public safety, the UFPD is notifying the community of this incident, while they continue their investigation. Additionally, anyone with information about the incident, was in the area at the time, or who may know the man's identity is asked to call the University of Florida Police Department at 352-392-1111 or use the UFPD Silent Witness link at: <https://police.ufl.edu/contact/silent-witness/>. Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 352-372-STOP (7867).

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Immediately report any suspicious person or activity to law enforcement.

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If someone bothers you, don't be embarrassed to attract attention to yourself. Yell!

Do not allow anyone to follow you in your residence as you enter.

Stay in well-lighted areas, away from alleys, bushes, or entryways.

If possible, walk with others to your destination.

If you observe any suspicious person or activity, immediately contact law enforcement by calling 9-1-1.

For questions regarding information contained in this release, please contact Lt. Jacob Pruitt at (352) 392-1409. If after hours, please call (352) 392-1111 or # UFPD (#8373) and ask to speak to a Patrol Supervisor. Lt. Pruitt can also be reached via e-mail at: [jrpruitt@ufl.edu](mailto:jpruitt@ufl.edu) or see the UFPD webpage at <http://www.police.ufl.edu>.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,

Friday, August 30, 2019, 11:11 AM

Due to Hurricane Dorian, UF campus in Gainesville will be closed and classes are canceled for Tuesday, Sept. 3. More info at [www.ufl.edu](http://www.ufl.edu).

UF Alert-Lake Nona,  
Friday, August 30, 2019, 12:57 PM

Due to Hurricane Dorian the Lake Nona RAC will close for all faculty/staff and students Saturday Aug. 31 through Tuesday Sept. 3rd.

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UF Alert-Lake Nona,  
Monday, September 2, 2019, 12:43 PM

Due to the current path and timeline for Hurricane Dorian, the Lake Nona RAC will remain closed on Wednesday Sept. 4th.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,  
Monday, September 2, 2019, 5:03 PM

UF Alert UF Gainesville campus classes canceled 9/4 but campus open for all other functions. Classes resume 9/5. More info at <http://ufl.edu>.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,  
Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 4:46 PM

It was reported to a University of Florida Campus Security Authority (CSA) that a student residing in Jennings Hall was sexually battered on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 approximately midnight.

It was indicated by the CSA that the reporting person does know who the respondent person is and had been in a personal relationship with him prior to the reported sexual battery. Given the reporting person does not however wish to disclose further details of the incident or the respondent's name to any university official or the University of Florida Police Department (UFPD), this Timely Warning is issued accordingly in the interest of public safety and an abundance of caution.

The UFPD firmly believes that crime is never the fault of the victim. These general safety tips are provided in an effort to assist members of the UF community.

Please report criminal incident and suspicious activities/individuals immediately to law enforcement by calling 9-1-1.

Avoid walking alone if at all possible.

Always be alert and aware of your surroundings. This is particularly true if you are wearing headphones and may not be able to hear someone near or behind you.

If someone bothers you, don't be embarrassed to attract attention to yourself. Yell!

Stay in well-lighted areas, away from alleys, bushes, and entryways.

If a driver stops to ask directions, avoid getting close to the individual or vehicle.

If a vehicle appears to be following you, turn and walk in the opposite direction. You should go to a location where other people are and get assistance.

Always try to let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,

Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 4:52 PM

The University of Florida Office Of Clery Act Compliance received a report from a University of Florida Campus Security Authority (CSA) indicating that a student residing in Rawlings Hall was sexually battered on Saturday, September 14, 2019 approximately 2:00am.

The reported information includes that, on Friday, September 13, 2019 the student met an individual at a fraternity-sorority function at an off-campus residence. At the conclusion of the function, the student and the individual left in an Uber Ride-Share vehicle and traveled to Rawlings Hall where the sexual battery occurred in an undisclosed location. This incident was reported to the CSA several days after it occurred and the reporting person declined to disclose further details, including the identity of the alleged assailant, to any university official or the University of Florida Police Department (UFPD). Given the nature of this incident, this Timely Warning is issued accordingly in the interest of public safety.

The University of Florida firmly believes that no action or inaction by a crime victim makes that person responsible for another person's abuse or criminal conduct. These general safety tips are provided in an effort to assist members of the UF community.

Criminal incidents can be reported to UF CSAs who are designated, trained, and mandatory reporters under the Clery Act when victims chose not to report to law enforcement.

Additionally, victims are encouraged to report criminal incidents and suspicious activities/individuals immediately to law enforcement by calling 9-1-1.

The most common type of sexual assault occurs between individuals known to one another, including an acquaintance or in the context of a current or prior dating or domestic relationship.

Alcohol and drugs are often used to create vulnerability to sexual assault. Studies of sexual assault incidents show a high correlation between non-stranger sexual assault and drug/alcohol usage. Be alert to people pressuring you or others to use alcohol or other drugs.

Trust your instincts. If you feel uneasy or sense something is wrong, do what you can to get out of that situation or call for assistance.



Safely intervene and/or call for help if you witness disrespectful or inappropriate behavior, or a violent crime. Plan in advance: discuss how you might do this in conversations with your friends, using different scenarios, when you aren't facing a potential crisis.

If someone is behaving disrespectfully or making you feel uncomfortable, take steps to remove yourself from the situation early, especially if you are concerned it may become physical.

Avoid walking alone if at all possible.

Always be alert and aware of your surroundings. This is particularly true if you are wearing headphones and may not be able to hear someone near or behind you.

If someone bothers you, don't be embarrassed to attract attention to yourself. Yell! Your voice and body are your best weapons. Learn effective ways to use them by taking a self-defense class such as the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) and always consider bringing a friend with you.

Stay in well-lighted areas, away from alleys, bushes, and entryways.

If a driver stops to ask directions, avoid getting close to the individual or vehicle.

If a vehicle appears to be following you, turn and walk in the opposite direction. You should go to a location where other people are and get assistance.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,  
Thursday, September 26, 2019, 7:56 AM

Armed Robbery off campus at Drummond Bank at 3436 W University Ave. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,  
Thursday, September 26, 2019, 8:00 AM

Armed Robbery at off campus at Drummond Bank at 3436 W University Ave. Suspect is black male in his mid-20s wearing a track suit with a hoodie and a black t-shirt wrapped around his head. He's 5'6 to 5'9 with a slim build. Unknown direction of travel and the subject is on foot. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,  
Thursday, September 26, 2019, 8:11 AM

Armed Robbery at Drummond Bank. Suspect is black male in his mid-20s wearing a track suit w/a hoodie and a black t-shirt wrapped around his head.

UF Alert-Gainesville,

Thursday, September 26, 2019, 8:14 AM

Suspect is 5'6 to 5'9 with a slim build headed unknown direction of travel on foot.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,

Thursday, September 26, 2019, 9:04 AM

Ongoing incident at Drummond Bank. Previous notifications at <http://ufalert.ufl.edu/category/ufalert/>.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,

Thursday, September 26, 2019, 9:07 AM

Suspect not located. Police have cleared scene. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 911 with any info.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,

Monday, October 7, 2019, 4:19 PM

The UFPD is currently investigating a sexual battery that was reported to have occurred Saturday afternoon sometime between 2:50pm and 3:10pm on the University of Florida campus and reported to UFPD on Sunday evening.

The victim reported that she had been with friends tailgating on the University of Florida campus on Saturday, October 5th. According to the victim, she and her friends left the tailgate area and began walking towards Ben Hill Griffin Stadium to attend the University of Florida football game around 2:50pm. While they were walking, the victim became separated from her friends and later was met by the suspect. The victim indicated that after the two spoke, the suspect then led her to a location off of Stadium Road between the Infirmary and the Florida Gym where the incident took place.

The suspect is described as white male, approximately 5'8", straight dark blonde hair, between 18-25 years of age, and was wearing khaki shorts. The UFPD will be increasing patrols and are working active leads toward identifying and apprehending the suspect.

In the interest of public safety, the UFPD is notifying the community of this incident. Additionally, if anyone has information about the incident, was in the area at the time, or who may know the man's identity is asked to call the University of Florida Police Department at 352.392-1111 or use the UFPD Silent Witness link at: <https://police.ufl.edu/contact/silent-witness/>. Those who wish to remain anonymous can also call Crime Stoppers at 352.372.STOP (7867).

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Please report criminal incident and suspicious activities/individuals immediately to law enforcement by calling 9-1-1.

Alcohol and drugs are often used to create vulnerability to sexual assault and those who become intoxicated cannot provide consent. Be alert to people pressuring you or others to use alcohol or other drugs.

Trust your instincts. If you feel uneasy or sense something is wrong, do what you can to get out of that situation or call for assistance.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,

Saturday, October 12, 2019, 12:04 AM

Stabbing at off campus at 914 SW 8th Av. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,

Saturday, October 12, 2019, 1:04 AM

Suspect white male early 20s, blue eyes and mustache. No further information. Continue to avoid area and secure in place if nearby.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,  
Saturday, October 12, 2019, 2:03 AM

Suspect has not been located and Gainesville Police on scene. Continue to avoid area or secure in place if nearby.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,  
Saturday, October 12, 2019, 3:02 AM

Suspect has not been located and Gainesville Police still on scene. Continue to avoid area or secure in place if nearby.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,  
Saturday, October 12, 2019, 3:57 AM

Suspect not located. Gainesville Police on scene. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 352-955-1818 or 911 with any info.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,  
Saturday, October 12, 2019, 10:37 AM

Suspect arrested in GPD stabbing case. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 352-955-1818 or 911 with any info.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,  
Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 10:27 AM

This is a test of the Gainesville UF Alert notification system. Learn more about the UF Alert system at <http://ufalert.ufl.edu/>. No action is required.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,  
Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 3:21 PM

Gainesville Police Department is working a reported Strong Arm Robbery attempt in the vicinity of SW 1st Ave. and SW 13th St.

The victim reported that the suspect attempted to steal her dog by grabbing it and then pushed the victim. The suspect was unable to escape with the victim's dog. The suspect was described as a White/Male, 6'00", about 40 years old, heavy build, wearing a khaki jacket, a hat, and black jeans. The suspect was last seen headed north from the 100 block of SW 13th Street at approximately 2:15 pm today.



In the interest of public safety, the UFPD is notifying the community of this incident. Additionally, anyone with information about the incident, was in the area at the time, or who may know the man's identity is asked to call the Gainesville Police Department at 352-955-1818 or text keyword GPDFL plus your tip to 274637 (CRIMES). Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 352-372-STOP (7867). The University of Florida firmly believes that a crime victim is never responsible for another person's abuse or criminal conduct. These general safety tips are provided in an effort to assist members of the UF community.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,

Saturday, December 14, 2019, 3:45 AM

Tornado Warning for UF Campus. Move to interior area, away from windows, doors, & outside walls.

Details: <http://ufl.to/wx>.

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UF Alert-Gainesville,

Saturday, December 14, 2019, 4:11 AM

Tornado Warning for UF Campus has ended.