To all RU Faculty and Staff

IMPORTANT DATE
October 22, 2008

RU Ready Regional Exercise/Drill
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The Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) Region 4 and the City of Radford will be conducting the RU Ready full-Scale Exercise (FSE) on October 22, 2008 that will impact the normal operations of Radford University.

This exercise will commence sometime around 9:30 to 10:00AM on Wednesday, October 22nd, 2008, and will last approximately 4 hours. This exercise will examine policies, procedures, and coordination of response efforts between the City of Radford, Radford University (RU), and Virginia State and local emergency agencies in response to a large scale emergency event and will include many state and regional police, fire, rescue, EMS, health, and Red Cross agencies including Radford University Police, Emergency Preparedness Office, and RU administration, faculty, staff, and students.

Radford University Alert Notification Technologies will be activated and used during the exercise. Students, Faculty, and Staff will be receiving alert messages throughout the day and, although this is only an exercise, please follow the message instructions as if this were an actual emergency event. When the RU campus portion of the drill has ended a notice will be sent through the Alert Notification System including email and RU web page stating the drill is completed.

In the event of an actual emergency, the exercise will be stopped and notifications will indicate that an actual situation has developed. The campus siren will sound 3 consecutive high low tones with a following audio announcement over the siren speaker system terminating the drill. A message will also be sent through the alert notification system stopping the drill.

All classes on campus must be held as normal but, depending on the location on campus, some will experience disruptions. It is recommended that special meetings, guest speakers, or off campus visits planned for this date be rescheduled, and that major in-class assignments such as tests not be scheduled on October 22 if at all possible.

Additional notices and information will follow in the next thirty days. If you have any questions please check with the Office of Emergency Preparedness 831-7155 or Radford University Police Department, 831-5500.