



# The UNIVERSITIES *at Shady Grove*

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## **Emergency Exercises and Training Universities at Shady Grove September 1, 2009**

### INTRODUCTION

The Universities at Shady Grove (USG) is committed to planning and preparing for emergency situations through the use of exercises and community training. The proper use of full scale and tabletop exercises is invaluable when preparing both staff and students for potential critical incidents.

USG does not have the emergency response resources such as police and fire; therefore, USG must coordinate with the appropriate Montgomery County entity for these exercises and training. With the help of these professional organizations we can better prepare for critical incidents.

### EXERCISES

In April of 2008, USG partnered with the Montgomery County Police and conducted an “active shooter” exercise on campus. The exercise involved over 30 police officers, 6 security guards, and 10 community members. The exercise was designed to test how police officers would respond to an active shooter on campus **and** how USG administrators would handle post incident management. The exercise was evaluated by Paul Dillon, Security Consultant, and the evaluation was forwarded to the Director.

### FUTURE EXERCISES

An exercise for the fall of 2009 is in the early planning stages. It will likely involve the Montgomery County Fire Department. In addition we will be designing an exercise that involves a large segment of the campus population with the goal of testing and training our community and staff during an incident. The training component goals would be to educate community and staff on the EOP and to test performance during a mock incident.