



## **Timeline of UW Incidents and Incidents of Note for the Country** *Selected Excerpts (2001-2015)*

The University of Washington Seattle campus has an average daily population that rivals any mid-sized city in the United States. We have our share of daily emergencies and incidents that are well managed through the professionals in our campus police department and the city of Seattle Fire Department. We occasionally have incidents that go above and beyond the daily norm. It's important that we never forget these incidents. They often represent a nexus of our worst days and our finest hours in service and sacrifice to the public. In remembering these incidents, we remember the lives these incidents have touched and in some cases have taken. In that remembrance, we always seek to be better prepared for tomorrow.

### **August 29, 2015**

The strongest Summer storm in Northwest history to date impacted the region with 60-70 mph wind gusts. The UW Seattle and Bothell Campuses were without power for a few hours. UW Emergency Management activated to level 2 (partial) and staffed the EOC with personnel from UWEM, UWPD and UWIT.

### **October 25, 2014**

Major Fall Windstorm hits King County in the evening at the same time as the UW/ASU Homecoming football game at Husky Stadium nationally televised on ESPN. Game continues with driving rain and 30-40mph winds with gusts up to 60mph. Moderate damage to vendor and patron tents in the "Zone" as well as significant power outages in in the region impacting over 200,000 residents.

### **April 30, 2013**

Partial campus power outage due to fire in an underground power vault. UW EOC went to a level II activation (partial) and brought in specific units to fill specific roles needed for the response. The power outage commenced around 5:30 PM and resolved around 9:00 PM. The far West and East areas of campus were impacted as well as the major roads of Campus Parkway, Brooklyn, Pacific and Montlake. Central Campus was not impacted.

### **April 15, 2013**

Boston, Massachusetts. Bombing of the Boston Marathon. UW EOC went to level I activation (proactive monitoring) and coordinated with local and regional partners on information exchange and intelligence from the Fusion Center.

### **December 3, 2012**

A 24 year old man with a complaint against one of the retail shops near the UW Bookstore on University Way used a pellet gun to shoot out some windows. Police response from the Seattle Police and University Police cornered the man at the intersection of 17th and 45th and he was safely taken into custody without further incident.

### **August 20, 2012**

Chemical spill in the EE-Wing of the UW Medical Center prompted a partial evacuation of that wing of the Medical Center. The spill was mitigated by the Seattle Fire department and cleaned up by a University contractor. The Medical Center remained fully operational during the incident. There was one exposure of a Medical Center staff member, but no injuries.

### **May 30, 2012**

Shooting at the Cafe Racer, 18 blocks north of the Seattle Campus, resulting in 5 victims, 3 of whom were fatalities. The incident was later resolved in West Seattle where the suspect died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The suspect was also connected to a shooting in downtown Seattle that day as well. University police assisted the Seattle police at the scene and University Emergency Management monitored the incident as it evolved. There was no verifiable threat to the UW Seattle Campus.

### **March 13, 2012**

Entire UW-Seattle campus lost power (as well as many portions of Central Seattle) for 4-hours during the day from ~3-7 pm. This occurred during Winter Finals and just prior to the tipoff of the NIT National Basketball Tournament at HecEd Pavilion. This was the first campus-wide power outage in over 16 years. Critical systems such as the UW Medical Center were protected via local emergency power generation.

### **April 2, 2007**

Shooting of a UW employee in Gould Hall by a non-UW person. Determined to be a murder-suicide. This was the first time the UW's Campus Emergency Response Team (UW-CERT) was activated for an emergency. UW-CERT assisted UW police by establishing and maintaining the outer-most perimeter.

### **December 15, 2006**

Hanukkah Eve Storm. Winter storm with ice and gale-force winds with gusts up to 80 mph left 1.5 million people without power across Western Washington. UW Seattle campus had minor damage from debris and a tree falling onto a bus stop shelter. No injuries reported. UW Bothell had significant power outages. UW Tacoma had no damage to report.

### **March 24, 2006**

Suzzallo Library fire in a power closet in the basement level, 1963 wing. Resulted in total power loss for over a week. Suzzallo remained functional from an emergency generator brought in to provide power.

### **August 29, 2005**

Hurricane Katrina. The UW hosted several displaced students and staff from Hurricane Katrina. As part of the effort, the UW activated assistance centers on campus to provide information and help with victim advocacy.

### **May 21, 2001**

Firebombing of the Urban Horticulture Center by the Earth Liberation Front (ELF). \$6 million in damages; 20% of the horticulture library was lost. Some researchers lost their life's work.

### **February 28, 2001**

Earthquake: Mag 6.8 Duration 45 seconds. Fallen ornate columns on the top, west-facing side of Suzzallo Library, fallen sprinkler fittings from the ceiling of the HUB, fallen acoustical ceiling tiles in Odegaard Library and the Intramural Activities Building (IMA), cracks in several other campus buildings. The Conibear shell house, Engineering library, Schmitz Hall and HSB-T wing all had to be temporarily closed for cleanup of debris and HazMat (primarily asbestos).

Events dating back to 1949 can be found on the UWEM website at

<http://www.washington.edu/uwem/resources/timeline-of-uw-incidents/>

