UWEM “AT-A-GLANCE”

1. **Program History**: An independent office of emergency management was established in 2003 after the **2001 Nisqually earthquake**, Merrill Hall eco-terrorism firebombing and **Educational Outreach fire**. Prior to that, the responsibilities for disaster planning, response and recovery was distributed to various campus operational units – with limited success, visibility or effectiveness.

2. **Program Administration**:
   - Day-to-day administration of overall program provided by UW Emergency Management (UWEM), a UW Facilities department
     i. 3.0 FTEs (Director + 2 professional staff + interns)
     ii. Annual budget ~$447,000 (all general funds)
     iii. Provides technical services to entire institution, including branch campuses and off-campus sites
     iv. UWEM Staff are certified and nationally-recognized as industry experts in higher education EM
     v. Provide full-service emergency management and business continuity services to students, faculty and staff
   - Program authorities found in UW Administrative Policy Statements 13.1 (Emergency Management) and 13.2 (Business, Academic & Research Continuity)
   - System-wide Emergency Readiness Committee (ERC) meets bi-monthly to review program & provide input to the program
   - Approved 5-Year Strategic Plan developed using national NFPA 1600 and EMAP structure and principles
   - Use of Balanced Scorecard metrics and Lean tools since 2005
   - Popular and active webpage (www.uw.edu/uwem) and Facebook page (FOLLOW US NOW!)

3. **Primary Institutional Hazards and Threats (Natural and Man-made)**:
   - Earthquake (shallow, deep, subduction)
   - Fire & Explosions
   - Hazardous Materials Accidents and Releases
   - Active Threat/Shooter (including workplace violence)
   - Severe Weather (wind, rain, ice, snow and heat)
   - Utility Disruptions/Outages (electric, water, sewer, IT, gas, telecommunications, steam)
   - Communicable Disease Outbreak (pandemics/epidemics)
   - Transportation Accidents
   - Terrorism, including cyber
   - Volcanic Eruption
   - Flooding and Landslides
4. **Sample UWEM Activities and Initiatives**: *(not mean to be all-inclusive)*

- **Mitigation & Prevention**
  i. UW was the first PAC-12 university certified by the National Weather Service as being "Storm Ready"
  ii. UW’s Hazard Identification and Vulnerability Assessment (HIVA) published in 2003 and currently being updated
  iii. UW’s **Hazard Mitigation Plan**: Annex to the State’s Plan and updated every-other year (last update: 2015)
  iv. Recipient of nearly $4 million FEMA/DHS Grants for facility resilience and preparedness activities
  v. **Seismic Resilient UW Work Group** established by Provost’s Office and chaired by UWEM Director (sunset in 2015)
  vi. Member: UW’s Advisory Committee on Communicable Diseases.

- **Preparedness (Plans, Training and Exercises)**
  i. Business, Academic and Research Continuity Program – supported by **Husky Ready**, and online continuity planning tool from the Kauli Foundation. Free to all UW departments.
  ii. UW **All-Hazards Emergency Management Plan**: 2017 (updated biannually) as the foundation for all EM programs
  iii. Ongoing access to free federal and state training opportunities, workshops and classes
  iv. Participation in campus outreach events, including the popular *Wheel of Misfortune*, quarterly online newsletter
  v. Annual functional and full-scale exercises in the EOC and quarterly drills for 130+ EOC responders
  vi. Other planning and training activities with UW and community stakeholders (city, county, hospitals, transit agencies….)

- **Response**
  i. UWEM 24/7 Duty Officer Program and Phone #
  ii. Fully-equipped emergency management vehicle for incident field response and coordination with Police/Fire/EMS
  iii. Mobile command post for extended responses
  iv. 24/7 “hot” Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with redundant communications & power, breakout rooms and self-sustaining capabilities for 3+ days for 80 responders
  v. 130 Senior UW managers/leaders trained as EOC cadre
  vi. UWEM staff activate the EOC for every home football game and other large planned special events (i.e., Commencement)
  vii. Unit Response Centers (URC) to support main EOC
  viii. Opt-in UW-Alert ([www.uwalert.org](http://www.uwalert.org)) campus notification system (w/ over 75,000 subscribers) and outdoor **BLUE** phones
  ix. Core member of the UW’s Crisis Communications Team -- established for immediate notifications to campus community

- **Recovery**
  i. After-Action Review/Reports Required for all Major Events and Incidents (including corrective action plans)
  ii. UW works closely with City of Seattle, King County and State of Washington in coordinating post-disaster recovery information, claims, and d public assistance requests.