Disaster Resilient Universities®

(DRU) Network

Facilitating open communication, discussion, and resource sharing between university and college practitioners charged with making our campuses more disaster-resilient.

The DRU Network conducted a national needs assessment to identify opportunities for staffing, training, planning, and institutional commitment.

Key findings include the following:

1. **Institutional Commitment**
   Proactive leadership commitment is crucial and can be fostered collaboratively through the DRU.

2. **Staffing**
   Two-thirds of survey respondents indicated their institutions have zero or only one full-time employee responsible for emergency management.

3. **Training and Exercise**
   Eighty-six percent of respondents see value in connecting with other institutions for emergency-management planning and response.

4. **Plans and Operational Continuity**
   While most respondents said their institution's emergency-management program has an emergency operations plan (83 percent), few institutions have business continuity plans (35 percent), continuity of operations plans (35 percent), and recovery plans (31 percent).

DRU Network is a hub for those charged with overseeing campus health, safety, emergency and risk management.

A Peer-to-Peer network not owned by any one profession, organization, or entity.

Founded in 2000 with only six members, the DRU network now has approximately 1,500 members representing an estimated 700 higher education institutions.

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