UAA facilities may be damaged in a disaster that could require evacuation or other emergency responses. Fires, explosions, hazardous materials spills, power blackouts, severe weather conditions, civil commotions, nuclear attacks, earthquakes, bomb scares, and other emergencies can occur with little, if any, warning. Planning for such emergencies can save lives and reduce property damage. Plans should include provisions for the protection of personnel and property, along with evacuation and care of the injured.

**UAA Emergency Management Office**

UAA has established an emergency preparedness office which assists departments with developing emergency plans, interfaces with other community emergency groups, conducts drills and exercises, and monitors overall emergency preparedness. This office can be contacted at 786-1149 or amrcs@uaa.alaska.edu. Some of that office’s information can be found at www.uaa.alaska.edu/emergency.

The UPD office of Emergency Management will assist in creating a complete emergency and disaster plan for each building which will address 1) Emergency Preparedness, 2) Emergency Response, and 3) Post-Emergency Recovery. The following outline addresses each of these phases and the types of emergencies or disaster that might arise at any university facility.

**IMT**

The Incident Management Team (IMT) is a group of University employees that represents a broad knowledge and service capability to meet emergency situations, which occur on or near the UAA Anchorage campus that affect the members of the University community. It is comprised of the UPD Chief of Police, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities and Campus Services Administration, the Dean of Students, and the Associate Vice Chancellor of University Relations & University Advancement. Other personnel may be activated as needed. The primary responsibility of the
IMT is to manage a comprehensive response to a wide variety of potential events or situations that may adversely affect the safety of the UAA community. The IMT provides the University’s immediate response to these events or situations, normally up to 24 to 48 hours. The Incident Management Team is composed of individuals from key units within UAA.

**CCERT**

UAA has established Campus-Community Emergency Response Teams (C-CERTs) at many of our community campuses. Their role, as intended by U.S. Citizen Corps, is to provide vital capability on campus to minimize the loss of life & property until professional responders can get there. Specifically, they're trained to do scene size-up, light search & rescue, triage & first aid, and fire-fighting using hand-held extinguishers. They're also given awareness training in terrorism and disaster psychology/CISM. UAA’s main campus also has many employees who are trained in the CCERT discipline, but does not have a “true” team.

**Post Disaster Assessment**

EHS/RMS coordinates a Post Disaster Assessment Team (PDAT) composed of building and safety coordinators, Facilities Maintenance Workers, and other individuals at UAA. The responsibility of this team is to evaluate safe occupancy of UAA buildings after a disaster (earthquake, flood, windstorm, volcanic eruption, etc.). In addition, this team is part of the Municipality of Anchorage’s and the State of Alaska’s overall response system. For more information about this team or if you want to volunteer to be on this team, please contact EHS/RMS (786-1300).