

## Standing Committee Annual Report

**Name of Committee or Council:**

Emergency Management Committee

**Chair**

Michael J. Kasitz

**Meeting Dates in Current Year:**

11/5/2015, 12/2/2015, 3/2/2016

**Major Actions or Accomplishments:**

Reviewed and approved the Austin Peay State University Emergency Action Plan – an all-hazards guide for the public user that provides information on how the individual can protect themselves in the event of an emergency. This will be released to the public on July 1, 2016.

Requested TAF funds (unsuccessful) and recurring funding for a student safety smartphone app. This app would essentially turn a smartphone into a mobile bluelight call box. If funded, the committee will assist in the RFP process for vendor selection.

Funds were also requested for an update to our Alertus Desktop messenger which would expand how that program notifies the university community in the event of an emergency, and provides a panic button on each university owned computer.

The committee wanted to enhance preparedness by hosting two drills in the spring 2016 semester. They recommended fire drills in the academic and administrative buildings, something that has not been done at APSU before. The second drill was a secure in place drill in case of emergency. Discussions with the VP's revealed that two drills in one semester would be a burden on the academic process. It was determined that the secure in place drill would be postponed until the fall 2016 semester. The fire drills were conducted the week of March 14, 2016. Residence Hall fire drills are regularly scheduled and conducted through the Housing Office each semester.