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Five mission areas describing Gustavus Adolphus College's Emergency Plan are PREVENTION, PROTECTION, MITIGATION, RESPONSE, and RECOVERY.

PREVENTION:

Prevention is the action the College takes to prevent a threatened or actual incident from occurring.

PROTECTION:

The capabilities to secure Gustavus against acts of violence and manmade or natural disasters. Protection focuses on ongoing actions that protect students, faculty, staff, visitors, networks, and property from a threat or hazard.

MITIGATION:

The capabilities necessary to eliminate or reduce the loss of life and property damage by lessening the impact of an event or emergency. In this document, "mitigation" also means reducing the likelihood that threats and hazards will happen.

RESPONSE:

The capabilities necessary to stabilize an emergency once it has already happened or is certain to happen in an unpreventable way; establish a safe and secure environment; save lives and property; and facilitate the transition to recovery.

RECOVERY:

The capabilities necessary to assist schools affected by an event or emergency in restoring the learning environment.

In its effort to provide a safe and secure environment for its students, staff and faculty, Gustavus Adolphus College has prepared the following emergency policies and procedures manual. Its purpose is to quickly assess emergency situations and, if necessary, to immediately notify the campus community of significant emergencies and/or dangerous situations involving immediate threats. Additionally, the goal of this manual is to avoid (through PREVENTION) potentially hazardous situations, to minimize injuries and damages (through MITIGATION) when disaster strikes, and to resume normal operations (RECOVERY) as soon as possible in the aftermath of an emergency.

Regardless of the type of emergency that may develop on campus, it is imperative that all communication procedures be followed to ensure quick response and recovery. The main objective is for all College personnel to understand that all communications related to an emergency must be coordinated with Campus Safety, Saint Peter Police/Fire/Rescue Squad – after which information is directed through the appropriate channels.

The departments of Physical Plant and Telecommunications will work to restore essential College functions (utilities, communications, etc.). Rivers Edge Hospital and Campus Safety will stand by to administer emergency first aid and Telecommunications will keep communications open. Preparation for an emergency and a quick response effort when confronted with an emergency by all College departments will result in a shorter, more effective and successful recovery period for the College as a whole.

