

**Minutes**  
**Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024, 3 p.m., GUC 200**



- I. Chair Chief Les Jackson called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Others in attendance included Dr. Eric Becraft, Dr. Wayne Bergeron, Sheena Burgreen, Cindy Conlon, Ethan Humphres, Dr. Humayun Kabir, Sgt. Greg Kirby, Randall Phifer, Parkerson Seward, Dr. Sayeed Shohag, Julie Taylor, Dr. KC White, and Angela Zwissler.
- II. The meeting agenda was approved by acclamation.
- III. The group approved by acclamation the minutes from [Nov. 15, 2023 meeting](#).
- IV. Fencing is up on all sides of the Pine Street sidewalks. Ms. Conlon said the City of Florence engineering team's goal is to finish all work on Pine Street and the bridge by summer.
- V. Most of LaGrange Hall has been demolished and workers are in the process of removing the debris. The first floor and basement are left to be taken down. Ms. Conlon reported that once those were removed, backfill will begin with completion planned for March.
  - a. The new residence hall is currently in the design phase and will likely go out for bid in March or April.
- VI. The University worked to be proactive as a winter storm made its way to the Shoals in mid-January. No water line breaks were reported and only one injury was reported.
  - a. Facilities, Dining, Housing, GUC Operations, UNA Recreation provided services for students during the downtime.
  - b. In the future, better organization is needed to clear snow/ice from walkways, entrances, etc.
  - c. UPD officials suggested staging pre-storm with the help of a Winter Storm checklist.
- VII. Subcommittee updates
  - a. Emergency preparedness and assessment team will discuss evacuation drills, winter storm, and possible tabletop exercises at its next meeting.
  - b. Mr. Phifer noted that he had added to Teams the proposed [Security camera policy revisions](#). After a motion by Dr. Bergeron and a second by Dr. Becraft, the committee voted to give this subcommittee the authority to move cameras as needed and move forward with the revisions.
- VIII. Mr. Phifer motioned, Dr. Bergeron seconded, and the committee adjourned at 3:36 p.m.