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Disaster Planning Workshops Held

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When disaster strikes, UF wants its units to be ready. In order to help departments to prepare for the worst, the UF Training Committee held workshops for UF system administrators for instructions on how to write a Business Resumption Plan (BRP).

The three-hour workshops, held in late January at CNS, were conducted by Allan Pither, CNS coordinator of computer applications. Pither has more than 40 years of experience with disaster preparedness. The data center has had a BRP since August 1979.

"We think it went very well. As a starting place, we provided a 'shell' or template version that each department can build upon," Pither said.

The BRPs are a requirement of the IT Security Policy that UF adopted in March 2002. During the workshops, Pither covered a review of BRP models and the template. The template is available online at:

http://www.it.ufl.edu/policies/security/outlines/unit-brp-outline.html

Pither says that having a plan is essential. "Having a plan ensures each unit's delivery of service in case of a disaster," he said.

For more about the IT Security Policy for UF, please see:
http://www.it.ufl.edu/policies/security/index.html

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