Preparedness Bulletin
Rail Incident

To the Emory Community,

The recent train derailment in Quebec is a tragic reminder of why it is important to be prepared and to know what to do and where to go to seek shelter before warnings are issued for a rail disaster. Emory provides rail incident safety guidance in the Emory Just in Time Emergency Campus Guide. See http://www.emergency.emory.edu.

A major rail line runs from east to west through the Emory Druid Hills Campus and alongside the Clairmont Campus. Many different types of items and substances are transported by rail, some of which may be flammable or hazardous to humans when released into the environment.

The Emergency Notification System will alert students, staff, faculty and visitors of an emergency affecting the Emory community. The alert includes outdoor sirens, emergency text messages, and email notifications. An announcement will also be posted on Emory's homepage and on our Twitter feed @Emory_CEPAR.

Guidance for Rail Incidents:

- In the event of a rail disaster (such as a train car derailment) remain at least 500 ft. from the area of the incident.

- The area near the derailment may be hazardous due to chemical contamination, fire, or other factors. Call 911 or the Emory Police at 404-727-6111.

- Be alert for any indication of chemical release related to the event, such as visible vapor clouds, hissing sounds, pooling liquids, etc.

- Due to the complex nature of materials traveling on trains, additional information will be made available, and specific directions will be shared through the Emory Emergency Notification System. Such directions may include Shelter in Place or Evacuation.

For more information: http://www.emergency.emory.edu and visit the CEPAR website for personal preparedness checklist, how to sign up for our Twitter feed, and the "Just In Time" Emergency Guide. Working together, we can be a better prepared and more disaster resilient community.