Staff Spotlight: Meet Jill Harris

Emergency Programs Manager
Jill has been with Risk Management and Safety since June 2006. The Emergency Programs Manager position is responsible for the planning and coordination of various types of emergency programs for Ohio University.

The Emergency Programs Manager position is also responsible for business continuity planning and flood plain management. This position works closely with city, county and state partners. An emergency is defined as any unplanned event that may cause harm to the University community, disrupt operations, cause damages or threaten the institution’s facilities or status. Planning for emergencies is important at several levels to ensure a timely and effective response throughout the campus community in a crisis situation.

An “all risk” approach is used for emergency management, business continuity and flood plain management for all OHIO campuses. Jill has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education and has completed the Professional Development Series of Emergency Management through FEMA along with numerous other certifications related to Emergency Management. Jill is also working on obtaining a master’s degree in Public Administration.

Rapid Fire Q & A with Jill Harris:

Q: What is the most interesting thing that students and staff wouldn’t know about the Emergency Programs Manager position?
A: Every day brings something new. Whether it is the “issue of the day” or new contacts with students, faculty, staff, or the community.

Q: What do you love most about your job?
A: I love working in an environment where I get to interact with students. I also love that there is a learning element to my job. The learning never stops and it allows me to grow in my position.

Q: What’s your favorite quote?
A: “Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”
- John F. Kennedy
Halloween in Athens

This year's annual Halloween bash kicks off Saturday, October 25th at 2:00 p.m. to Sunday at 2:15 a.m. Here are some helpful tips to ensure you have a best weekend possible.

• Keep a picture ID with you at all times.
• Outside of Court Street, stay on sidewalks at all times.
• It is illegal to urinate publicly.
• If you or a friend is arrested, remain calm and courteous. Do not attempt to leave the scene or argue.
• If you attempt to intervene in an arrest, you may be arrested yourself.
• You are not required to make a statement and do not have to give consent for them to search your belongings unless required by law.
• If a friend is arrested, be available to answer their call on an agreed upon number.

Do not choose a costume that includes anything that is, could be used as, or could be confused with a weapon.

Avoid costumes that appear to impersonate a law enforcement officer or simulate law enforcement activities (i.e. directing traffic).

There is no visitor parking allowed on Ohio University property during this weekend. Temporary or time restricted passes are not valid.

Visitors may park at Athens City Parking Garage on Washington Street or at the Athens County Fairgrounds on W. Union Street ($10/car.) Shuttle provided to Buffalo Wild Wings on Union and Convocation Center Friday from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m., and Saturday from 3 p.m. to 3 a.m. ($1/each way.) City buses also run to the fairgrounds.

Mill Street will change to one-way traffic Saturday afternoon through Sunday morning. Visit: www.ohiou.edu/parking for more info!

Bands will play from 7 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at the following locations: Court & Street and Court & Union.

Vendors will be selling food and beverages and merchandise.

Takes place on Court Street. Maps are included on the Athens Halloween Block Party Facebook page.

Important Numbers:

Athens Police Department: (740) 593 - 6606
O’Bleness Memorial Hospital: (740) 593 - 5551
Ohio University Police: (740) 593 - 1911

Celebrate with a group of friends and stay with them; don’t wander off alone.

Plan a place to meet up if you become separated. Cellular systems can be overwhelmed and cell phones can experience issues.

Avoid drinking from open containers that you did not open or drinks you did not mix yourself.

Report suspicious activity or unattended bags to OUPD or Athens Police Department.

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