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4. Have a comprehensive communications plan for communicating with the campus, surrounding communities, the USM office, Bd of Regents, families, and media in the case of an emergency incident;
5. Advise, involve, and solicit feedback from students on issues of campus safety and security and emergency preparedness

8. Accreditation

A. Each USM institution should:

1. Strive to achieve and maintain continual accreditation for the campus police force.
2. Institutions who have not achieved accreditation should have a plan to achieve accreditation for the campus police force as established by professional law enforcement accrediting organization.
3. The campus emergency management program should be established based on standards and guidelines that are set by FEMA, CALEA, IACLEA, and other professional emergency management organizations. Best practices include accreditation for the program through IEMAP.

9. Reporting and Accountability

- A. Each USM institution should maintain an updated campus emergency operations plan in accordance with the BOR Policy 13.00 and the plan should be available for review by USM or USM Internal Audit
- B. USM internal audit reviews will include an assessment of institutional emergency operations plans to ensure the plans are in compliance with BOR Policy 13.00