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TO : All Vice Chancellors, Deans, Directors, Department Chairs, and Unit Heads

SUBJECT : Policy Guidelines on the use of indicators for the UPLB READY BATINGAW (alternative early warning device) for fire and other related emergencies


In line with the recommendation of UPLB Security and Safety Office (SSO) under the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Community Affairs (OVCCA), the university shall adopt an alternative early warning device indicator for fire and other related emergencies.

The "UPLB READY BATINGAW" is set to play a pivotal role in emergencies and disaster scenarios, particularly during power outages that may incapacitate conventional fire alarm systems and the prevalence of non-functioning fire alarm systems in our campus buildings. This innovation will empower the UPLB community to take timely actions and address the crucial factor of time in disaster and emergency response.

The following indicators shall be used to facilitate dissemination of early warning signal if there is a fire and other related emergencies:

- a. One (1) 15 second continuous siren blast connotes a Fire.
- b. Two (2) 15 second continuous siren blast connotes a Typhoon and Earthquake.
- c. Three (3) 15 second continuous siren blast connotes an Active Shooter and Shooting Incidents.

The "UPLB READY BATINGAW" will also be used if there are evacuation drills which are usually a one-minute siren any time of the day.


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