**Upcoming Training**

**KENNESAW**

**Crisis Coordinator Training**
3/17 - 12:30pm - 4:30pm Clendenin 1009
4/21 - 12:30pm - 4:30pm Clendenin 1009

**MARIETTA**

**Crisis Coordinator Training**
3/15 - 12:00pm - 4:00pm Joe Mack Wilson Student Center, Room A216

**Sign up via Owl Train**

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**Understanding Severe Thunderstorm Risk Categories**

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Springtime in Georgia presents a wonderful dichotomy of beauty and destruction. On one hand, flowers and trees begin to bloom to welcome the growing season to our state. On the other, Spring is also the most active severe weather season in Georgia. Tornadoes, thunderstorms, high winds, hail, and lightning are just a few of the hazards that tend to occur this time of year. Severe weather poses the greatest natural threat to the Kennesaw State campuses. As such, we always try to be properly prepared for the worst. When we become aware of an increased risk of severe weather, the Office of Emergency Management springs into action to notify the campus community of the threat. The Office of Emergency Management pays particular close attention to the severity of the threat level issued by the National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center (SPC) and the recommendations of our local National Weather Service Office in Peachtree City.

The SPC issues broad risk areas depending on the perceived threat of tornadoes, thunderstorm-strength winds (58+ mph) and hail while the local NWS office provides local forecasting and guidance. Below is a graphic showing the risk areas that are issued by the Storm Prediction Center. The Office of Emergency Management has developed specific protocols and triggers associated with each level to minimize “gray areas” and potential shortfalls when preparing for potential severe weather. We always encourage our students, faculty, and staff to remain weather aware by checking local forecasts at [www.weather.gov/atlanta](http://www.weather.gov/atlanta).

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National Weather Service
www.spc.noaa.gov

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING
MARIETTA CAMPUS
COMBAT APPLICATION TOURNIQUET (CAT) CLASS
Wednesday, March 9
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
CONFERENCE ROOM A215
JOE MACK WILSON STUDENT CENTER

KUDOS

Crisis Coordinator of the Quarter
Brad Herring
Brad has been a Crisis Coordinator since the conception of the program. He serves as the Facilities Manager for the Department of Theatre & Performance Studies. He is a certified American Heart Association CPR/First Aid instructor, CERT instructor, Fire Extinguisher instructor, Tourniquet instructor and Basic Patrol instructor. He is the chairperson for the COTA Safety Committee and serves on several KSU committees. When Brad’s not at work he loves hanging out with his family, being in the woods and fishing.

Also great job:

- Dale Zaborowski (Science Building) for his quick reaction to a fire alarm and sprinkler head break. His actions saved a tremendous amount of water damage, and minimized disruption to classes.
- Sherrie Gentry (KSU Center) for arranging for every staff member to take OEM’s “See Something, Say Something” Class.

More Important Dates

Crisis Coordinator Quarterly Meeting
5/17 - 10:00am-3:00pm - Social Science 1017
Siren Test
First Wednesday of the month at noon
(weather permitting)
Radio Check
First Wednesday of the month:
Kennesaw Campus - 10:00am
Marietta Campus - 10:30am

PERSONNEL UPDATE – Postings
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What’s Your Plan for Disaster?

Are you ready?
Are you Kuali Ready?!
COMING SOON TO KSU
Office Move!

We moved to Chastain Pointe 312. The Office of Emergency Management has escaped the Trailer! This includes Andy, James and Christy. Ted is still in the Marietta Police Precinct in Norton Hall.

TECHNOLOGY - NIXLE

Several of our neighboring jurisdictions use a public safety advisory system called Nixle.

The system will allow you to receive email notifications and/or text notifications. Cobb County, Paulding County, Cherokee County and Marietta Police are all on the Nixle system. Marietta Police, Cherokee County and Paulding County all make frequent use of the service to notify their communities about weather, traffic, and safety concerns.

Chief Stearns has been subscribed to each of these agencies for several months and has had a chance to monitor the advisories published by each jurisdiction.

His net assessment is that there is both a professional and personal benefit in terms of awareness for the emergency alerts and safety advisories published.

Please consider subscribing. The service is free to the public, and you may enroll in the service online at http://local.nixle.com/zipcode/30144/

TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN

Each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other thunderstorm related hazard. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that over half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water. The next highest percentage of flood-related deaths is due to walking into or near flood waters.

People underestimate the force and power of water. Many of the deaths occur in automobiles as they are swept downstream. Many are preventable, but too many people continue to drive around the barriers that warn you the road is flooded.

A mere 6 inches of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult. It takes just 12 inches of rushing water to carry away a small car, while 2 feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles. It is NEVER safe to drive or walk into flood waters. The following video will illustrate the hazards of driving through flooded water: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/water/tadd/
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<td>More persistent and/or widespread, a few intense</td>
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<td>Small hail</td>
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*NWIs defines a severe thunderstorm as measured wind gusts to at least 58 mph, and/or hail to at least one inch in diameter, and/or a tornado. All thunderstorm categories imply lightning and the potential for flooding. Categories are also tied to the probability of a severe weather event within 20 miles of your location.*

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