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Marietta Campus Safety Day Recap

KSU’s Department of Public Safety hosted its second Campus Safety Day March 22, 2017, on the Marietta Campus. Marietta Fire, Cobb County Bomb Squad, KSU K9s, Cobb County Sheriff’s Deputies, GSP SWAT and more were among the event’s guests. Below are some of the sights from the event. Visit our social media account for more!
The National Safety Council acknowledges April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month, which is as good a time as any to address the importance of undistracted driving.

Even if you’re a focused driver, knowing the statistics and prevention methods of the topic could make a difference to those around you.

**Deaths**

According to the National Safety Council, Georgia had more than 1,500 deaths in 2016 related to distracted driving, which is a 10 percent increase from the previous year. The U.S. combined had more than 40,000 such deaths.

Georgia had a staggering 34 percent increase in distracted driving deaths between 2015 and 2016. Only 11 states had a decrease in such deaths between those two years.

**Distractions**

Even if you don’t text and drive, it is important to be alert behind the wheel by eliminating distractions. Any device or medium that places a demand on your focus or averts your eyes from the road is a distraction and should be avoided while driving. According to the National Safety Council, 53 percent of drivers incorrectly assumes that manufacturer-installed screens and devices, including the radio, are not a distraction.

Of all the distractions the modern driver faces, probably none is more widespread or more pernicious than the handheld cell phone. We use it for so many things like: banking, weather, texting, picture taking, and conversation that response to its insistent demand for our attention is nearly reflexive. While few of us would ever advocate closing our eyes for a few seconds to rest while driving, many more of us appear to have convinced ourselves that taking our eyes off the road to respond to the last electronic query is not nearly so foolhardy. Yet a moment’s analysis reveals that, in terms of lack of concentration and danger, there is essentially little difference between snoozing and texting while driving.

If none of the foregoing apply directly to you, good, continue to set the example. If otherwise, make it a priority to give driving your complete attention. More than four deaths a day in the Peach State is simply too high a price to pay for a few seconds of distracted driving.
How to React to an Active Shooter

Active Shooter Drill Recap

After the safety briefing, participants were asked to resume their normal duties: receptionist to the front desk; victim services to interview room; doctors with patients to exam rooms. Virtually everyone expected the “shooter” to come through building’s main entrance. That expectation vanished when two shots rang out in one of the exam rooms; the “shooter” was already in the building and a doctor had been “killed.”

Taken by genuine surprise, a handful of the participants reacted by simply hiding under their desks where they were found by “shooter” with predictable and unfortunate results. Those who had a moment to locate an empty room or closet that could be locked or barricaded survived.

So what are the “take aways” from this “active shooter” experience?

Expect the Unexpected: Seconds count and the first thirty seconds count the most. If it looks like a gun, grab it; if it sounds like gunfire act immediately, don’t deny or rationalize it.

Plan Ahead: Know your work space; multiple routes of exit; which rooms are easily locked; are police emergency/text dispatch numbers on your phone. Exercise your options aggressively:

Run

If you know the shooter’s location so you won’t run into him accidentally, leave everything, put space and things between you and the attacker.

Hide

Get out of sight, lock the door, turn out the lights, silence your cell phone, don’t move.

Fight

As a last resort when in immediate danger, act with physical aggression to incapacitate the shooter with whatever is at hand.

The Importance

Remember in active shooter situations your personal safety is your top priority. Have a contingency plan for any development that my put your life at risk such as a panicked co-worker that my try to gain access to your locked space. Do you have an established a “code word” that would indicate if he or she is under duress? Is the emergency text number to police dispatch in your phone so that you can request help silently?

By definition, a crisis is an unexpected, life threatening, “come as you are” event. In most cases you are on your own for at least 3 to 5 minutes. What you decide to do, or not to do, in that time will have more than a little bearing on the outcome. Most importantly, unlike the more fortunate participants of the WellStar Medical Group Health Center active shooter drill, you will find that there are “no do-overs” in real life.
**Important Dates and Training**

- **Radio Check (10 a.m.) and Siren Test (noon)**  
  First Wednesday of each month

- **Quarterly Crisis Coordinator Meeting**  
  4/26/17 1:30pm - 3:30pm  
  Joe Mack Wilson Student Center A216 (Marietta Campus)

- **Disaster Psychology**  
  April 13, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
  Norton Hall Training Room (Marietta Campus)

- **See Something, Say Something Class**  
  April 19, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
  Chastain Pointe 312 (Kennesaw Campus)  
  Sign up via OwlTrain

- **CPR/AED Training — Seats available!**  
  April 25, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
  Chastain Pointe 312 (Kennesaw Campus)  
  Email Christy Hendricks (dhendr16@kennesaw.edu) to sign up.

- **Campus Fire Safety**  
  April 27, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
  Chastain Pointe 312 (Kennesaw Campus)  
  Sign up via OwlTrain

**Save the Date!**

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Web
www.kennesaw.edu
oem.kennesaw.com

The Campus Advisory Page
www.kennesaw.edu/advisories

Twitter
www.twitter.com/kennesawstate
www.twitter.com/KSU_Safety

Facebook
www.facebook.com/KennesawStateuniversity
www.facebook.com/kennesawstateOEM

Local Media Outlets
www.cbs46.com
www.wsbtv.com

On-campus emergencies: 470-578-6666
Off-campus emergencies: 911
Non-emergencies: 470-578-6206

Personal safety should be No. 1. If you do not feel safe to travel, don’t.

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