



PREPARING THE PARLIAMENT



**KENNESAW STATE
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
AND UNIVERSITY POLICE
Office of Emergency Management

Welcome Our New
Continuity Planner!

Left of Bang:
Staying Proactive

It's Not Luck!
Create an
Emergency Plan

Preparing the Parliament is a monthly production of the KSU Department of Public Safety, Office of Emergency Management. This publication is provided to prepare students, faculty, and staff to be ready for and respond to potential emergencies and disasters which may occur on our campuses.

The Director's Desk

James Westbrook
Director of Emergency Management

Part of emergency management is constantly thinking about “what’s next.” During an emergency, we are trying to think ahead about the next hour, the next six hours, the next 24 hours. What resources can we anticipate needing? What decisions can we begin to consider so that when the time comes to make that decision, we have already thought it through. What downstream or cascading hazards could occur as a result of what is going on now? What are the negative consequences of the decisions we are making and response we are implementing?

Another aspect of emergency management is looking back on what has happened and learning from it. This includes exercises, emergencies, and planned events at Kennesaw State, as well as emergencies that have occurred other places. We strive for constant improvement. We want to continuously learn and get better at what we do. To do that, we try to learn from our mistakes and failures and the mistakes and failures of others.

So, as we march into March, the Office of Emergency Management is doing both – looking forward and looking back. We are looking forward towards Georgia’s severe weather season in the spring and early summer (although severe weather can happen anytime in Georgia!). We are looking forward towards the large concert being held at Fifth Third Stadium in June and planning for that concert from an emergency management perspective. We are also looking back at recent events and developing After Action Reports (AARs) to learn from what has happened recently. This includes reviewing our emergency notification messages, our response protocols in the Office of Emergency Management, and other mechanisms that we can always do better at. We are constantly learning from the past so that we can better prepare for the future.

Congratulations!



We are excited to announce that Christy Hendricks, formerly the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Kennesaw Campus, has accepted the position of Continuity Planner in the Office of Emergency Management.

This position will be the "one stop shop" for all Continuity of Operations needs, including training, presentations, planning assistance, and outreach. In this position, Christy is tasked with coordinating the Kennesaw State University Continuity of Operations program, assisting departments with developing and maintaining plans, and expanding the program throughout the University. Christy is a FEMA-certified Continuity Practitioner and has earned the Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) certification through the Georgia Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency.

Reach out to Christy for guidance on all things COOP-related!

“I’m excited to start as the new Continuity Planner for the University! I am your go-to source for all things COOP. I will be reaching out to departments over the next several months to discuss creating or updating your COOP plan. I can conduct COOP training and provide resources to make the process as simple as possible. Please call or email me any time!”

A MOMENT WITH...

Christy Hendricks

Continuity Planner
Department of Public Safety
Office of Emergency Management



WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO IN YOUR NEW POSITION?

I am excited about the new challenge! I look forward to hitting the ground running and helping departments understand and develop their COOP plans. I am also looking forward to meeting new people.

WHEN AND WHY DID YOU COME TO KSU?

I started my education at KSU in 2005 and starting working here in 2013! I applied for an Administrative Assistant position to get my foot in the door, so-to-speak, and hoped it would lead into something bigger. I am a true testament of good things come to those who wait. Coming up on 11 years here, I believe I am where I belong.

WHEN YOU EAT AT THE COMMONS, WHAT IS YOUR GO-TO?

The grilled cheese! I also LOVE the salad bar. On Thursdays, I love the collard greens and mac and cheese, too.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BEST MEMORY AT KSU SO FAR?

There are a lot of great memories so far, but receiving my master's degree in 2019 sticks out the most. I felt immensely proud of myself and it showed my children what hard work and dedication looks like.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO FOR FUN AWAY FROM CAMPUS?

I enjoy working out. Not many people say working out is fun, but I find it to be a way to relieve stress while doing something good for my body. I started consistently working out in 2021, and have gained not only some muscle, but self-confidence, too! I also enjoy spending time with my husband, 2 children, and 85 pound chocolate lab. I'm not a huge sports fan, but you will always find me cheering on the Owls!

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT COOP!

Upcoming Training Opportunities

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Norton Hall Police Precinct Conference Room | 1:30PM-2:30PM

7 CPR/AED Basic Life Support
Norton Hall Police Precinct Conference Room | 2:30PM-5PM

14 CPR/AED Basic Life Support
Chastain Pointe Suite 312 | 8AM-10:30AM

19 CPR/AED Basic Life Support
Chastain Pointe Suite 312 | 12:30PM-3PM

26 Stop the Bleed
Norton Hall Police Precinct Conference Room | 9AM-10AM

26 CPR/AED Basic Life Support
Norton Hall Police Precinct Conference Room | 10AM-12:30PM

**All courses are
free for KSU
students, faculty,
and staff!**

[Register here!](#)

LEFT OF BANG

Wayne Randle
Emergency Management Coordinator

Reading “Left of Bang”, a book by Jason A. Riley and Patrick Van Horne, we can draw parallels between the Marine training espoused in the book and modern-day emergency management. “Left of bang” refers to taking a proactive approach to possible threats by making a decision based on observation and intuition to prevent the bad from happening. Marines are trained to remain vigilant of their surroundings in order to protect themselves and their team. “Bang” is something you don’t want. It’s the clock striking midnight. It’s the point of attack. Bang changes everything...

So how does Bang relate to emergency management? Further, how does it relate to KSU Emergency Management, and, even deeper, how does it relate to you? Simple. We are all emergency managers when it relates to preventing “Bang.” The National Judicial College reports “having actionable intelligence is critical to knowing what to do before, during, and after a ‘bang’.” The more situational awareness KSU Public Safety has, the better the potential incident can be addressed.

Where Mr. Jenkins relates “Bang” preparedness to the medical community at University of Pittsburg, the same could be said about our university community. Every faculty and staff member should become vigilant to keep us “left of Bang.” Everyone should have a role in preventing incidents by being observant to environment, people in your area, suspicious activities, and things that just don’t seem right.

“Emergency medicine professionals deal with the right of bang, or the aftermath of violence. But that’s beginning to change. Violence prevention has become a focal point within the medical community.”

Gavin Jenkins

The KSU Office of Emergency Management works daily to keep the university “left of Bang.” Related to situational awareness, the Office of Emergency Management utilizes over 200 volunteer Crisis Coordinators, who serve as sentinels in campus buildings, reporting to KSU Public Safety situations and events which aides in our situational awareness. It is up to us all to keep vigilant when suspicious activity occurs, keeping us “left of Bang.”



See something? Say something! Call KSU PD on extension 6666 or 470-578-6666.
Interested in becoming an OEM Crisis Coordinator? Contact us at oem@kennesaw.edu.

IT'S NOT LUCK!

Jamie Case
Emergency Management Specialist

KNOW YOUR RISK

It is important to learn the risks you face and ways to stay up-to-date with current conditions. Taking action now may give you and your family the time and power to protect yourselves and your property.

There are many different types of disasters and hazards. Know your area's for floods, fires, thunderstorms, winter weather, etc.

Your risk of becoming affected by each type depends on the possibility of an event and your vulnerability to it.



Hazard

A source of danger



Vulnerability

Being open to attack or damage



Risk

Possibility of loss or injury

MAKE A PLAN

1

Discuss parts of the plan with your family, friends, and/or household:

- How to receive alerts
- Shelter plans
- Evacuation routes
- Emergency kit

2

Consider needs in your household.

- Different ages
- Dietary needs
- Medical needs
- Languages spoken
- Pets

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Create a family emergency plan

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Practice!

BUILD A KIT

Don't test your luck! Make sure you are prepared by building an emergency kit in addition to knowing your risk and making plans. A basic emergency kit can contain the following:

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| • Water | • Radio | • Local maps |
| • Food | • Dust mask | • Cell phone |
| • Flashlight | • Plastic sheets | • Backup chargers |
| • First aid kit | • Duct tape | • Manual can opener |
| • Extra batteries | • Garbage bags | • Medicines |
| • Whistle | • Wrench/pliers | • Pet food/water |



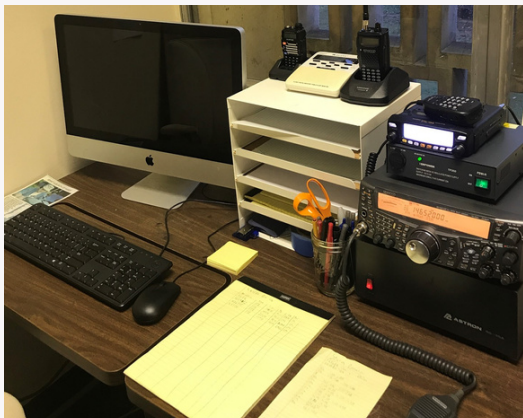
KSU AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Ryan Bibby

President of the Kennesaw State University Amateur Radio Club and Emergency Service



The KSU Amateur Radio Club and Amateur Radio Emergency Service (KSUARC/ARES) K4KST is one of the oldest call signs in Georgia. With a long history and a priority of supporting the University, the KSU Amateur Radio Club brings together students, faculty, and staff in a hobby which connects amateur radio operators locally, as well as worldwide. The KSU Amateur Radio Club brings a voice to the amateur radio community, discusses and works on projects related to radio communications and related technologies, maintains and operates campus radio equipment, and supports public safety during times of emergency and disaster. The KSU Amateur Radio Club and Amateur Radio Emergency Service currently operates two 70cm repeaters and are planning to bring a 2m repeater online this spring.



Come check us out! We meet monthly on the first Thursday of each month beginning at 6:00 pm in the Norton Hall Public Safety Conference Room (enter the Police entrance on the ground floor of Norton Hall). If you would like to join the KSU Amateur Radio Club and Amateur Radio Emergency Service, go to [Owl Life](#) and join the Amateur Radio Club organization. Dues are \$25 a year and can be paid at our monthly meetings the first Thursday of each month. If you have questions, feel free to contact me at rbibby@students.kennesaw.edu.

A major part of the KSU Amateur Radio Club is our commitment to support disaster operations. Through a close working association with KSU Office of Emergency Management, the KSU Amateur Radio Club proudly provides voice to the KSU Amateur Radio Emergency Service and provides redundant and alternate communications capabilities to assure the public safety of all who call KSU home. While many of the newer technologies depend upon internet and cellular service, the Amateur Radio Emergency Service depends upon nothing other than a ham radio and a licensed operator.

The KSU Amateur Radio Club members enjoy meeting to associate with others interested in amateur radio. We support major events on campus and provide communications support to major events, including Campus Safety Day. We also will be holding our annual "Hamfest" in connection with Campus Safety Day on the Marietta Campus, where we will be offering amateur radio license exams for anyone who would like to take the exam.

Meet the Team!



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