

Crisis Coordinator Communique

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KSU Office of Emergency Management

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Crisis Coordinator Quarterly Meeting

August 8, 2017
1:00pm-3:00pm



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Mark your calendar for these upcoming training dates

Safety Abroad

Kennesaw Campus (KHE1301) 7/11/2017 1:30pm– 3:30pm

Personal Disaster Preparedness

Marietta Campus (Building D104) 7/12/2017 10:30am – 12:30pm

Advanced Radio Class

Marietta Campus (Norton Hall Police Training Room) 7/25/2017 10:00am – 11:30am

Basic Crisis Coordinator

Marietta Campus (Building J159) 7/25/2017 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Kennesaw Campus (CP312) 8/3/2017 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Bomb Threat Management

Kennesaw Campus (KHE1103) 8/10/2017 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Students in Conflict

Kennesaw Campus (ECF22) 8/15/2017 12:30pm-2:15pm

Marietta Campus (Building J157) 8/18/2017 12:00pm- 1:45 pm

Concealed Weapon Detection

Kennesaw Campus (CL1009) 8/23/2017 9:00a m– 12:00pp

(Information not available, class to be loaded onto GEMA Training Registration System)

Campus Fire Safety

Marietta Campus (Building J131) 8/25/2017 10:00am- 12:00 pp

Suspicious Behavior and Reporting

Kennesaw Campus (ECF131) 9/11/2017 10:30am – 12:00pm

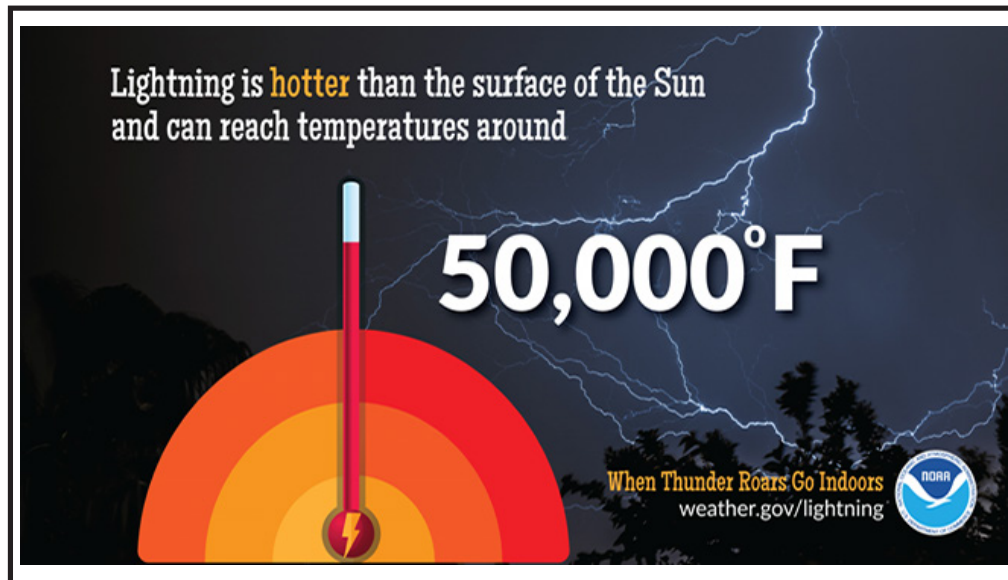
Critical Incident Stress Management

Kennesaw Campus (CP312) 10/12/2017 11:00am – 12:00pm

Lightning Safety Information & Tips Service

Lightning: What You Need to Know

- **NO PLACE** outside is safe when thunderstorms are in the area
- If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you
- When you hear thunder, immediately move to safe shelter: a substantial building with electricity or plumbing or an enclosed, metal-topped vehicle with windows up
- Stay in safe shelter at least 30 minutes after you hear the last sound of thunder



Indoor Lightning Safety

- Stay off corded phones, computers and other electrical equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity
- Avoid plumbing, including sinks, baths and faucets
- Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches
- Do not lie on concrete floors, and do not lean against concrete walls

Last Resort Outdoor Risk Reduction Tips

- If you are caught outside with no safe shelter anywhere nearby the following actions may reduce your risk:
- Immediately get off elevated areas such as hills, mountain ridges or peaks
- Never lie flat on the ground
- Never shelter under an isolated tree
- Never use a cliff or rocky overhang for shelter
- Immediately get out and away from ponds, lakes and other bodies of water
- Stay away from objects that conduct electricity (barbed wire fences, power lines, windmills, etc.)

What to Know During a Tornado Warning

Tornado warnings are one of the most likely major emergencies for our campus. Due to the large commuter population at Kennesaw State University and our multi-campus locations, KSU activates our tornado warning protocols for any Tornado warning in Cobb County. This can cause confusion between campuses or even cause a situation where neither the Kennesaw nor Marietta campus are in the warning polygon. The Office of Emergency Management makes every effort to keep the campus population aware of any potential incoming weather, but threatening weather can still occur unexpectedly, as it did in June. When possible, the Office of Emergency Management will issue any campus-specific cancellations by reviewing the latest weather radar data. We do not encourage buildings to make their own decisions regarding the legitimacy of a tornado warning. We have direct access to the National Weather Service forecasters who issue the warnings and may be aware of additional

storms approaching the area that are not as clear to others. The National Weather Service radar information available to the public takes five to seven minutes to update and a lot can change atmospherically in that time frame.



This is a good time to review your own response plan and to make sure you know where the safe sheltering areas are in your building. The Office of Emergency Management is more than willing to help answer any questions regarding these locations. When responding to a tornado warning, remember that you are only personally responsible for your own safety. We encourage you to share the information with

others and let them know where the safe sheltered locations are in your building. However, we do not condone physically restraining individuals who do not wish to comply or verbally berating people into complying. They are, after all, adults who can wander out into the storm if they so choose. We encourage our campus partners to be weather aware-know the daily weather risks and if we are expecting bad weather. If the likelihood is high, OEM will provide updates to the campus.

We do encourage Crisis Coordinators to have their radios ready at all times and to ask questions to OEM over the radio if you have any confusion regarding the weather situation. Should you have any questions about the tornado warning process or where to find shelter in your building, please email us at: OEM@kennesaw.edu

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How will I know whether campus is opened, closed or delayed?

Check the following resources to determine whether KSU is open, closed or delayed due to inclement weather.

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

Marietta Campus

Are you interested in becoming a crisis coordinator?

If so, email Ted Stafford at: estaffo7@kennesaw.edu

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

Personal safety should be Number 1.
 If you do not feel safe to travel, don't travel.

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