Crisis Coordinator Communique

Crisis Coordinators of the Quarter

Sandra Barclay has been a Crisis Coordinator for many years and is an active Cobb County CERT member. She has been called out three times this year to join the Cobb Search and Rescue Team to try and locate a missing person. Sandra has her HAM radio license and has countless hours of training in emergency preparedness, not only with KSU but with Cobb County. Sandra has been instrumental in the Crisis Coordinator Program success and we wish her well in her retirement!

Lashaudra Fambro has been working at KSU for about two years now as a Lab Coordinator for the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Upon employment, some of her first self-initiated tasks were to complete the basic requirements to become a Crisis Coordinator. Since, then she has completed the CERT program and learned a wealth of information regarding safety and risk management skills. All of which has helped her to be better prepared in the workplace and at home when emergencies arise. She says she is grateful to the staff members that organize the training sessions and looks forward to learning more. She would also like to encourage others to invite a fellow colleague to participate in the CC program.
Mosquitoes

During the heat of the spring and summer months, nobody is immune from pesky mosquito bites! Although less likely in the United States as opposed to abroad, mosquitoes are known to be carriers of deadly diseases. Make sure you are taking care of yourself by choosing the appropriate repellant every time you are engaged in outdoor activity. Follow the link to KSU’s Student Health Services bulletin regarding mosquitoes and repellants: [http://healthadvisory.kennesaw.edu/docs/fs_mosquito_bite_prevention_us.pdf](http://healthadvisory.kennesaw.edu/docs/fs_mosquito_bite_prevention_us.pdf)

Your Opinion Matters

In July’s edition of OEM’s award-winning newsletter, we will feature a page on tips from Crisis Coordinators – you! New CCs, and those who have been around a while, can benefit from lessons learned from others. As examples from previous conversations, tips like:

- Take your radio with you during fire alarm evacuations
- Know where your fire alarm panel is located in your building
- Participate in the monthly radio checks

Please send your tips to Andy at andy_altizer@kennesaw.edu

OEM will also start offering quarterly refresher training for CCs, public safety and OEM staff. We will rollout this quarterly training schedule later this summer. Please send your ideas for refresher training to James at jwestbr9@kennesaw.edu.

Be Prepared When Lightning Strikes

Lightning strikes the United States about 25 million times a year. Although most lightning occurs in the summer, people can be struck at any time of year. Lightning kills an average of 49 people in the United States each year, and hundreds more are severely injured.

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.
- 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.

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

Remember, *when thunder roars, go indoors.*
Staying Current

Anybody who is involved in a public safety function knows all too well there is training, and usually a lot of it. Training is a great opportunity to not only strengthen your mind and abilities, but also your organizations. With some certifications comes an expiration date, like a CPR card. But with others, you complete the class and you are done. The question is, at what point has the information become stale? When have the commonly accepted practices changed? Has the threat evolved? We recommend that Crisis Coordinators refresh their training every few years by either retaking the basic Crisis Coordinator certification class or advancing their certification by participating in our Campus Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

Chief of Police

Ed Stephens is officially the Chief of Police! Ed is responsible for all facets of public safety of both the Kennesaw and Marietta campuses, including more than 100 employees, which includes sworn officers, security officers, emergency management staff, public safety systems staff, and other administrative office personnel. He first started working at KSU Public Safety in 1992, is an alumni of KSU, and frequently serves as an adjunct faculty member in KSU's Department of First-Year and Transition Studies.
COOP Will Help!

Two recent events on campus highlight the importance of departments having a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). The KSU Network outage undoubtedly affected everyone on campus - including OEM! Luckily, we had back up plans for the emergency notification systems, including Rave Alert and the Outdoor Warning Siren System. These back up plans allowed us to continue to operate at an acceptable level during adverse conditions. We had considered these conditions prior to the event and had managed to put plans in place for alternate means of access to our systems.

What about your department? Were you able to continue with your essential functions without the internet? If not, what could your department do to be better prepared for this kind of event happening again in the future? Are you completely reliant on one system or one employee to operate an essential function of your department?

In addition to the network failure, Town Point had a small fire that not only knocked out the air conditioning, but, for a time, knocked out the power as well. Alternative work locations became an issue for some of the departments at Town Point. Of course, this coincided with the Network outage (we call it Murphy’s Law - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murphy%27s_law](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murphy%27s_law)). Do you have an alternative work space plan? Are you already set up to work from home if this were to occur in your building? Do you know how to access your computer remotely?

Make establishing a COOP plan a priority. Go to [http://oem.kennesaw.edu/recovery.php](http://oem.kennesaw.edu/recovery.php) to get started using our “Owl Ready” COOP Tool. Contact James at jwesbr9@kennesaw.edu for questions and help in getting your department started on this important process.
Can you Stop The Bleed?

If you are unsure how you would react to a situation involving life threatening bleeding then you are encouraged to sign up for the next Bleeding Control or Until Help Arrives class (or both).

June OEM Calendar

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- 6: Campus Fire Safety—Kennesaw 10 AM
- 15: Active Shooter Drill—Town Point
- 28: CC Quarterly Meeting—Marietta Q202 1PM-3PM
Protect your every day.

RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS
OF TERRORISM-RELATED SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED THREAT
Threatening to commit a crime that could harm or kill people or damage a facility, infrastructure, or secured site

PHOTOGRAPHY/ SURVEILLANCE
Taking pictures or videos, or a prolonged interest in personnel, facilities, security features, or infrastructure in an unusual or covert manner

THEFT/LOSS/ DIVERSION
Stealing or diverting items—such as equipment, uniforms, or badges—that belong to a facility or secured site

TESTING OR PROBING OF SECURITY
Investigating or testing a facility’s security or IT systems to assess the strength or weakness of the target

AVIATION ACTIVITY
Operating or interfering with the operation of an aircraft that poses a threat of harm to people and property

BREACH/ ATTEMPTED INTRUSION
Unauthorized people trying to enter a restricted area or impersonating authorized personnel

ACQUISITION OF EXPERTISE
Gaining skills or knowledge on a specific topic, such as facility security, military tactics, or flying an aircraft

ELICITING INFORMATION
Questioning personnel beyond mere curiosity about an event, facility, or operations

MISREPRESENTATION
Presenting false information or misusing documents to conceal possible illegal activity

CYBERATTACK
Disrupting or compromising an organization’s information technology systems

RECRUITING/ FINANCING
Funding suspicious or criminal activity or recruiting people to participate in criminal or terrorist activity

SABOTAGE/ TAMPERING/ VANDALISM
Damaging or destroying part of a facility, infrastructure, or secured site

MATERIALS ACQUISITION/ STORAGE
Acquisition and/or storage of unusual materials such as cell phones, radio controllers, or toxic materials

WEAPONS COLLECTION/ STORAGE
Collection or discovery of unusual amounts of weapons including explosives, chemicals, or other destructive materials

SECTOR-SPECIFIC INCIDENT
Actions which raise concern to specific sectors, (e.g., power plant) with regard to their personnel, facilities, systems, or functions

If you see something, say something
REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES OR CALL 911 IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

dhs.gov/see-something-say-something

“If you see something, say something” used with permission of the MTA Metropolitan Transportation Authority
HOW WILL I KNOW IF CAMPUS IS OPEN, CLOSED OR DELAYED?

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

Web:
www.kennesaw.edu
oem.kennesaw.edu

The Campus Advisory Page
www.kennesaw.edu/advisories

Twitter
www.twitter.com/kennesawstate
www.twitter.com/ksuoem

Facebook
www.facebook.com/KennesawStateUniversity
www.facebook.com/kennesawstateOEM

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

On Campus emergencies call: (470) 578-6666
Off Campus emergencies call: 911
Non-emergencies call: (470) 578-6206

Personal safety should always be #1. If you do not feel safe to travel, don’t.

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