

# Crisis Coordinator Communique



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## Upcoming Training - KENNESAW

**Crisis Coordinator Training**  
1/18/18, Chastain Pointe 312  
12:00pm - 4:30pm

**More to come...**

## Upcoming Training - MARIETTA

**Bomb Threat Management**  
1/23/18, Location TBD  
10:00am - 11:30am

**More to come...**

KSU OEM WILL BE GIVING AWAY SEVERAL WALMART GIFT CARDS ON THE LAST DAY OF FINAL EXAMS! WE WILL PICK THE NAMES FROM FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS WHO HAVE DOWNLOADED THE LIVESAFE APP. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER AND ON OEM SOCIAL MEDIA.



# Decorate Safely for the Holidays

Keep your holidays happy with safe decorations.



According to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), December is the peak time of year for home candle fires.

Be fire smart as you deck the halls for a festive holiday season with these USFA tips:

- Water Christmas trees every day. A dry tree is dangerous because it can catch fire easily.
- Make sure Christmas trees are at least three feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure the tree does not block exits.
- Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up. Throw away strands with frayed or pinched wires. Read the manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.
- Turn off all holiday lights before going to bed or leaving your home.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.
- If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where you can not knock them down.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns. Never leave a burning candle alone in an empty room. Find more holiday, Christmas tree, and fire safety information on the USFA Holiday Safety page.

Does your department/office have social media? Use this Holiday & Travel Safety Social Media Toolkit to educate your followers on the importance of preparedness:

<https://www.ready.gov/holiday-toolkit>

**#HolidaySafety**

**#SafeTravels**

<h3>Winter Storm Watch</h3> <p>Issued when significant winter weather (i.e. 2 inches or more of snow, ½ inch or more of sleet, ¼ inch or more of freezing rain, or a combination of these events) is possible, but not imminent. A wide range of weather events can prompt a Winter Storm Watch so be sure to pay attention to what the watch is calling for specifically. A watch is typically issued 12 to 48 hours before the event. This is the time to prepare.</p>	<h3>Winter Storm Warning</h3> <p>Typically issued up to 36 hours before an event for an 80% or greater chance of a winter weather event that meets at least one of these criteria: 2 or more inches of snow, ½ inch or more of sleet, or ¼ inch or more of freezing rain. May be issued at forecaster and emergency management discretion when significant impacts are expected but the snow, sleet, or freezing rain criteria are not necessarily met.</p>
<div style="text-align: center;">  <span style="background-color: #004a87; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border-radius: 10px; display: inline-block;">Criteria for North and Central Georgia</span>  </div> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid #004a87; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; background-color: #e6f2ff;"> <h4>Winter Weather Products Issued By The National Weather Service</h4> <p>These are the criteria used by the National Weather Service Office in Peachtree City. Some of the accumulation criteria vary from region to region based on local/regional susceptibility to winter weather and how accustomed they are to coping with such events.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Chris Robbins   iWeatherNet.com</p> </div>	
<h3>Winter Weather Advisory</h3> <p>Issued up to 36 hours before an event when there is an 80 percent or greater chance that winter precipitation (i.e. snow, freezing rain/drizzle, sleet, or blowing snow) is expected to cause inconveniences, but does not meet warning criteria (see the Winter Storm Warning criteria above). Examples of "advisory" criteria include snow accumulation of less than 2 inches or freezing rain accumulation less than ¼ inch. A Winter Weather Advisory is an <u>upgrade</u> from a Watch.</p>	<h3>Ice Storm Warning</h3> <p>Issued up to 36 hours before an event if there is an 80% or greater chance that freezing rain will accumulate to ¼ inch or more. Freezing rain is rain that freezes on exposed surfaces, such as trees and powerlines. May be issued at forecaster discretion if significant impacts are expected but the freezing rain criteria may not necessarily be met. When amounts are less than ¼ inch, a Winter Weather Advisory or a Freezing Rain Advisory may be issued instead.</p>

Last month, we discussed the winter weather forecast for our area and preparedness activities everyone can take to be ready for winter weather. This month, we would like to remind everyone about the different types of watches, advisories, and warnings from the National Weather Service (NWS) and what each of them mean.

The NWS will issue a **Winter Storm Watch** 12-48 hours in advance of an event. A Winter Storm Watch means there is a 50% chance of a significant winter storm, which would include 2+ inches of snow, ½+ inch of sleet and/or ¼+ inch of freezing rain. **Watch = Be Prepared**

A **Winter Weather Advisory**, which can be issued as much as 36 hours before a winter weather event, indicates an 80% or greater chance of winter precipitation which causes “inconveniences,” but does not meet the threshold for a Warning. **Advisory = Be Aware**

A **Winter Storm Warning** could also be issued as much as 36 hours prior to an event and indicates an 80% or greater chance of a significant winter storm event, which means 2+ inches of snow, ½+ inch of sleet, and/or ¼+ inch of freezing rain. **Warning = Take Action!**

The unpredictable nature of winter weather makes anticipating exactly what and exactly how much frozen precipitation is going to occur very difficult for forecasters. The slightest change in the temperature profile of a winter event can have drastic consequences.

# Ted's Corner

Ted Stafford was truly one-of-a-kind. He was a people person and loved to chat. He was known for his witty responses, which we call “Tedisms.” Here are a few Tedisms for your enjoyment:

**“Thank you for striking a match in the darkness.”**

(When someone gave useful information.)

**“I asked him what time it was and he built me a Swiss watch.”** (About someone who talks a lot.)

**“He can talk the leg off an iron chair.”**

**“I can do this standing on my head in a bucket of snot.”** (When doing something easy.)

**“BITE ME!”** (When we would poke fun at him.)

**“Where is his worshipfulness?”** (When asking about Andy Altizer.)

**“...as a practical matter.”** (He often said this in meetings or classes.)

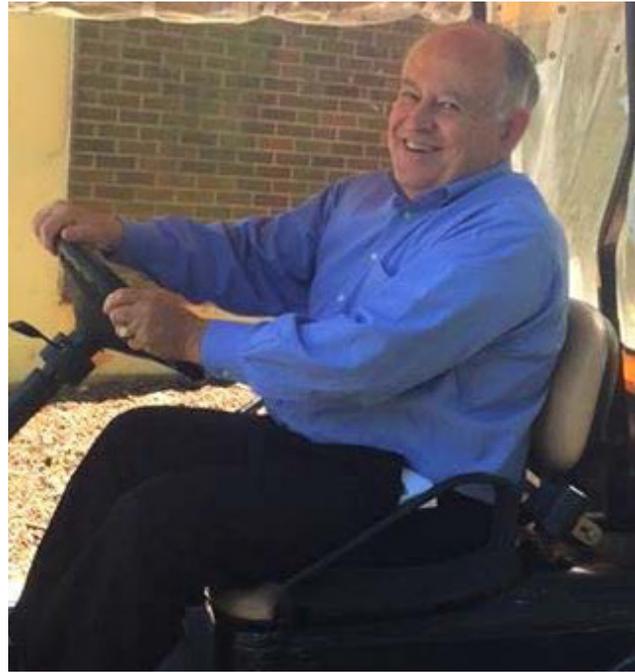
**“As they say so horribly in the South...where are you AT?”** (He didn't like it when someone would end a sentence with a preposition.)

**“I knew I shouldn't have left you without adult supervision!”** (When something didn't go well or got messed up.)

**“We are better than related...we can't choose your relatives; we have chosen to be friends.”** (He considered his teammates his friends.)

**“It's your eternal optimism I find so endearing.”** (When someone was being negative.)

There are many more, but they may not be “appropriate” for all readers! There hasn't been a day gone by that we (OEM) haven't talked about Ted or reminisced about something he said or did. If you have “Tedisms” or stories you'd like to share, email us at [oem@kennesaw.edu](mailto:oem@kennesaw.edu). His family would love to hear them!



Join the Kennesaw State University Office of Emergency Management for our spring semester Campus Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. CERT is a training program designed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of educating individuals about disaster preparedness and hazards that may impact their areas. For questions or to register, contact Barrett Cappetto at [bcappett@kennesaw.edu](mailto:bcappett@kennesaw.edu) or (470) 578-4833.

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Instructor(s)</b>	<b>Location</b>
January 11, 2018 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Disaster Preparedness and CERT Organization	Barrett Cappetto	Norton Hall Police Training Room
January 25, 2018 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Disaster Medical Operations I	James Westbrook	Norton Hall Police Training Room
February 8, 2018 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Disaster Medical Operations II	TBD	Norton Hall Police Training Room
February 22, 2018 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Fire Safety/Utility Control and Light Search and Rescue	Matt Shannon, Tyler Fitts, and Barrett Cappetto	Norton Hall Police Training Room
March 8, 2018 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Disaster Psychology and Terrorism	Andy Altizer and James Westbrook	Norton Hall Police Training Room
March 22, 2018 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Skills Review and Disaster Simulation	N/A	Marietta Campus Gymnasium (S2)

CERT is offered free of charge, and is open to any students, staff, or faculty that are interested in the CERT program and its mission. CERT participants are recommended to complete the online “ICS for Higher Education” (ICS100.He) before the beginning of CERT. This provides the participant with a basic knowledge of emergency management and common terminology used throughout the course. The online course can be accessed via this link: <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=is-100.he>.

# Holiday Concerns

The potential terrorism over the holidays cannot be dismissed, especially where there are mass gatherings. So, what can you do if you are going out for a holiday celebration where there will be a crowd? Well, first, trust your instincts. If something does not look or feel right, you are probably right – walk away from that area. What else? Again, use common sense including:

- Report suspicious behavior, activity or “things” to the police
- Understand what is “normal” at the activity you are attending, and if you witness something out of the normal, take immediate action (again, walk away, report to police). See “The Importance of Context and Baseline in Suspicious Behavior Reporting” article in the August 2017 Newsletter.
- Always know a couple of evacuation routes
- Make sure you have a communication plan (see “Family Communication Tips” in the August 2015 newsletter.)

Miss an issue of the Crisis Coordinator Communique? Find past newsletters here: <http://oem.kennesaw.edu/resources.php>



Questions? Comments? Email us at [oem@kennesaw.edu](mailto:oem@kennesaw.edu)  
Want us to bring training to your department? Let us know!



# Radio Reporting

When reporting a problem via the Crisis Coordinator radio, please provide KSU Dispatch with the following (as best you can):

1. **Where** the problem is (building name, floor number and room number, etc.);
2. **What** the problem is (Fire, Fire Alarm, Person Injured, Person Sick, Suspicious Person, Theft, Unattended Bag or Package, etc);
3. If a medical call provide type of sickness or injury, if patient is male or female, approximate age of patient, level of consciousness, whether or not having problems breathing and any other information available. This will assist 9-1-1 in determining the level of response and number of apparatus they need to dispatch (i.e., Fire Engine, Fire Rescue & Ambulance vs. Fire Engine & Ambulance vs. Ambulance Only);
4. If a suspicious person, explain how & why the person is suspicious along with what the person looks like (Race, sex, color & type of hat, eye or sunglasses, facial hair, color of coat, color of shirt, color and type of pants, scars, marks, tattoos, etc.), where person is now, if left the scene provide direction of travel, and other info to help identify and locate the person. Any information you can provide will assist in the response and outcome of the incident.





Always be ready. You never know when disaster will strike. Ready Georgia makes it easy for Georgians to build a ready kit. Visit their website at: <http://ready.ga.gov/>



## 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](http://www.kennesaw.edu)  
[oem.kennesaw.edu](http://oem.kennesaw.edu)

The Campus Advisory Page  
[www.kennesaw.edu/advisories](http://www.kennesaw.edu/advisories)

### Twitter

[www.twitter.com/kennesawstate](http://www.twitter.com/kennesawstate)  
[www.twitter.com/KSU\\_Safety](http://www.twitter.com/KSU_Safety)

### Facebook

[www.facebook.com/KennesawStateUniversity](http://www.facebook.com/KennesawStateUniversity)  
[www.facebook.com/kennesawstateOEM](http://www.facebook.com/kennesawstateOEM)

### Local Media Outlets

[www.cbs46.com](http://www.cbs46.com)  
[www.wsbtv.com](http://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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