

# CrisisCoordinatorCommunique



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## Upcoming Training - KENNESAW

### Winter Weather Awareness

11/15/17, ECF/BEB 222

1:00pm - 2:00pm

### Suspicious Behavior & Reporting

11/30/17, Library 101

1:30pm - 3:00pm

**Sign up for classes on OwlTrain.**

## Upcoming Training - MARIETTA

### Crisis Coordinator Training

11/28/17, Atrium Building 131

12:00pm - 4:00pm

### Suspicious Behavior & Reporting

11/30/17, Norton Hall EOC

10:00am - 11:30am

### Campus Fire Safety

12/1/17, Norton Hall EOC

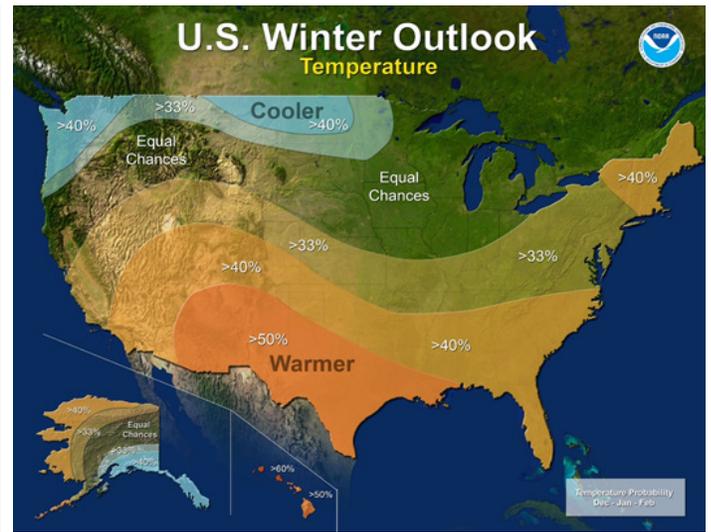
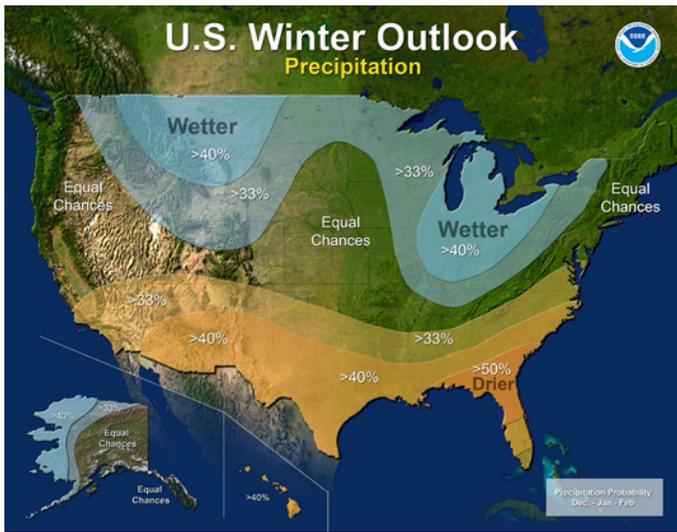
1:00pm - 2:30pm

ARE YOU MOVING OFFICES? DID YOU TAKE A NEW POSITION AT KSU? IF SO, EMAIL US! LET US KNOW YOUR NEW OFFICE LOCATION AND PHONE NUMBER SO WE CAN BETTER TRACK OUR CRISIS COORDINATOR EQUIPMENT! THANK YOU.

## Winter Weather Prep

As the trees continue to lose their leaves, it is time, once again, to start thinking about Winter Weather! It is always a good idea to start preparing for winter storms before the weather arrives and the zombie-like hordes of humanity go forth in search of eggs, milk, and bread (because snow and ice apparently makes everyone hungry for French Toast . . . ). So what types of items should you have on hand? Well, many of the items are the same as your normal emergency kit. This includes flashlights, extra batteries, non-perishable food items, water, and a first aid kit. However, it is important to also tailor your kit to the season. For winter, you can also add blankets, a sleeping bag, kitty litter (for traction), a small shovel, extra warm clothes (including hat, socks, and gloves), and even matches to your emergency kit, especially if you keep this kit in your vehicle! This is also a great time to have your vehicle serviced to check antifreeze levels, battery and ignition system, brakes, windshield wipers, and tires – all of which are important to keep your vehicle operating at optimal levels during cold weather. For more information on winter weather preparedness, visit FEMA's readiness website at [www.ready.gov/winter-weather](http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather).





Each Fall, the NOAA Climate Prediction Center issues a 3-month Winter Weather Outlook that provides us with a snapshot of what we can anticipate for the November-December-January time frame. This year, the CPC has graced us with a forecast that provides many of us with a cautious sigh of relief. It is anticipated that the next three months will be warmer and drier than usual, mostly due to the La Niña conditions in the Pacific Ocean. It is amazing to think that the temperature of a certain part of the Pacific Ocean can have such a dramatic impact on our weather here in Georgia! While the overall trend for the season will be “warmer and drier,” it is important to remember that these conditions can just as easily continue to have singular winter storms that cause us significant impacts. This overall weather pattern is one of two major phenomena that impact our winter weather. The other, known as the Arctic Oscillation, can only be predicted in about two-week intervals. Arctic Oscillation events are what we usually refer to as “arctic blasts” coming down out of Central Canada that bring a significant blast of cold air that can last for 5-10 days before subsiding. Of course, if we get a precipitation event that happens to coincide with one of these Oscillations, then we could still have a significant winter weather event!



# Ted Will Be Missed



It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we share the news of Ted Stafford's passing. He passed away peacefully in his home on Saturday, November 11th at 5:35 a.m. Ted was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) a little over 51 days ago. Ted was 74 years young.

Ted worked in the KSU Department of Public Safety for over six years, including the past three years as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Marietta Campus. Ted absolutely loved his job at KSU. He cared about the University and was often known to do things outside the realm of emergency management simply

because it needed to be done to benefit the students and the University. Ted was extremely intelligent, witty and didn't mind getting his hands dirty. When faced with a daunting task, he would often say, "It's like eating an elephant; one bite at a time." (There are plenty more "Tedisms," but many include colorful language!). He loved helping others. Ted won the Public Safety Staff Member of the Year award in 2016.

Interestingly, Ted was nearly always the final person to proof the OEM newsletter – if there were (or is it "was"?) errors, it simply meant that Ted was not available to proof that particular issue. He knew the English language better than anyone.

Ted was a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army. He proudly served for 26 years, including in the Vietnam War. It seems rather fitting that he passed away on Veterans Day. He held a Master of Business Administration from Marymount University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Dartmouth.

Ted leaves behind his wife, 2 daughters, a son, and a granddaughter along with brothers and a sister, and a really cool pitbull. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

We will miss our team member so much. He made coming to work easy and fun. He has had a lasting impression on us all. Director of Emergency Management Andy Altizer said, "Ted truly cared about just about everything and everyone. He made coming to work fun. Ted cared, and we deeply cared about him." We'll be seeing you, Ted.

# Reminders

## Siren Test

Every first Wednesday at noon

## Radio Check

Every first Wednesday

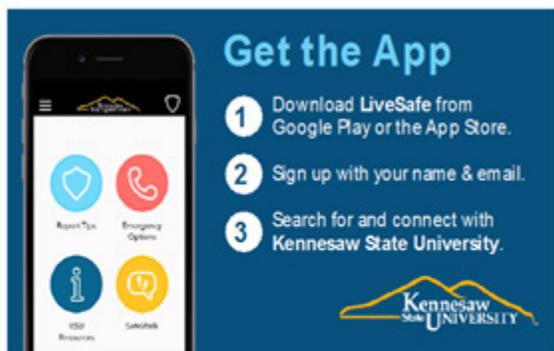
Kennesaw Campus - 10:00am

Marietta Campus - 10:30am

The **Crisis Coordinator Communique** is here to provide monthly communication concerning KSU Emergency Management, Crisis Coordinators, upcoming training, and emergency and safety tips.

**SAVE THE DATE!** The next Campus Safety Day will be on March 15, 2018 11:00am - 2:00pm on the Marietta Campus. If your department is interested in having a table, email Barrett Cappelto for more information.

Like GIF's? Check out this ["10 Disaster Preparedness Tips You Can Really Use"](#) from Huffington Post.



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





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## 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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