

# Crisis Coordinator Communique



Department of Public Safety  
Office of Emergency Management

## Upcoming Training KENNESAW

**Until Help Arrives (NEW!)**  
2/15/18 12:30pm - 3:30pm  
Bagwell Education Building  
Room 135

**Crisis Coordinator Training**  
2/20/18 - 12:00pm - 4:00pm  
Chastain Pointe 312

**Campus Fire Safety**  
2/27/18 - 1:30pm - 3:00pm  
Chastain Pointe 312

**Crisis Coordinator Quarterly Meeting**  
2/28/18  
1:00pm - 3:00pm  
Burruss Building (BB) 117

## Upcoming Training MARIETTA

**Weather Safety & Response**  
2/5/18 1:00pm  
Norton Hall EOC

**CERT Disaster Med Ops II**  
2/8/18 12:00pm - 2:00pm  
Norton Hall Police Training Room

**CERT Fire Safety & Utility Control /  
Light Search & Rescue**  
2/22/18 12:00pm - 4:00pm  
Norton Hall Police Training Room

### Monthly Testing - 2/7/18

#### Radios

10:00am - Kennesaw Campus  
10:30am - Marietta Campus

#### Siren

12:00 Noon (weather permitting)

#### Alertus "Pop Up"

12:00 Noon

## What Does Winter Warnings Mean?

What is the difference between a winter storm watch, warning, or advisory? Knowing the difference means how much time you have to prepare for the storm. The National Weather Service (NWS) issues outlooks, watches, warnings and advisories for all winter weather hazards. Here's what they mean and what to do. Use the information below to make an informed decision on your risk and what actions to take.

- **Winter Weather Advisory: Be Aware.** An advisory informs you that winter weather may produce hazardous conditions.
- **Winter Storm Watch: Be Prepared.** A watch means that severe winter conditions may affect your area. NWS issues a watch to provide 12 to 36 hours notice.
- **Winter Storm Warning: Take Action!** NWS issues a warning when it forecasts four or more inches of snow or sleet in the next 12 hours, six or more inches in 24 hours, or 1/4 inch or more of ice accumulation. Travel will become difficult. Delay your travel plans until conditions improve.
- **Blizzard Warning** lets you know that snow and strong winds will combine to produce a blinding snow (near zero visibility), deep drifts, and life-threatening wind chill.

<i>Blizzard Warning</i>	<i>Winter Storm Warning</i>	<i>Winter Weather Advisory</i>
Severe winter weather is expected within the next <b>12 to 36 hours</b> or is occurring -- including whiteout conditions. <b>Do not travel.</b>	Dangerous winter weather is expected within the next <b>12 to 36 hours</b> or is occurring. <b>Considerable travel problems</b> are expected.	Potentially dangerous winter weather is expected within the next <b>12 to 36 hours</b> or is occurring. <b>Travel difficulties</b> are expected.
<b>take action.</b>	<b>take action.</b>	<b>be aware.</b>



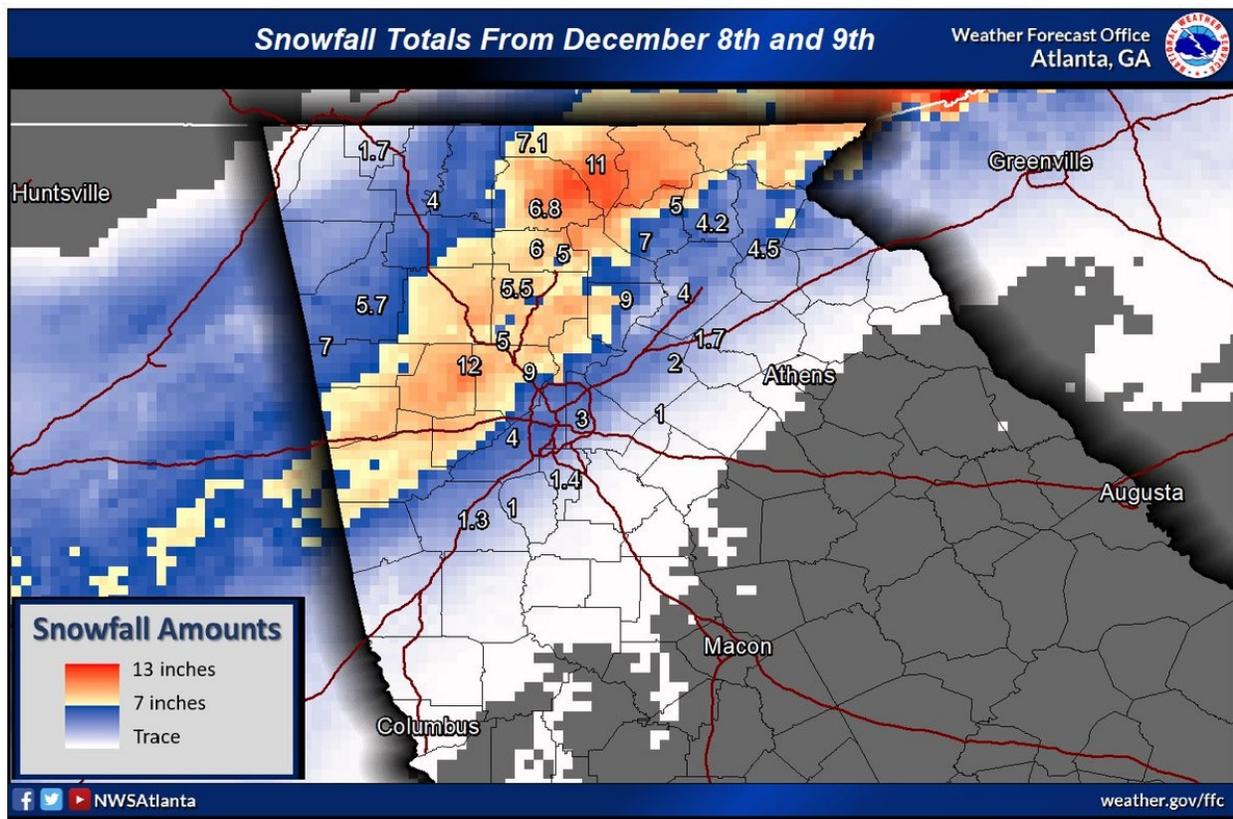
Listen to your local officials for the latest information. You can also go to the FEMA website and download the "How to Prepare for a Winter Storm" guide at <https://www.fema.gov/medialibrary/assets/documents/98059> or go to [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov) for information on snowstorms and extreme cold.

### LiveSafe Contest Winners!

In December 2017, we randomly drew three names from the list of people who have downloaded LiveSafe and they won Walmart gift cards! The winners were: Christy Storey-\$30, Diego Farjardo-\$30 and Janie Ventry-\$50! We will run another contest soon, so be sure to download the app for your chance to win!

## About That “Drier and Warmer” Winter . . .

In the November newsletter, we provided the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center’s winter weather outlook and did a quick breakdown about what we could likely expect this winter. We were projecting a drier and warmer winter, but things have not turned out that way. We had one major snow storm, an additional threat of an ice storm, and very cold temperatures during the first month of winter. The culprit has been the exact weather phenomena we mentioned in November that could throw a wrench into predictions – the Arctic Oscillation. While overall weather patterns can be projected 90 days in advance with some accuracy, the Arctic Oscillation is more difficult and finicky. It can be projected out with some accuracy 10-14 days in advance. When these Oscillations occur, they bring very cold temperatures out of Central Canada into the Ohio River Valley and can travel down into the southeastern United States. This causes temperatures to drop down into the teens and single digit wind chills (which we saw early last week), so keep an eye on these “blasts” of cold air. As they come in, they increase the short-term likelihood of frozen precipitation due to our proximity to the moisture in the Gulf of Mexico. While the overall trend of a drier and warmer winter continue, it’s possible to have intermittent threats of winter weather throughout January and February. We will always keep you informed of any such threats!



# Mitigate and Educate

Crisis Coordinators (CCs) continue to offer a great service as they provide critical safety and preparedness measures. The military would call CCs “force multipliers”. Other campuses in Georgia are a bit envious of KSU CCs!

Trained CCs assist during emergency situations and play a valuable role in communication. A role that may not provide immediate dividends or measurable outcomes is the ability for CCs to “mitigate” and “educate” within their areas of responsibility. CCs, who go the extra mile to ensure the occupants in their area are better informed and prepared for emergencies, provide a tremendous service. Examples of how CCs can “educate” and “mitigate” within their areas of responsibility, include:

- Providing important safety and security information.
- Ensuring the Emergency Quick Reference flyers are posted around the building, including classrooms.
- Encouraging others to complete emergency management training – it’s free, and not just for CCs. The more people who know how to use a tourniquet, perform CPR, or know how to handle a bomb threat, the better! Remember, OEM will bring any of the training classes to your area!
- Making sure everyone knows at least two evacuation routes, the location of the nearest fire extinguisher, and AED.
- Ensuring everyone knows the nearest storm shelter location
- Encouraging everyone to sign up for LiveSafe and to actually use it to report suspicious behavior, safety issues, etc.
- Understanding fire safety precautions and policies, including those relating to space heaters.
- Reporting safety concerns (wet floors, damaged safety equipment, tripping hazards, etc.).
- Ensure unsecured items outside the building, such as chairs, tables, umbrellas, etc. are moved inside the building or tied down during all threats of severe weather.

Continue to “do what you do,” and remember to:

1. Establish and maintain an open line of communications with the Public Safety Communications Center via two-way radio to provide and receive important information **during an incident**, and
2. At least one CC should always check in with the Incident Command when there is a true emergency response to your building – you have a lot to offer first responders!
3. If you need a refresher on Incident Command, take the free, online class here: <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.He>

**Thank you for being part of the Public Safety team!**



## Spring 2018 Interns

### Stephen Wechsler

**Hometown:** Marietta, GA

**Major:** Criminal Justice

**Hobbies:** Working out, fishing, hiking and volunteering

**What do you hope to learn during your internship?**

I want to gain a bigger appreciation for what law enforcement officers do and gain more knowledge about the law and how it is enforced in society.



### Kendra Marshall

**Hometown:** Valdosta, GA

**Major:** Public Relations

**Hobbies:** Reading, listening to music and traveling

**What do you want to learn during your internship?**

I want to learn how communication plays an active role in public safety and crisis management.



### Kristen Nunez

**Hometown:** Canton, GA

**Major:** Criminal Justice

**Hobbies:** hanging out with friends, reading, hiking/camping and kayaking

**What do you hope to learn during your internship?**

I hope to expand my knowledge on interrogation tactics, report writing and reviewing, as well as prosecuting offenders for their involvement in criminal activities.





**HOW WILL I KNOW WHETHER CAMPUS IS OPEN, CLOSED OR DELAYED?**

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

Web

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

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: 470-578-6666**

**Off-campus emergencies: 911**

**Non-emergencies: 470-578-6206**

**Personal safety should be No. 1. If you do not feel safe to travel, don't.**

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- 2 Sign up with your name & email.
- 3 Search for and connect with **Kennesaw State University**.

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