



Department of Public Safety  
Office of Emergency Management

# Crisis Coordinator Communique

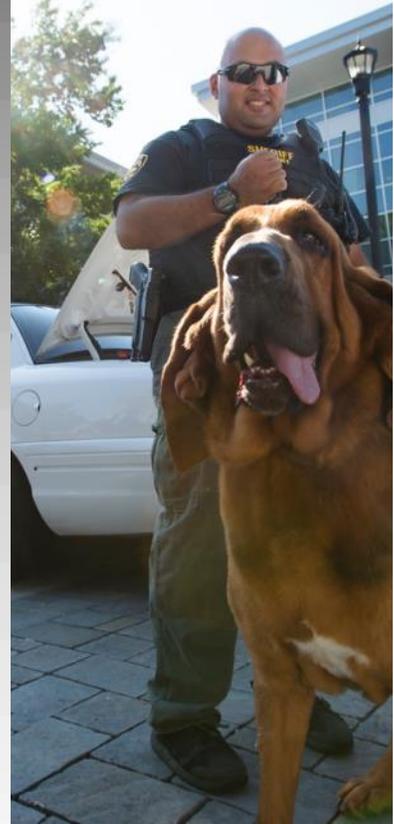
## Bleeding Control Kits Coming to Campus

In the coming weeks, we will be installing bleeding control kits in the first floor and ground floor AED boxes of all buildings on the Kennesaw and Marietta Campuses. This was made possible by a generous donation from WellStar Health System. Take part in this movement by learning how to use this life-saving equipment by attending one of our bleeding control or Until Help Arrives classes.



## National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

April 8th through 14th was National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week (NPSTW). NPSTW is observed the second week of April each year to recognize the employees in Public Safety Communications Centers across our nation and thank them for the work they do helping to keep communities safe and getting responders to calls for help. Join us as we celebrate the hard work that our Communication Specialists do 24/7/365.



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#### Seatbelt Lesson

Do you remember the solar eclipse back in the Fall? Some of us remember the car accident on Campus Loop Road near Big Shanty on the same day, where KSU new student and basketball player Bree Hoover's car collided with a bus. Among other injuries, she fractured her arm. Months later, she offers advice to others, "I am doing well. I still have complications with my arm, but I sure did learn my lesson! I will always wear a seat belt." Bree rejoined the basketball team for the second half of the season and will finish her first year at KSU in a couple of weeks.

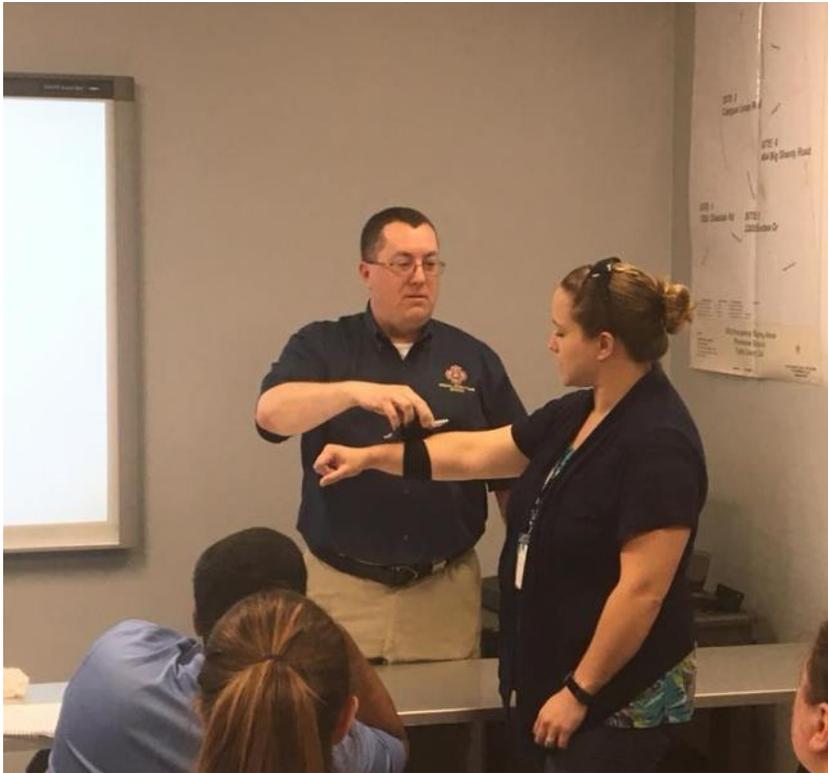


## Run Over Them

Terrorists have carried out attacks using cars and trucks in a wide range of countries, including the United States, United Kingdom, France, Canada, China, Germany, Israel, and Belgium. In addition, yet another vehicle ramming last month in Canada. Terrorist groups have long called for—and claimed responsibility for—vehicular terrorist attacks. Al-Qaeda’s second issue of *Inspire* magazine, released in October 2010, contained an article calling for vehicular attacks and referring to a pickup truck as a potential “mowing machine” that can be used for the most crowded location” and “pick up as much speed as you can” in order “strike as many people as possible.” So, what can the average citizen do to prevent such an attack?

- Primarily, be aware of your surroundings. Events that draw large groups of people—and thus present an attractive vehicle ramming target—are usually scheduled and announced in advance, which greatly facilitates attack planning and training activities.
- Beware of commercial vehicles approaching your area. Commercial motor vehicles or heavy equipment being operated erratically, at unusual times, or in unusual locations, particularly in heavy pedestrian areas. Seems like common sense, but seeing and hearing a vehicle at a high rate of speed is a clue to take action!
- Pay attention to vehicles that attempts to infiltrate areas where crowds are gathered, such as sporting events, entertainment venues, street festivals, street bazaars, or shopping centers. Or, a vehicle operator’s apparent unfamiliarity with commercial motor vehicle or heavy equipment operation (e.g. unable to back up; trouble with shifting; poor lane tracking; unfamiliarity with basic vehicle mechanics such as air brake operations, slack adjusters, fifth wheel operations, engine type, or location of fire extinguishers and other emergency equipment).
- When in a crowd, especially near the street, keep your head up – do not be glued to your phone. It may not be a terrorist; it could simply be distracted driver that accidentally drives into the crowd.

No community, large or small, rural or urban, is immune to attacks of this kind by organized or “lone wolf” terrorists. Good security is good business. TSA recommends you to take an active role in protecting your business and your community from this potential threat.



## Essential Functions

As we move into summer, the Office of Emergency Management will be continuing to improve the University's Continuity of Operations Planning initiatives. The major goal of COOP is to identify critical functions and identify ways to ensure those functions can remain operational during or shortly after a disaster strikes. So what is a critical function? A critical function is an activity that is essential to the core mission of the University. These functions must be continued throughout a disaster, or resumed shortly after a disaster event, to ensure either the viability of the department or its ability to serve its customers. At Kennesaw State, we have four levels of critical functions.

- *Critical 1:* Must be continued at normal or increased service load. Cannot pause. Necessary to life, health, and security.
- *Critical 2:* Must be continued if at all possible, perhaps in a reduced mode. Pausing completely will have grave consequences.
- *Critical 3:* May pause if forced to do so, but must resume in 30 days or sooner.

*Deferrable:* May pause; resume when conditions permit.

If you would like any more information for your department on Continuity of Operations Planning, please contact the Office of Emergency Management at [oem@kennesaw.edu](mailto:oem@kennesaw.edu) or Assistant Director James Westbrook at [jwestbr9@kennesaw.edu](mailto:jwestbr9@kennesaw.edu)

## Baseline

In a past newsletter, the concept of *knowing your baseline* was presented, but it is worth reiterating. Knowing your baseline is nothing more than establishing what is normal for your particular environment, and when something appears to be an anomaly, then perhaps it is worth exploring and/or calling public safety. An anomaly is usually associated with a behavior – someone acting nervous, peeking in offices, eavesdropping, asking security related questions, etc. But do not forget the obvious. Items out of place, sudden appearance of items (backpacks, boxes, unexpected deliveries), noises and even odors. Your eyes and ears can make a difference!

## Natural Gas on Campus

On April 26, 2018, members of the Office of Emergency Management attended a meeting regarding natural gas emergencies. Here are several tips on what to do in case of a Natural gas detection. All reports of leaks will receive priority. Saving human life is the first priority, then property. If the gas leak is **NOT** inside a building, the caller should be advised to:

- Do not operate equipment in the area.
- Leave the area immediately.
- Do not start automobiles or other engines.

If it **IS** determined that gas exists inside a building, the caller should be advised to:

- Do not turn on or off any electrical switches.
- Do not ring door bells or use telephones.
- Do not light matches, cigarettes, etc.
- Extinguish all open flames.
- Evacuate the building to a safe distance (about a block).
- Ask the people evacuated to notify the operator of their new location.

## Emergency Management Institute

Last month Emergency Management Planner Barrett Cappetto attended the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Emergency Management Basic Academy located at the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The National Emergency Management Basic Academy is comprised of 152 hours of instruction and covers various topics such as basics of emergency management, the science of disaster, National Incident Management System, professional development, management styles, ethics, planning, public information, and warning systems just to name a few. Classes at EMI are offered for free to local, state, and federal government employees actively



engaged in the field of emergency management, providing a quality and cost effective opportunity for professional development.

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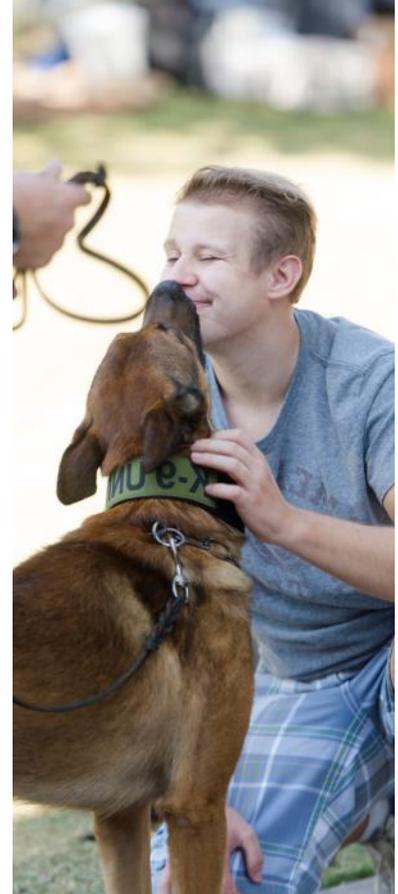
## **Flooding Awareness**

It is that time of year, with increased rainfall comes the increased chance of flooding. In April of 2000, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency reported that nearly 75



percent of Georgia’s disaster losses since 1990 had been linked to flooding with an estimated 2 billion dollars in total damage. Flooding in Georgia is wide-ranging and im-

pacts areas from the coastal regions to the mountains at various times of the year. Most flooding related deaths are attributed to driving into flood waters over a roadway. This has prompted the National Weather Service’s “Turn Around Don’t Drown” campaign aimed at exposing the dangers of even just a few inches of water on a roadway. Homeowners are encouraged to familiarize themselves with their insurance policies ahead of time to make sure there are no surprises if they find themselves victims of flood damage as well as ensuring that they are adequately covered. For information regarding floodplains or the risk to your property, contact the emergency management agency in your county. For additional information visit the National Flood Insurance Program at [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).



## Online Emergency Management, Safety and Preparedness Training Opportunities

The Office of Emergency Management offers training on a multitude of topics. Courses related to the Crisis Coordinator training regimen are offered monthly, while many other classes are offered each semester. All classes are free (except for CPR/AED, but free for Crisis Coordinators) and open to everyone! A list of currently available classes can be found in OwlTrain. If you want any of our training classes taught specifically to your office or department, just contact us at [oem@kennesaw.edu](mailto:oem@kennesaw.edu) and we will accommodate! Go to the OEM Training web page to see the multitude of options! There are also a multitude of online training options. <http://oem.kennesaw.edu/training.php>.



### See Something, *Send* Something

Last month, Governor Deal announced the implementation of a new app called See Something, Say Something. It allows users to submit suspicious activity via written text where the information is immediately received by the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center (GISAC) which is then referred to local law enforcement agencies. The Georgia Department of Public Safety, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security have been working diligently to get this program up and running. The program is not a replacement for 911, but is intended to provide a way for citizens to report activity that seems suspicious. Suspicious activity can be reported on campus by using the LiveSafe app, as well as calling (470) 578-6206.





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).



# May OEM Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Radio Check (10:00am Kenne- saw 10:30 AM Marietta)	3	4 BCON 10:00am Paulding Site	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Campus Fire Safe- ty 9:00am Norton Hall	16	17 Civilian Response to an Active Shooter 10:00am KSU Center	18 Until Help Arrives 9:00am Social Science 5074	19
20	21	22 Cyber Security 101 11:00am Clendenin 1009	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Basics of Emer- gency Manage- ment 8:00am Nor- ton Hall	31		



## 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/ksuoem](http://www.twitter.com/ksuoem)

### 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

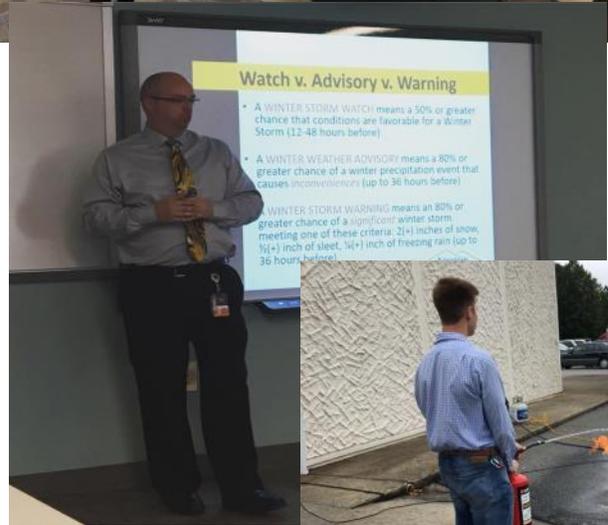
Non-emergencies call: (470) 578-6206

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

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