

# Crisis Coordinator Communique

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## Upcoming Training KENNESAW

**Crisis Coordinator Training**  
March 20th 12:00pm-4:00pm  
Chastain Pointe 312  
[Sign up on OwlTrain](#)

**Visual Weapons Screening**  
April 11th 1:00pm-2:00 pm  
Burruss Building, Room 117  
[Email Christy Hendricks for sign up link. dhendr16@kennesaw.edu](mailto:dhendr16@kennesaw.edu)

## Upcoming Training MARIETTA

**Campus Safety Day**  
March 15th 11:00am-2:00pm  
Marietta Campus Green between  
Howell Hall and Norton Hall.



**Use the 5 Ws, plus How**  
When reporting a crime or suspicious activity

## Monthly Testing

**Radios**  
First Wednesday of each month  
10:00am - Kennesaw Campus  
10:30am - Marietta Campus

**Siren**  
12:00pm - Weather permitting

## Crisis Coordinators' Role in Active Shooter Emergencies

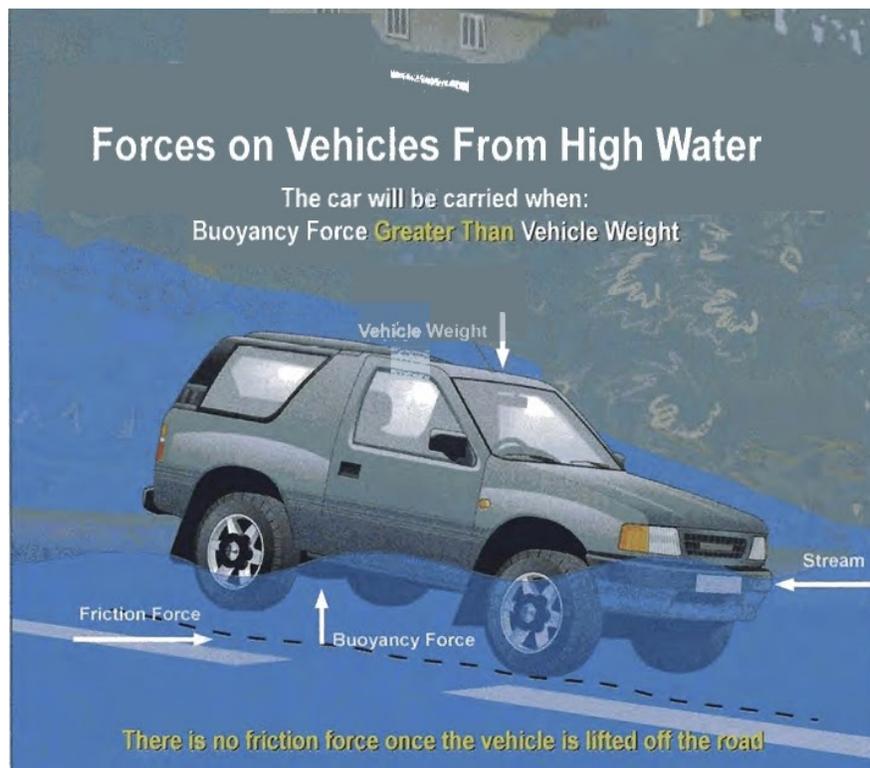
There is never an expectation or obligation for crisis coordinators to put themselves in danger in any situation, but volunteers like you do have a role in an active shooter situation.

- **Mitigation.** Volunteers should encourage other tenants to complete training, especially the Civilian Response to Active Shooter class. A volunteer with a specific area of responsibility (office area, floor or facility) should establish a **baseline** of activity, look for anomalies and know how and who to report any unusual activities. They should educate other tenants to know of at least two exits in the case of emergency evacuation. Volunteers should know their campus police, and encourage police to visit to establish relationships and to serve as a deterrent.
- **Preparedness.** Volunteers should *train their brain* to better respond to various scenarios to give them a better chance of surviving and assisting others. "What if" scenarios may seem fruitless until shots fired becomes a reality. Volunteers knowing the details of their facility can pay huge dividends in any emergency. In an active shooter situation, it is important to know about door locks and evacuation routes.
- **Response.** Now, the tough part. Do volunteers really have a response role in an active shooter event? **Under no circumstance should volunteers feel obligated to respond in a manner that puts them in danger.** If they choose to do so, it should be at their discretion and based on their comfort and level of training. Possible ways that a volunteer may respond include assisting with evacuations, providing first responders with critical information (location of the shooter, location of victims, egress routes, location of barricaded tenants, etc.) and providing help with evacuees based on guidance from the first responders. For example, asking people to move to a certain location.
- **Recovery.** Once the shooter has been neutralized and the scene is secure, now what? Having a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) provides organizations an opportunity to start getting back to normal operations.

There are no shortage of tasks to be done after an active shooter event. Not all tasks are appropriate for volunteers, but based on their level of training and comfort, they can be assigned in accordance with their experience and skill sets. Professional emergency responders are often overwhelmed during and after a critical event, and when appropriate, can always use the extra help. Thank you for all that you do.

## Turn Around Don't Drown®

Each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other thunderstorm-related hazard. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that over half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water. The next highest percentage of flood-related deaths is due to walking into or near flood waters. People underestimate the force and power of water. Many of the deaths occur in automobiles as they are swept downstream. Of these drownings, many are preventable, but too many people continue to drive around the barriers that warn you the road is flooded. A mere **6 inches** of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult. It takes just **12 inches** of rushing water to carry away a small car, while **2 feet** of rushing water can carry away most vehicles. It is **NEVER** safe to drive or walk into flood waters. <http://www.floodsafety.noaa.gov/>



## Weather in Transition

With one final snap of cold air, winter is begrudgingly transitioning into spring. As we come to the end of our winter weather season, the Office of Emergency Management is looking back and looking forward. We look back to winter weather events to determine what went well and what we can improve upon. It is now the time of year where we have the greatest risk of severe weather. Winter was not kind to us this year. We had long spells of warmer than normal weather mixed in with a few bitter dips of frigid air that brought snow – up to 8 inches on the Kennesaw campus in one December storm and having snow occur during finals was challenging. The University decided to delay opening to give classes the greatest opportunity to meet the academic needs of students who were trying to finalize classes and get home for the winter break. At the same time, we had to be mindful of the safety issues associated with travel, particularly for our students who were coming from areas that had over a foot of snow still on the ground. The relationships we have on campus: police, plant operations and facilities, EHS, the academic side of the house and others – were put to good use as we all navigated this snowy situation together.

Now, we are gearing up for spring and the daily threat of storms that come with it. Some of the most devastating storm systems in Georgia's history have occurred during the spring such as the April 2011 tornado outbreak, the April 2009 tornado outbreak and the March 2008 tornado outbreak (including the Atlanta tornado). During this time of year, it is important to consider where in your building is the best shelter location during a storm. Do you know where your shelter locations are? How long will it take for you and your staff to get to these locations? Will you need to assist others in moving to safety? All of these are questions you should consider as we transition into a new time of year with new threats. If you have any questions regarding severe weather or sheltering, please let us know and we will be glad to assist you!



# New Emergency Management Coordinator

Michael Guerrero is the new Emergency Management Coordinator for the Marietta Campus. He has been a police officer for 11 years. He was a Corporal with the Kennesaw State University Police Department. He was a patrol officer for the Southern Polytechnic State University Police Department and was a Field Training Office and instructor. He served nine years in the Army and has a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice from Argosy University. We welcome "Mike" to the team! His office is located in the Norton Hall Police Precinct and his email is [mguerre8@kennesaw.edu](mailto:mguerre8@kennesaw.edu). He will be the go-to person for Marietta Crisis Coordinators.



## New OEM Initiative!

## Until Help Arrives

Life-threatening emergencies can happen fast, at work or at home! Emergency responders aren't always nearby. You may be able to save a life by taking simple actions immediately. **You Are the Help Until Help Arrives.**

KSU OEM now participates in the national "Until Help Arrives" campaign.

This three hour class teaches you basic skills to keep people with life-threatening injuries alive until professional help arrives.

Email [oem@kennesaw.edu](mailto:oem@kennesaw.edu) if you want a class delivered to your department!



## Crisis Coordinators of the Quarter

### Mike Frailey

Mike Frailey is a Southern Polytechnic State University graduate and has worked at Kennesaw State University's College of Science and Mathematics for three years. He enjoys being a Crisis Coordinator because it is a mindset that is applicable to day to day activities at work and at home.



### Debbie Burdett

Debbie Burdett has been the Lead Crisis Coordinator for the Burruss Building, since the program began at KSU. She manages the Burruss Building Crisis Coordinator team training. She has participated in multiple training disasters, tabletop scenarios and volunteered for multiple events. In 2012, Debbie completed the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program and received her Eagle status in 2014. She has a Bachelor's in Computer Science from McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois and she is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Information Systems at Kennesaw State. When Debbie is not working or going to school, she spends her time with her two grandchildren, Aurora (6) and Tyson (3) and has another grandchild on the way in July, who will be born in Japan.





**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)  
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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 #1. If you do not feel safe to travel, don't.**

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