

## Office of Emergency Management Crisis Coordinator Communique

# Why CPR?



According to the Centers for Disease Control, over 350,000 cardiac arrest events occur each year. Seventy percent of those occur at home. Half of those victims do not receive life saving attention from bystanders before help arrives. Without CPR, 70% to 90% of victims die before reaching the hospital, and those who live are likely to suffer brain damage or organ failure. Damage begins in as little as four minutes without CPR.

You think, “Yes, I need CPR, and will get it when I have time.” You walk past those “AED” boxes on the wall, and think, “Yes, when I have time I will learn how to operate those machines.” Time is not on your side.

KSU OEM offers CPR/AED classes each month! Contact OEM to find out when the next class is offered: [oem@kennesaw.edu](mailto:oem@kennesaw.edu).



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# Upcoming Training

12/4/19 – ***Winter Weather Awareness***, 12:30pm-1:30pm, Chastain Pointe 312

12/13/19 - ***Suspicious Behavior and Reporting***, 10:00am-11:00am, Chastain Pointe 312

Sign up on OwlTrain.

On demand classes by emailing a request to [oem@kennesaw.edu](mailto:oem@kennesaw.edu); view classes at <https://oem.kennesaw.edu/training.php> The ***Fire Safety*** Class is an excellent class during the winter months!



Remember, there are a wide variety of free online FEMA classes at <https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx>

## Siren Warning System Test—Dec. 4, Noon Radio Checks at 10:30 a.m.



- First Wednesday of the Month at Noon
- Use this time to review your own plan...where would you go if there was a tornado or active shooter?

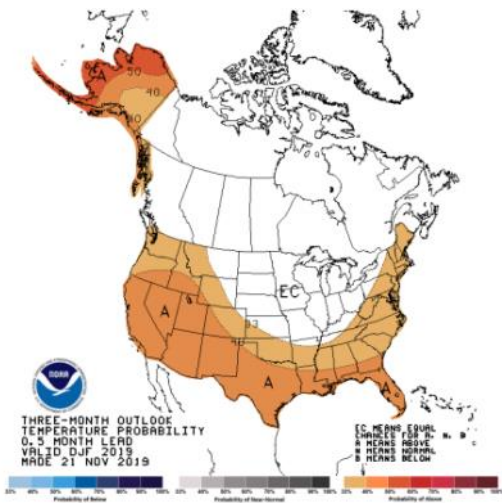
Typically in a real event, you should:

- Seek Shelter
- Seek Information

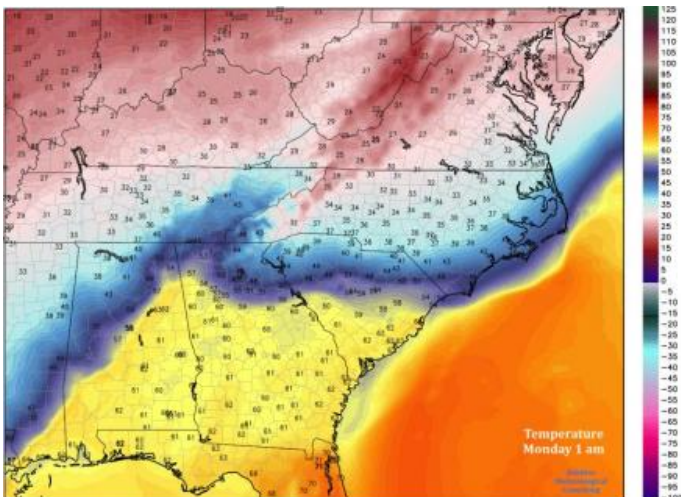
# Winter Weather Outlook

Are you serious? Do you really think anyone can adequately forecast winter weather in the South?! Here's what the National Weather Service forecasts:

- ENSO (El Nino – Southern Oscillation) is showing neutral conditions for this winter
- “Normal” precipitation Dec-Feb



- Greater chance for a cooler winter
- Keep an eye on “The Wedge”



## OEM Shares...

Many of us learned the hard way a few years ago on the importance of keeping a few “must haves” in the car during the winter. What does OEM staff keep in their car?

Andy: Gas! Not extra gas, just making sure the tank is on full for those of us who have to be out.

James: Tennis shoes and kitty litter. Walking a long way in the snow while wearing dress shoes is not ideal. And the kitty litter can be used to help get traction if you do get stuck!

Christy: Snacks, especially if you have kids. Imagine being stranded with a hangry toddler! (Or worse, a hangry mama!)

Mike: An ice scraper and de-ice spray.

Wayne: Blankets. Be sure not to try to stay warm running the engine due to carbon monoxide buildup.

## What was it Called?

The winter storm in 2014 that reeked havoc in metro Atlanta will not be forgotten! Do you remember the names given to this storm that left motorists stranded on the interstates and schools closed for days?!

1. **Snowmageddon**
2. **Snowpocalypse**
3. **Snowzilla**



# Winter Weather Observations from Previous Years

## General

- Every winter weather storm/event is different
- A few degrees matter
- Multiple campus operations complicate decisions (i.e., don't forget Paulding and Sandy Springs)
- Snowmageddon remains an unhappy memory

## Strengths

- Dedication of the Grounds Crew responsible for snow removal on the Kennesaw campus. Sidewalks clearing from the residence halls to dining halls
- Norton Hall generator for lost power that enabled the Emergency Communications Center to remain operational
- Early decision on closures and delays, which was then immediately communicated through Rave Alerts, social media, and web postings
- Assistance from Stadium staff with clearing the KSU Center parking lot.
- University Dining maintaining operations
- University Police and Communication Center maintaining adequate staffing levels throughout closures
- Housing Residence Life enhanced staffing to meet resident student needs
- Recreation Center opening "early" when safe to do so, which provides an excellent outlet for students during closures

## Challenges

- Final exams
- Weekend classes, including EMBA and DOB programs
- Limited snow/ice removal personnel for extended event
- Marietta Campus snow removal for sidewalks from the dining hall to residence halls
- Chainsaws for debris removal
- Top level parking lots
- North Deck ramp area leading to the top lot can be an ice challenge
- Paulding Site is at the mercy of Georgia Highlands College for snow/ice removal

## Safety Tips

### Resource Information?

Need information for your departmental newsletter? Go to the OEM Resources web site to see past issues of monthly newsletters for ideas, or simply copy and paste a short article for your own needs! You can also view short videos that serve as great refresher training classes!

[https://  
oem.kennesaw.edu/  
resources.php](https://oem.kennesaw.edu/resources.php)



### Take Your Radio

CCs, if possible, should take their radio with them when there is an evacuation. If you do not get the all clear from the fire department or KSU public safety, use your radio to contact KSU Communication Center to see what's going on.

### Quote

"In a complex world, disturbances are inevitable, making such a capacity to absorb shocks increasingly important."

— General S McChrystal,  
[Team of Teams: New Rules of Engagement for a Complex World](#)

Property crimes spike significantly over the holidays. Keep vehicles locked and all valuables out of sight, preferably in the trunk. Lock all office doors and windows when leaving for the holidays. Phishing scams, particularly email and phone based, are more prevalent over the holidays. Never give out personal identifying information to people who cold-call or email you claiming to be from a government agency (IRS, FBI, etc). A common scam as tax time arrives involves fake IRS calls stating you owe money or have a warrant. This type of information will never be conveyed via a phone call. Be wary of emails from KSU email addresses posing as a supervisor or co-worker asking for money or gift cards, as many scams use hacked email addresses. Call the individual requesting money or gift cards and speak with them in person instead of replying to the email as it also may contain an embedded virus.

## Annual CC Symposium

**Tuesday, February 11, 2020 11:30am-4:00pm , KSU Center**

Join us for the Annual Crisis Coordinator Symposium! The event starts at 1pm, although we've scheduled a QPR class at 11:30am for anyone interested. Participants choose a breakout session that better meets their needs and interest! Tentative schedule:

1130am	Pre-Symposium QPR Training
1pm	Welcoming Remarks
1:05pm	Storm Spotter
2:30pm	Special Topic Classes (participants pick the one they want to attend) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rescue, Lifts and Drags</li><li>• Classroom Crisis Management</li><li>• Improvised Tourniquets</li><li>• Human Trafficking</li></ul>
3:30pm	"You Are the Help Until Help Arrives," Captain Nick Adams, Cobb Fire
3:45pm	Crisis Coordinator of the Year Award
3:55pm	Closing Remarks

# Christmas Tree Safety

## Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



### PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



### PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



### LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



## After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

## FACTS

- ! More than **one of every four** home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes **one in every four** of the fires.



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



**KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY**  
FACILITIES SERVICES  
Environmental Health and Safety



# 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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# The Last Page

## First Snow

While lots of snow in the middle of winter can certainly cause dangerous travel conditions, many times it's the first little bit of snow of the season that can cause accidents. Be extra careful as you and other drivers adjust to driving in poor conditions. Slow down, don't use cruise control, and keep your distance from other vehicles. Don't let the first snow sneak up on you! [https://www.weather.gov/wrn/winter\\_safety](https://www.weather.gov/wrn/winter_safety)

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### **Winter Weather Driving Preparedness**

Go to the NWS Video page to watch an informative video on winter weather driving preparedness: <https://www.weather.gov/wrn/Videos>



### **Stay Connected to KSU Police with LiveSafe**



Send text, picture & video to KSU Police



Access emergency phone numbers



Virtually walk with friends in real-time



Get security alerts & access important resources



### **Get the App**

1) Download "LiveSafe" to your iPhone or Android

2) Sign up with your school email address

3) Connect with "Kennesaw State University"