

Office of Emergency Management Crisis Coordinator Communique

June is **National CPR/AED Awareness Month**. The Office of Emergency Management offers free CPR/AED training for Crisis Coordinators through the American Heart Association. The certification is good for 2 years and we have classes on both campuses each month.

In the meantime, the AHA is campaigning for “Hands-Only CPR” so that people who are not certified by an instructor can be empowered to potentially save a life using “just their hands” (no breaths)! It’s a 2-step process: Call for help (x6666) then push hard and fast in the center of the chest. Check out this short video and share with others! <https://cpr.heart.org/>
#CPRsavesLives



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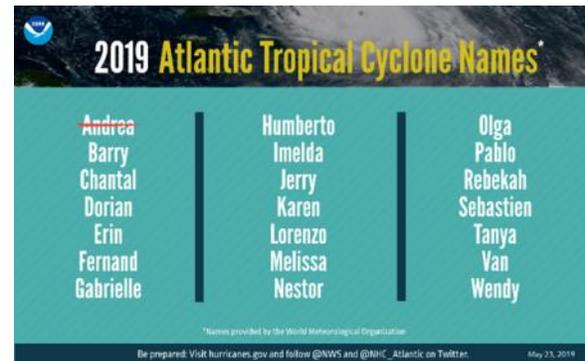
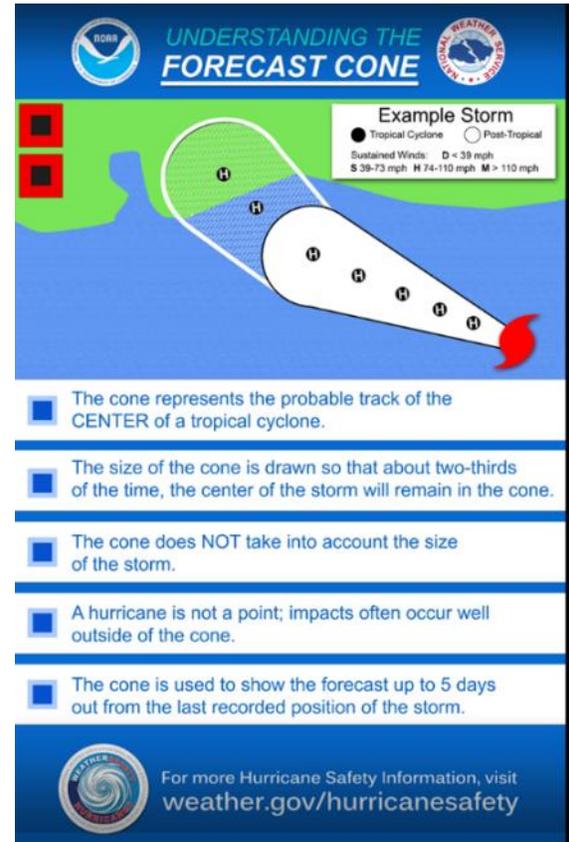
Hurricane Season

Yes it is true – Hurricane “Season” is upon us! The official Atlantic Hurricane Season runs from June 1st to November 30th, with a peak around September 10th. However, we have already had our first named storm as Tropical Storm Andrea drifted into the North Atlantic last week! A hurricane, as defined by the National Weather Service, is “an intense tropical weather system with well-defined circulation and sustained winds of 74 mph or higher.” Hurricanes are rated according to intensity on the Saffir-Simpson Scale from a Category 1 (74-95 mph winds) to a Category 5 (157+ mph winds).

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has made its annual prediction regarding the number and intensity of tropical cyclones (the all-encompassing title for hurricanes, tropical storms, and tropical depressions). NOAA is anticipating a “normal” hurricane season with 9-15 named storms, 4-8 hurricanes, and 2-4 major (Category 3 or greater) hurricanes. Of course, it is always important to remember that the Atlantic Basin can have an active season and we see very few direct impacts in the United States and the opposite is also true. The season could be relatively mild, but if three storms make landfall, then it is seen as a catastrophic hurricane season! This year is particularly difficult because of two competing factors. First, El Niño in the Pacific Ocean is expected to keep the overall intensity of tropical cyclones tempered. However, West Africa is expected to have a heavy monsoon season and sea temperatures in the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean, and the Atlantic are expected to be slightly warmer than normal, which would indicate a more active hurricane season. So this could be a year where we have many tropical storms but fewer hurricanes and major hurricanes.

So why are we at Kennesaw State, over 250 miles inland from both the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico, worried about Hurricane Season? Generally, we are unlikely to see hurricane or tropical storm-force (39+ mph) winds this far inland. However, it is not impossible. Most likely, our tropical storm or hurricane impacts would be tornadoes spawned by the system, heavy rain, and flooding. In 2004, Hurricane Ivan produced 120(!) tornadoes, including 25 in Georgia.

The Office of Emergency Management tracks each potential storm as will keep everyone informed of any tropical cyclones that begin to pose a threat to our area.



People need to be cautious because anything built by man can be destroyed by Mother Nature.

General Russel Honore

JUNE IS NATIONAL PET PREPAREDNESS MONTH



Upcoming Training Dates

CPR for Crisis Coordinators
6/20/19 12:30pm-2:00pm
Chastain Pointe 312
Sign up by emailing Christy Hendricks
(dhendr16@kennesaw.edu)

Rescue Lift, Drags and Carries
6/25/19 9:00am - 10:30am
Marietta Campus between Norton Hall and Howell Hall
Sign up via OwlTrain

Other Dates

First Wednesday Testing
Radios
10:00am - Kennesaw Campus
10:30am - Marietta Campus
12:00pm - Siren and Alertus Tests

Pet Preparedness

June is National #PetPreparedness Month. Include your pets in your family emergency plan: www.ready.gov/pets

Preparing Makes Sense for Pet Owners.

Watch this video for tips: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUbSF_S20bE



KSU Emergency Preparedness Refresher Training

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Marietta Campus, Gym (S2)

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Kennesaw Campus, Recreation Center
Multipurpose Room

Sign up on OwlTrain for the refresher class that best meets your location and time.

OEM recommends that you call **470-578-6666** during an on-campus emergency. The advantages of contacting the KSU Emergency Communications Center over 911 is that our police officers are more familiar with the campuses, KSU police will immediately respond, and Fire and Medical personnel rely on KSU Public Safety to help find the location on of the emergency.

Tips for Crisis Coordinators during a medical emergency:

1: Provide your exact location on of the emergency when you call for help.

Example: “Kennesaw Campus 5th floor Science Lab by room 5004.”

2: Take your radio with you, if you have one. Use it to contact KSU Police directly and provide updates.

3: Prepare to meet first responders in front of your location, or outside the room. Wearing your vest helps identify you.

4: Make sure you’ve completed the CPR/AED and Stop the Bleed classes as well as know how to open an airway.

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

oem.kennesaw.edu

The Campus Advisory Page

www.kennesaw.edu/advisories

Twitter

www.twitter.com/kennesawstate

www.twitter.com/ksuoem

Facebook

www.facebook.com/KennesawStateUniversity

www.facebook.com/kennesawstateOEM

Local Media Outlets

www.cbs46.com

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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Extreme Heat

Can you believe that the First Day of Summer isn't until June 21st? We've already topped 90+ degree days in May! Extreme heat often results in the highest number of annual deaths, according to Ready.Gov. "Extreme heat is defined as a long period (2-3 days) of high heat and humidity with temperatures above 90 degrees." Sound familiar?

- ◆ Extreme heat can occur quickly and without warning.
- ◆ Older adults, children, and sick people are at greater risk
- ◆ Humidity increases the feeling of heat as measured by the heat index.

So stay cool and visit: <https://www.ready.gov/heat> for more info.



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**Campus Safety Days
Fall Semester!**

Marietta Campus - September 5, 2019

Kennesaw Campus – September 19, 2019

11:00 am - 2:00 pm



**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"