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# Office of Emergency Management Crisis Coordinator Communique

## 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.



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# Hide versus Deny

Most people, and especially KSU Crisis Coordinators, have completed some kind of active shooter class. Although the terminology may be different, it is important to take decisive and deliberate action if there is any kind of active threat nearby. The two most common training classes discuss Run Hide Fight or Avoid Deny Defend. Although KSU uses the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) model, we combine both concepts in the class (Run Hide Fight & Avoid Deny Defend).

So, what's the difference between Hide & Deny? Not much really:

## Hide

Get out of the shooter's view and stay very quiet.

Silence all electronic devices and make sure they won't vibrate.

Lock and block doors, close blinds, and turn off lights.

Don't hide in groups- spread out along walls or hide separately to make it more difficult for the shooter.

Try to communicate with police silently. Use text message or social media to tag your location, or put a sign in a window.

Stay in place until law enforcement gives you the all clear.

Your hiding place should be out of the shooter's view and provide protection if shots are fired in your direction.

## Deny

Keep distance between you and the source.

Create barriers to prevent or slow down a threat from getting to you.

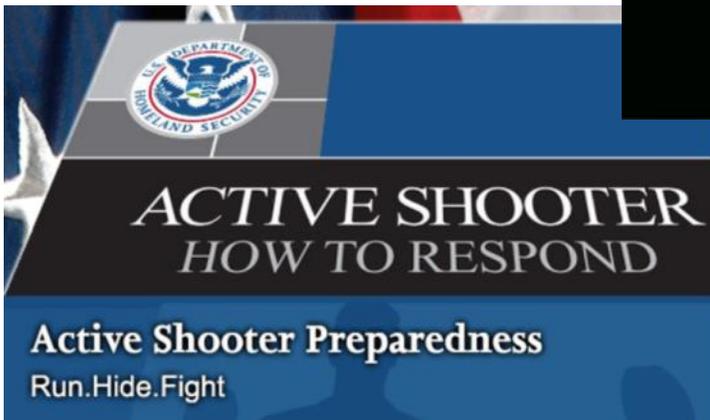
Turn the lights off.

Remain out of sight and quiet by hiding behind large objects and silence your phone.

The only real difference in the "text book" descriptions, is when "Denying" make sure barricade the place your hiding – even if you lock the door.

Remember, playing dead is not a good option. Watch this short video for more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXlf8abM5pM>

Also, you can go to the KSU OEM Resource Page for more information, including for different videos on active shooter response. <https://oem.kennesaw.edu/resources.php>



# Upcoming Training Dates

## **Special Topic Course: Domestic Terrorism -**

Wednesday, March 20, 10:00am - 11:00am, KSU Center 462

## **Campus Fire Safety -**

Friday, March 22, 10:00am - 11:30am, Chastain Pointe 312

## **Crime Prevention 101 -**

Monday, March 25, 1:00pm - 2:30pm, Norton Hall Police Training Room

## **CPR/AED for Crisis Coordinators**

Friday, March 29, 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Norton Hall Police Training Room

**Stop the Bleed** (Bleeding Control) — We will bring this 1-hour class to you! Email [oem@kennesaw.edu](mailto:oem@kennesaw.edu) if you have 10 or more eager participants!

*Sign up for classes (except CPR/AED) on OwlTrain.*

## **Fire Corps?**

We're considering starting a Fire Corps on campus. This volunteer organization would compliment the CERT program and help with a variety of special events, including Campus Safety Day, Fire Safety Week, etc. Fire Corps members may also be asked to help with disaster exercises, Fire Watch and outreach training. Additional training would be provided. Email [oem@kennesaw.edu](mailto:oem@kennesaw.edu) if interested.

# Severe Weather Season

Springtime in Georgia presents a wonderful dichotomy of beauty and destruction. On one hand, flowers and trees begin to bloom to welcome the growing season to our state. On the other, spring is also the most active severe weather season in Georgia. Tornadoes, thunderstorms, high winds, hail, heavy rain, and lightning are just a few of the hazards that tend to occur this time of year. Severe weather poses the greatest natural threat to the Kennesaw State campuses.

We encourage everyone to know what to do and where to go during a tornado warning. Do you know where the shelter areas are in your building? Do you know where you would go if a warning occurred while you are at home or on the road? It is important to consider the “What Ifs” before you are faced with the situation. Having a plan provides you with a tremendous advantage for when an actual event happens.

If you ever have any questions about weather threats or where to take shelter, let us know and we would be glad to help!

## Do you know the difference?

### Tornado Watch



#### WHAT IT MEANS

Conditions appear favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms capable of producing tornadoes.

#### WHAT TO CONSIDER

Take a moment to review severe weather safety plans and “touch base” with family or work.

Continue to monitor weather updates and be prepared for rapidly changing conditions.

#### PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS SITUATION (PDS)

Conditions appear especially favorable for the development of tornadic supercells producing intense, long-track tornadoes.

### Tornado Warning



#### WHAT IT MEANS

A tornado is forming or is already occurring based on weather radar and/or observations made by trained spotters.

#### WHAT TO CONSIDER

Take immediate shelter. Initiate severe weather safety plan.

Remain calm. Most people in a tornado warning will not be directly impacted.

#### TORNADO EMERGENCY

A large/violent tornado is tracking through a populated area and complete destruction to structures and numerous injuries/fatalities are expected.

# Campus Emergency Response Team

Several people have asked about KSU's CERT Program — Campus Emergency Response Team (also known as Citizen's Emergency Response Team). In the past, we've offered this 21-hour training a couple of times a year, but in mid-2018 we were informed that the 2003 training curriculum was being overhauled. So, we've been waiting for the new training material, which we hope will be available in the Spring. We plan on offering a class in the Fall Semester!

For those of you not familiar with CERT, the program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is built and enhanced.

## March OEM Calendar

| Sunday | Monday                        | Tuesday | Wednesday                             | Thursday | Friday                    | Saturday |
|--------|-------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|
|        |                               |         |                                       |          | 1                         | 2        |
| 3      | 4                             | 5       | 6<br>Siren Test 12:00<br>Radio Checks | 7        | 8                         | 9        |
| 10     | 11                            | 12      | 13                                    | 14       | 15                        | 16       |
| 17     | 18                            | 19      | 20<br>Domestic<br>Terrorism Class     | 21       | 22<br>Fire Safety Class   | 23       |
| 24/31  | 25<br>Crime Prevention<br>101 | 26      | 27<br>Crisis Coordinator<br>Training  | 28       | 29<br>CPR/AED for<br>CC's | 30       |

# 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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Just a friendly reminder, a small Bleeding Control Kit is located in each AED Box located on ground, and first floors. The boxes are located with a small stop the bleed sticker.



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## 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"

