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Office of Emergency Management

Office of Emergency Management Crisis Coordinator Communique



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Campus Safety Days!

11am—2pm

Marietta Campus, Sept. 5

Between Holwell Hall and Norton Hall

Kennesaw Campus, Sept. 19

Campus Green

Remember

Siren Warning Test

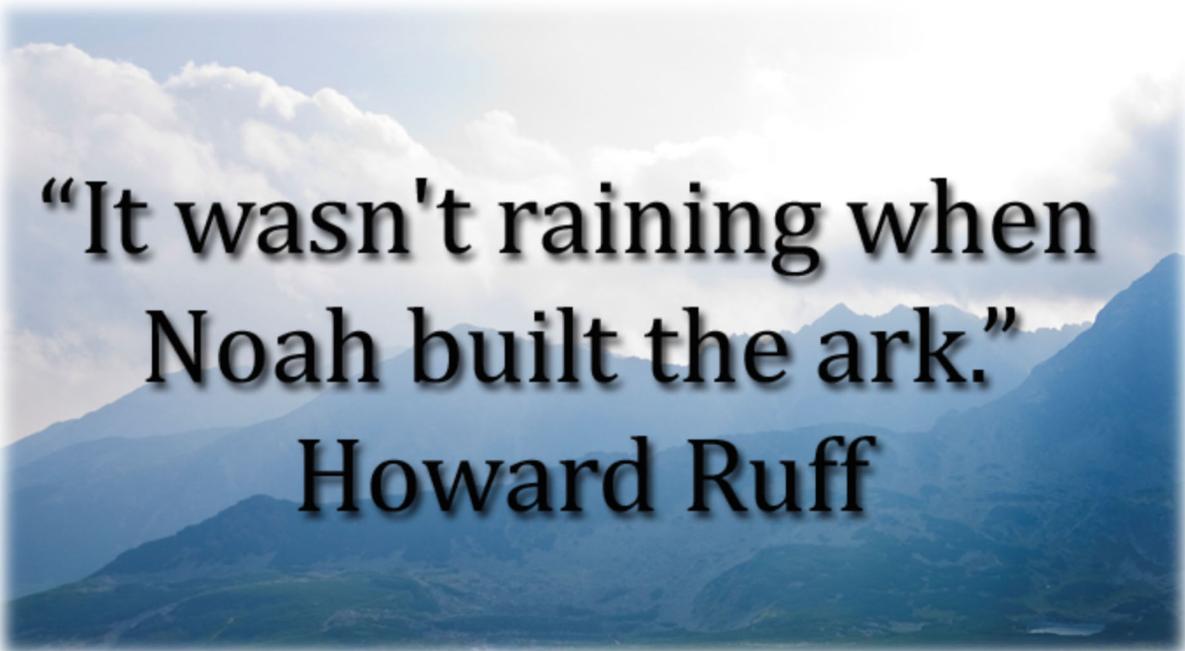
First Wednesday of the Month
Noon

Upcoming Training

Personal Preparedness Class
September 23, 2019 11:30-12:30
Chastain Pointe 312

Crime Prevention Class
September 24, 2019 2:30-3:30
Chastain Pointe 312

Crisis Coordinator Training
October 1, 2019 12:00-4:00
Chastain Pointe 312



**“It wasn't raining when
Noah built the ark.”
Howard Ruff**

BRT Folders

Do you need folders for an upcoming meeting or event? Or, how about providing folders to your office workers or faculty in your area? Contact the Dean of Students office if you want some BRT folders! The Behavioral Response Team folder provides information on Red Flag reporting, Administrative Emergency Withdrawal, "At Risk" Online Training, and campus resources to assist students in need. A copy of the folder is online at <https://brt.kennesaw.edu/docs/BRT%20-Pocket%20Folder.pdf>

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Behavioral Response Team & Red Flag Reporting

Behavioral Response Team:
The Behavioral Response Team (BRT) is a cross-functional team of experts from across the university and is coordinated through the Office of the Dean of Students. The team reviews situations involving concerning behaviors (primarily involving students, but also employees, parents, guests, etc. — any situation that might impact the safety and security of the university community on or off campus).

What kind of issues are regularly reported to BRT?

Mild:

- Concerning excuses for missing classes
- Difficulty interacting with others
- Sudden changes in behavior

Moderate:

- Emotional reactions that seem intense for the circumstances
- Mental health concerns (anxiety, panic, depression, etc.)
- Unusual or demanding emails/conversations

Extreme:

- Threats of harm to self or others
- Dangerous or disruptive behavior
- Assault, sexual misconduct, and other acts of violence

1. Go to brt.kennesaw.edu
2. Find the "Red Flag Reporting" button in the middle of the page
3. Be as detailed as possible; specific observed behavior, what was said, etc.*

RED FLAG REPORTING

*BRT Reports are FERPA-protected, confidential records

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

[Russel Honore](#)

National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month! This year's theme is "Prepared, Not Scared." This comes at a perfect time with Hurricane Dorian lurking around our coast. We want every single faculty, staff, and student to BE PREPARED, not scared! We have many class offerings to assist you in getting prepared, or just call us, we'd be happy to discuss preparedness with you. If you follow us on social media, you will find that we keep yearlong engagement by posting tips and ideas for remaining prepared throughout the changing seasons. What you need to be prepared in the summer is different from what you need in the winter. Getting your home, car, and workplace prepared may vary slightly, but having *something* in place is better than having nothing. So, join us for National Preparedness Month and let's create and nurture a culture of preparedness!



Make a Plan to Prepare for Disasters

We love to plan. It is kind of what we do each and every day. We have all types of emergency plans – Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP), Emergency Operations Plans, Severe Weather Plans, Active Shooter Plans, Shelter-in-Place Plans, Family Assistance Center Plans – we love plans! We also want to encourage everyone else to have a plan, too. Be sure you know what you would do during a disaster. Know how you would contact your loved ones. Know how to receive the alerts and warnings for your community (alert sign-up at KSU is automatic!). Consider your animals, children, and other family members under your care when developing a plan. Do you have enough food/water for everyone to last you at least 3 days? Have you ever practiced your plan? Do you have an evacuation plan for your home and does everyone know what it is? James shares a short true story:

While at a concert with my wife, 18-month old son, sister-in-law, and her husband at Universal Studios in Florida, we heard a very loud bang as part of the pyrotechnic display. A few minutes later, we heard it again. Being the ever paranoid emergency manager, I began to think of the worst and consider my evacuation routes if something were to happen. Later, as we were leaving the venue, my wife and I had a discussion with her sister about what would have happened if an actual emergency had occurred. Since both my wife and I are trained firefighters with medical training (and since we had multiple tourniquets in the diaper bag), we had already determined we would jump into the fray and help any injured and hand our son off to my sister-in-law and her husband. When we told her this, she asked where we would have met up with her afterwards. My wife told her, “well, we would meet you back at the hotel,” which was on-property and a short distance away. My sister-in-law said “I never would have thought to go back to the hotel.” So, while it was clear my wife and I had formulated a plan on what to do and how to do it, we had not communicated our plan to the others that were with us. As a result, they had no idea what our plan was and they were not thinking the same way we were.

So, have a plan – but also practice your plan and share the plan with anyone else who may be impacted by it! FEMA has some great planning resources at <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>.

Save Early for Disaster Costs

The first week of National Preparedness Month is focused on being prepared for the cost of disasters. This past weekend is a great example. If you had to evacuate, like many people are with Hurricane Dorian, would you have enough cash on hand to stay at a hotel, buy gas for the trip, and purchase food? Do you have appropriate insurance and enough cash to cover your deductible? Renter's insurance, flood insurance, and insurance to replace food lost due to a power outage are all costs that are usually not covered by the typical homeowner's insurance policy. We encourage everyone to know what is covered in your insurance policies. Many people have the thought that "FEMA will write me a check" when it comes to damages during a disaster. However, this isn't necessarily true. To receive FEMA disaster assistance, you must live in a federally-declared disaster area (designated by county in Georgia) and must meet other criteria to meet the threshold for assistance. Also, FEMA has a cap on how much money they will reimburse you for your lost home - \$30,300. That is likely not enough to replace your home and all your stuff! So, consider keeping an emergency savings fund, just in case!



Teach Youth to Prepared for Disasters

Week three of National Preparedness month is focused on a unique topic – teaching children what to do in an emergency and how to be prepared. Getting kids interested in disasters is not an easy proposition. Dinosaurs, Thomas the Tank Engine, and Peppa the Pig seem to be a lot more interesting for younger kids and teenagers are more interested in their phones and social media. However, emergency manager know that kids are very vulnerable to direct impacts from disasters and long-term impacts from disasters. As a result, FEMA and other federal agencies have started to encourage parents to teach their kids about disasters and prepare them for what could happen without going over the top and making them scared. The United States Fire Administration has partnered with Sesame Street to encourage Fire Safety among kids. The Center for Disease Control (Ready Wrigley) and the National Weather Service (Owley Skywarn) have created mascot characters to teach kids about safety and preparedness. FEMA has created the Youth Preparedness Council to engage high school students in preparedness within their communities. Of the 15 youths on the council two are from Georgia – Megan Wright (16) from Calhoun High School and Jordan Lin (16) from Lakeside High School in Decatur. More information can be found at <https://www.ready.gov/kids> and <https://www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness>.

Get Involved in Your Community's Preparedness

The Final week of National Preparedness Month is all about getting involved in your community's preparedness. Of course, you already are involved! What each and every one of you do as a Crisis Coordinator crates an invaluable force multiplier for us in the Office of Emergency Management. By helping prepare your departments, passing along valuable information, and provided us feedback from the campus community, you greatly expand our reach and capabilities on a daily basis. Thank you for all that you do!

Of course, we also want to encourage everyone to get involved in their neighborhood, city, and county emergency management programs. This can be accomplished through a local CERT program, for example. While we are holding off on new CERT trainings until the curriculum is updated (should be soon!), most of our surrounding counties have CERT programs in various stages of maturity. Also, there are dozens of National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs) that people can choose to join. These organizations go out and help victims of disaster in their greatest time of need. These include the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Team Rubicon (mostly military veterans and their families), and numerous faith-based organizations, such as Catholic Charities, Helping Hands, and Samaritan's Purse.

Being involved in your community increases the resiliency and preparedness efforts of all of those around you. The more prepared a community is, the more resilient it is. The more resilient a community is, the more likely it is able to "bounce back" after a disaster.



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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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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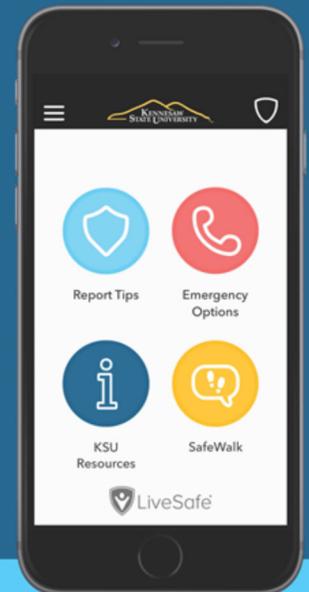
We are located at:

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-  Access emergency phone numbers
-  Virtually walk with friends in real-time
-  Get security alerts & access important resources



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- 2) Sign up with your school email address
- 3) Connect with "Kennesaw State University"

