Looking Ahead

I have never been to a plane crash in my 20 years in various emergency management roles - including 12 as the Director at two different universities. Over the past two years, I have been to two plane crashes - including the one that occurred in November on the Kennesaw Campus! Approximately ten years ago, I got a call one night about an African Wild Cat on campus. Last month, a bear was spotted on the Marietta Campus. Several years ago, we had a reported case of Tuberculosis (TB) on campus.

There’s a lot of catchy phrases that emergency managers like to use:

“Plan for the worst, hope for the best”

“Expect the unexpected”

Perhaps the most relevant one considering the past couple of months is “it wasn’t raining when Noah built the ark.”

From my perspective, the key ingredients to emergency preparedness are **teamwork** and **collaboration**. Working together and focusing on mitigation efforts provides us with the opportunity to handle just about anything thrown at us! Having a plan gets us started in the right direction. Volunteer Crisis Coordinators - You! - are an important part of KSU’s overall emergency management program. Knowing your building, training for all-hazard contingencies, and making communication a priority will meet the challenges we face in 2019.

Thank you for being part of the team!

See you at the Crisis Coordinator Symposium on January 23!

Andy Altizer, Director
Best Worst-Case Scenario

Being an emergency manager is an interesting job. It is often difficult to explain to people “what I do.” I usually keep it simple and say something like, “We think about the worst things that can happen, then plan for them.” I usually get blank stares and then comments about how KSU has grown over the years.

We have talked about a plane crash on campus for many years, but hoped it never happened. Well, it did! I like to call it “the best, worst-case scenario.” No one was seriously injured/killed, no buildings were hit, no students, faculty or staff were directly impacted, and it was a really small plane! I was at church that evening with my children, but my husband was out of town. I get a text message from Dispatch saying there was a plane crash on campus! I had to reread it to even believe it. Of course, then the myriad of calls and texts from Andy and James started: “Can you come in?” One thousand things started running through my mind at that point.

Being an emergency manager, especially one with a spouse who travels and one with children, poses great challenges. I have to have backup plans and backup to the backups! By the grace of God, I had a good friend at church that night who could watch my children while I went to campus. Had she not been there, I do not know what I would have done.

Once getting to the scene, I was amazed at the number of people present, mainly emergency responders, all working together. It was good to see all that we plan and practice for unfolding properly. I am proud of what I do and proud to work at this great university with great people! Now, please, no more plane crashes!

Christy Hendricks, EM Coordinator—Kennesaw campus
Teamwork and collaboration are the fundamentals of emergency preparedness. The Crisis Coordinator program is critical to the preparedness program at KSU! **The primary purpose of the Crisis Coordinator Symposium is to bring together Crisis Coordinators from both the Kennesaw and Marietta Campuses for training and recognition.** The symposium will facilitate collaborative interaction among Crisis Coordinators, Public Safety, EH&S, Facilities, and other campus stakeholders.

This event will complement the Quarterly Crisis Coordinator Meetings and will eliminate the quarterly meeting in the Spring. Specifically, the symposium will:

- Enhance preparedness on campus
- Provide a unifying forum for a university Crisis Coordinator program split between two sites
- Highlight program goals, objectives, and initiatives for the year
- Include a short keynote speaker designed to motivate and inspire
- Provide timely training sessions
- Provide an opportunity to share and learn from one another
- Inform Crisis Coordinators of new initiatives, policies, and programs
- Formally recognize a Crisis Coordinator of the Year

**Agenda**

1:00 pm Welcome, Purpose
1:10 pm Short Training Session #1—SWAT-Ts and CATs
1:40 pm Lessons Learned Discussion
2:15 pm Break!
2:30 pm Short Training Session #2—Crisis Coordinator Role in Fire Prevention
3:00 pm Keynote—*The Importance of Volunteers in Emergency Preparedness*, Cassie Mazloom, Director, Cobb County Emergency Management Agency
3:30 pm Crisis Coordinator of the Year Presentation

**Come join us for our first-ever Crisis Coordinator Symposium on January 23, 2019 1:00pm-4:00pm in Prillaman Hall room 2010.**

“Every person who prepares is one less person who panics in a crisis”

-Mike Adamson
Chief Executive
British Red Cross
Winter is...Here

As we always like to remind everyone, winter weather in the southern United States is fickle, at best. One or two degrees in the temperature can make a tremendous difference in both the type of precipitation we receive and the impact it has on our campus. We encourage everyone to remain up-to-date on potential winter weather events and we proceed deeper into the winter months.

According to the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center, we are anticipating a wetter than normal winter (big surprise, right?). We are also expecting temperatures to remain in a normal range for winter. Those two in combination could lead to a winter weather event or two for us here at KSU.

The Office of Emergency Management is always monitoring weather conditions and we try to get information out in a timely manner for all students, faculty, and staff. Let us know if you ever have any questions regarding potential winter weather or any weather events! We will be glad to share any information we have received.
# Office of Emergency Management Training Dates

January 16, 10:00 am—11:30 am, *Stop The Bleed*, Chastain Point 312 (Kennesaw Campus)
January 17, 10:00 am—11:30 am, *Stop The Bleed*, Norton Hall Police Conference Room (Marietta Campus)
January 18, 10:00 am—12:00 pm, Special Topics Course: *Dealing with Difficult People* (Kennesaw Campus, TBD)
January 23, 1:00 pm—4:00 pm, *Crisis Coordinator Symposium*, Prillaman Hall 2010 (RSVP to oem@kennesaw.edu)
January 31, 1:00 pm—3:00 pm, *CPR/AED*, Norton Hall Police Conference Room (Marietta Campus)
February 14, 12:30—2:00 pm, *CPR/AED*, Chastain Point 312 (Kennesaw Campus)
March 29, 1:00 pm—3:00 pm, *CPR/AED*, Norton Hall Police Conference Room (Marietta Campus)
April 16, 12:30—2:00 pm, *CPR/AED*, Chastain Point 312 (Kennesaw Campus)

## January OEM Calendar

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*Stop The Bleed (CP 312)*  
*Stop The Bleed (Norton Hall)*  
*Dealing with Difficult People Class*  
*Crisis Coordinator Symposium*  
*CPR/AED* (Norton Hall)
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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OEM Training Update

Offering Over 20 classes! We will bring them to you upon request.

Most Requested — Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE)

Bleeding Control (Stop the Bleed) — Learn how to use a tourniquet and other methods

CPR/AED — Renewed focus thanks to new budget year!

Until Help Arrives — Perhaps the most useful

Special Topic Class: Dealing with Difficult People — New Class