IMPORTANT DATES

• CPR is January 14 at 12:30pm in Chastain Pointe 312. Sign up on OwlTrain

• Rave Alert Test is February 5 at 12:00pm

• Suspicious Behavior and Reporting Class is February 22 at 2:00pm in the Marietta Campus Police Precinct Training Room (Norton Hall).
  Sign up on OwlTrain.

SAVE THE DATES

• L550 (Continuity of Operations Planner’s Workshop) class is July 8-9 at KSU Center room 460. 8:00am-4:00pm

• L548 (Continuity of Operations Program Managers Course) is July 22-23 at KSU Center room 300. 8:00am-4:00pm
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NEW YEAR, NEW GOALS

by James Westbrook

We have once again reached the dawn of a near year and a new decade at Kennesaw State. This is the time of year where many of us choose to make resolutions and identify new goals. As you work through your goals for the year, consider your emergency preparedness activities. Do you have a kit for emergencies? How about a family plan or enough food and water for three days? Have you planned for your pets or others in your care? These are just a few of the preparedness activities that you could add to your 2020 resolutions.

Additionally, we want to always encourage everyone to consider expanding their preparedness activities here on campus, as well. Does your department have a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)? Have you taken advantage of some of our newer training opportunities, such as Until Help Arrives or Stop the Bleed? As you plan your 2020 at KSU, we want to be sure everyone is a little safer, a little more prepared, and a little more “ready” than we all were in 2019.

Thank you, again, for all you have done for KSU in 2019 and we look forward to a great 2020!
CERT is Back!

by James Westbrook

CERT is back! After taking a longer-than-anticipated hiatus, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will return in 2020. The Office of Emergency Management was waiting on the CERT Curriculum update to be released by FEMA and that finally occurred in December. This update, the first since 2013, has provided an improved curriculum that is much more flexible and applicable to today’s world.

In the coming weeks, the Office of Emergency Management will be outlying a schedule for CERT training in 2020. Due to the elongated nature of CERT training (around 18 hours), it will need to be accomplished over multiple days. So, we would like input from our Crisis Coordinators.

Would you prefer to see this training over a weekend? How about 2-4 hour blocks every Tuesday for a month? How about a 2-4 hour block every other week? We want this training to work for you so please let us know how you would prefer to see this delivered.

For those of you who have received CERT training and would be interested in being trainers for future CERT classes, we will be hosting a CERT “Train-the-Trainer” course in the near future, as well. As soon as we have more information on this training, we will let everyone know!

If you are interested in the CERT “Train-the-Trainer” program or have a suggestion regarding how you would like to see CERT delivered, please let us know at oem@kennesaw.edu.
On Dec. 6, 2019, Andy and I attended a Law Enforcement Business Continuity Summit and had the chance to hear a speech from Chief Kristen Ziman. She is the Chief of Police for Aurora, IL Police Department. Chief went into the details of the Henry Pratt Plant shooting that took place on Feb. 15, 2019 (Work Place Violence). Five people died (all worked for the company) and five police officers were injured.

Work Place Violence was discussed, and one of the main points was that everyone who worked in the plant knew who the shooter was based on past behaviors and personal threats the shooter made prior to the shooting. The problem was that nobody came forward prior to the shooting to advise management of his behavior. Many knew what he (the shooter) was capable of, but never reported the behavior.

**Here are some warning signs to be aware of:**
- Excessive use of alcohol or drugs
- Unexplained absenteeism, change in behavior or decline in job performance
- Depression, withdrawal or suicidal comments
- Resistance to changes at work or persistent complaining about unfair treatment
- Violation of company policies
- Emotional responses to criticism, mood swings
- Paranoia
HOW TO AVOID A CRASH

by Andrew Altizer

AAA and the National Safety Council offers the following driving tips when driving in snow:

• Avoid using cruise control in wintry conditions
• Steer in the direction of a skid, so when your wheels regain traction, you don’t have to over correct to stay in your lane
• Accelerate and decelerate slowly
• Increase following distance to 8 to 10 seconds
• If possible, don’t stop when going uphill

If visibility is severely limited due to a whiteout, pull off the road to a safe place and do not drive until conditions improve. Avoid pulling off onto the shoulder unless it is an absolute emergency. Limited visibility means other vehicles can’t see yours on the shoulder. Of course, if roads are hazardous, if at all possible just stay home.
Flu activity continues to spread across the U.S. For some, contracting the virus can be life-threatening. Therefore, we encourage you to take steps to protect yourself, your colleagues, and your loved ones.

Protect Yourself and Others

- Get the whole family vaccinated. Everyone age 6 months or older should have an annual flu shot. It’s especially important for people at higher risk including young children, pregnant women, people age 65 and older, those with weakened immune systems or chronic illness such as asthma, and those who care for others who are at high risk.
- Wash your hands often or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cover your mouth. Sneeze and cough into a tissue or in your elbow (if a tissue isn’t handy). It’s the best way to prevent virus droplets from becoming airborne.
- Don’t touch your nose and eyes. And don’t nibble on your nails! The virus gains entry into the body through the nose, eyes and mouth.

Think you have the flu?

- Know the symptoms. A fever over 100 degrees, achy muscles, chills and sweats, dry cough, fatigue, weakness and congestion could mean you have the flu.
- Call your doctor. Your doctor may provide a diagnosis and treatment plan.
- Stay home. Going to work or being out and about while sick will only spread the disease.
- Load up on liquids and rest. You’ll prevent dehydration and help your immune system mount a good defense.
CRISIS COORDINATOR SYMPOSIUM UPDATE

by Andrew Altizer

Tuesday, February 11 at the KSU Center. All sessions confirmed!

- 11:30 a.m. QPR (pre-symposium Training)
- 1pm Welcoming Remarks
- 1:05pm Storm Spotter
- 2:30pm Special Topic Classes (participants pick the one they want to attend)
  - Rescue, Lifts and Drags
  - Classroom Crisis Management
  - Improvised Tourniquets
  - Human Trafficking
- 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

Participants will get the new OEM Notebook, EHS Calendar and the annual security report.
SUMMARY OF TERRORISM THREAT TO THE U.S. HOMELAND

- The United States designated Iran a “State Sponsor of Terrorism” in 1984 and since then, Iran has actively engaged in or directed an array of violent and deadly acts against the United States and its citizens globally. The United States designated Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) a Foreign Terrorist Organization on April 15, 2019 for its direct involvement in terrorist plotting.
- On January 2, 2020, the United States carried out a lethal strike in Iraq killing Iranian IRGC-Quds Force commander Qassem Soleimani while Soleimani was in Iraq.
- Iranian leadership and several affiliated violent extremist organizations publicly stated they intend to retaliate against the United States.
- At this time we have no information indicating a specific, credible threat to the Homeland. Iran and its partners, such as Hizballah, have demonstrated the intent and capability to conduct operations in the United States.
- Previous homeland-based plots have included, among other things, scouting and planning against infrastructure targets and cyber enabled attacks against a range of U.S.-based targets.
- Iran maintains a robust cyber program and can execute cyber attacks against the United States. Iran is capable, at a minimum, of carrying out attacks with temporary disruptive effects against critical infrastructure in the United States.
- Iran likely views terrorist activities as an option to deter or retaliate against its perceived adversaries. In many instances, Iran has targeted United States interests through its partners such as Hizballah.
- Homegrown Violent Extremists could capitalize on the heightened tensions to launch individual attacks.
- An attack in the homeland may come with little or no warning.
- The Department of Homeland Security is working closely with our federal, state, local, and private sector partners to detect and defend against threats to the Homeland, and will enhance security measures as necessary.

HOW YOU CAN HELP
- Report suspicious activity to local law enforcement who are best to offer specific details on terroristic indicators.
- Report suspicious activity or information about a threat, including online activity, to fusion centers and the FBI’s Field Offices – part of the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative.
- Learn how to recognize signs of pre-operational planning associated with terrorism or other criminal activity.

BE PREPARED
- Be prepared for cyber disruptions, suspicious emails, and network delays.
- Be responsible for your personal safety. Know where emergency exits and security personnel are located. Carry emergency contact and special needs information with you.
- Implement basic cyber hygiene practices such as effecting data backups and employing multi-factor authentication. For more information visit CISA.gov.
- Connect, Plan, Train, and Report to prepare businesses & employees. Security tools/resources can be accessed through the DHS’s Hometown Security Campaign.

STAY INFORMED
- The U.S. Government will provide additional information about any emerging threat as additional information is identified. The public is encouraged to listen to local law enforcement and public safety officials.
- We urge Americans to continue to travel, attend public events, and freely associate with others but remain vigilant and aware of surroundings.
- The Department of State issues international travel alerts and warnings.
- For additional information visit Ready.

If You See Something, Say SomethingSM. Report suspicious activity to local law enforcement or call 911.

The National Terrorism Advisory System provides information on homeland security issues and threats. It is distributed by the Department of Homeland Security. More information is available at: www.dhs.gov/advisories. To receive mobile updates: www.twitter.com/dhsgov.

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Mary-Kate will be preparing the OEM Newsletter during the Spring semester
Just a friendly remember, 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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