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“Quick! A Disaster is Coming! Where Are Your Records? Are They Safe?”
Records Management Day

On August 14, the Georgia Archives will celebrate Records Management Day. The Archives Manager of Records Management Christine Garrett will present “Quick! A Disaster is Coming! Where Are Your Records? Are They Safe?” which will focus on identifying your critical personal records and protecting them from a variety of disasters.

Let’s say a wildfire is spreading quickly towards your home and there is nothing that can stop it in time. Your home and everything in it will be consumed by the flames and you have thirty minutes to grab what you can before the fire cuts off the escape routes. What do you save? What records will you need? Do you know where those items are?

Unfortunately, this scenario is one that has happened multiple times across the country, people ordered to evacuate with little time to decide what to take. Wildfires are just one type of disaster for which Georgians need to prepare. Fires, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, winter storms, and cyberattacks have affected the state in the past decade. This talk will discuss the various natural, physical, and cyber threats that can occur in Georgia and help people to identify the critical records needed to help prepare, respond, and recover from a disaster.

Christine started working at the Georgia Archives in September 2014. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History with a minor in Classical Civilization from Randolph-Macon Woman’s College, and her Master of Arts degree in History with a concentration in Archives from Auburn University.

The video for the Records Management Day presentation will be available on our YouTube channel “Georgia Archives” on August 14 under “Events.”

The Georgia Archives is a unit of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. The Georgia Archives identifies, collects, manages, preserves, provides access to, and publicizes records and information of Georgia and its people, and assists state and local government agencies with their records management.

