



BOONE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

**MAR
2019**

Severe Weather Preparedness Week

March 3rd through 9th is Missouri Severe Weather Preparedness Week! Boone County Office of Emergency Management is joining the National Weather Service, State Emergency Management Agency and other local emergency management agencies to urge Missourians to learn about severe weather and how to protect themselves during **Missouri Severe Weather Preparedness Week**. Each day will focus on a different preparedness topic regarding severe weather commonly seen in Missouri as we transition from Winter to Spring weather. Below is the schedule of topics to be covered:

Monday: Receiving Weather Information

Tuesday: Tornado Safety

Wednesday: Lightning Safety

Thursday: Hail/Wind Safety

Friday: Flood Safety

Boone County will also participate in Missouri's annual **Statewide Tornado Drill** will be held on **Tuesday, March 5 at 10 a.m.** At 10 a.m. on March 5, outdoor warning sirens and weather alert radios across the state will sound, signaling the beginning of the statewide tornado drill indicating that Missourians should practice taking shelter. If severe weather is in the forecast for March 5, the tornado drill will be moved to **Thursday, March 7 at 10 a.m.**

Follow us on social media for more information on how to prepare for severe weather through the week!

Receiving
Weather Info



Tornado
Safety



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Flood
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Spring Forward!

Spring is (finally) right around the corner! Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday March 10th — So be sure to set your clocks forward by 1 hour! This is also a good time to do the following safety checks!

Smoke Alarms

According to the National Fire Protection Association—3 out of 5 home fire deaths occur in a home with no smoke detector. Make sure your home has adequate & working fire alarms. Test your fire alarm every month & change the batteries at least once a year.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

In addition to fire alarms, ensure your home is equipped with carbon monoxide detectors. Carbon monoxide is a deadly invisible, odorless gas. Install detectors in a central location outside on every level of the home.

Medications & Cleaning Products

Unwanted, unused or expired medications left in the home can be dangerous to you, children or pets. Be sure to dispose of at a prescription drop off or take-back event near you. Cleaning products can also pose a threat, make sure you follow the instructions when using & keep in a safe place out of reach from children & pets.

Window Safety

With warmer weather on the horizon, it will be tempting to open windows & let in the fresh spring air — just be sure to practice good window safety. Always supervise children around open windows, even if the window has a screen. Also be aware of window blind cords which can be a strangulation hazard for young children.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Active Threat Mitigation Response & Newman Center Emergency Plan

This is a presentation addressing response to an active assailant as well as an overview of the development of the Newman Center Emergency Plan. The presentation is geared towards faith-based facility safety teams, emergency planner, administration & Congregation leadership.

Date: March 7, 2019
Time: 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Location: St. Thomas More Newman Center
Multipurpose Room 2nd Floor
602 Turner Avenue
Columbia, MO 65201

NOTE: There are some video portions of this presentation that depict real incidents that some may find disturbing. For that reason, **attendance is limited to those over the age of 18 years.**

For more information contact:

Sherril Gladney, Planning & Preparedness Specialist, at SGladney@boonecountymo.org or 573-554-7911.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Activation Functional Exercise

The Boone County Office of Emergency Management is conducting an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Activation Functional Exercise on March 27, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Boone County Emergency Communications Center (ECC) Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This is an operations-based exercise where participants will be able to test their skills in a disaster simulation and increase our community's resiliency. The focus of this exercise will be developing an Incident Action Plan (IAP) to improve incident management capabilities.

If you received an invitation to this exercise, please visit the below link to register:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PGDDSPC>

For more information contact:

Elizabeth Thompson, Training & Exercise Specialist, at ETHompson@boonecountymo.org or 573-554-7910.



Sheltering

OEM is a proud Do1Thing partner. Do1Thing breaks emergency preparedness into 12 monthly tasks that lead to a complete emergency plan. By doing one thing a month, you will have the tools needed to better protect and care for your family and household in a disaster.

In a disaster you may be asked to either evacuate or shelter-in-place. In the excitement of an emergency, it can be difficult to focus on what you are doing. Know what to do to keep your family safe. Practice your tornado and fire safety plans. If your family has practiced, they will be more comfortable doing it when the emergency actually happens.

Choosing the best place in your home or workplace to shelter from a tornado isn't always easy. Many newer buildings don't have a really good shelter area. Use these rules of thumb to find the best tornado shelter possible:

- Stay away from windows and skylights
- Shelter "down and in"—Put as many walls between yourself and the outside as you can (think of the ceiling as a wall)
- Avoid rooms with large ceiling expanses
- Find an area large enough for everyone to stay comfortably for at least 45 minutes. If you are advised to evacuate, do so. Otherwise, stay inside and away from windows until the storm has completely passed.



Identify the best storm shelter in your home and practice getting to the shelter with your family.



Learn how to safely shelter in place.



Make a Go Bag for emergency sheltering.



OEM Calendar

■ OEM Staff Event ■ Public Event ■ Holiday

March 3-9: **Missouri Severe Weather Preparedness Week**

March 5: **Statewide Tornado Drill 10:00am**

March 7, 14, 21, 28, & 30: **CERT Basic Training**

March 7: **Active Threat Mitigation Response Presentation**

March 13: **MU Spring Safety Fair**

March 20: **Columbia College Wellness Fair**

March 27: **EOC Activation Functional Exercise**

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