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A monthly newsletter brought to you by the Boone County Office of Emergency Management

Boone County Ready

The OEM and BCJC are excited to announce the launch of Boone County Ready, a community preparedness campaign. The Boone County Ready website will house a suite of tools available to our citizens to enhance community preparedness, foster collaboration and build resilience. The website will be live by the end of this month—be on the lookout for more information. We invite you to take a look and bookmark the page—this is valuable for all who live, work and play in Boone County.



Boone County—Are **YOU** ready?

Happening soon...

- Feb 2nd, 12pm, [Outdoor Warning Siren Test](#)
- Feb 3rd, 10am, [Are You Ready For An Earthquake? Part 1: Earthquake Hazards and Safety](#)
- Feb 9th, 9am, Region F EMD Meeting
- Feb 10th, 10am, [Are You Ready For An Earthquake? Part 2: Earthquake & Financial Preparedness](#)
- Feb 10th, 6:30pm, CERT Meeting
- Feb 11th, OEM Closed
- Feb 15th, County Clerk Exercise
- Feb 21st, OEM Closed
- Feb 22nd, 9am, Non-urban Healthcare Coalition Exercise
- Feb 24th, 8am, Columbia Water & Light Network Event
- Feb 24th, 6:30pm, [NWS St Louis Storm Spotter Class in Columbia, MO](#)

Looking ahead...

- Mar 2nd, 12pm, [Outdoor Warning Siren Test](#)
- Mar 3rd, [2022 Earthquake Summit](#)
- Mar 8th, 10am, [Statewide Tornado Drill](#)
- Mar 10th, 6:30pm, CERT Meeting



#DYK February is [Earthquake Awareness Month](#) for the Central U.S.? States most impacted by earthquakes include: Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri & Tennessee. The New Madrid earthquake occurred over the span of two months; the final quake in February is the one that leveled the town of New Madrid. [Preparing & planning](#) is essential for earthquake safety. Check out the Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium's two-part Facebook Live series on Feb 3rd and Feb 10th at 10am to increase your earthquake awareness this month. Links available under 'Happening Soon'.

Heart Health Awareness Month

[Heart disease](#) is the leading killer among both men and women. Occupational hazards, genetics and lifestyle choices all contribute to our risk for heart disease. First responders have an [occupational risk for developing heart disease](#) due to the nature of their work. Many risk factors are out of our control, but [many factors are not](#).



Steps you can take to reduce your risk include: cut back on smoking and drinking, watch your salt intake, get 30 minutes of physical activity a day, increase your water intake, maintain a healthy weight and ensure your blood pressure is controlled.

Learn more about [heart disease](#) and [keeping your heart healthy](#) and happy this month.

Do1Thing

Each month, complete ONE activity from this section and by the end of the year—you will be better prepared for emergency.

February Goal:

Have 3 days of water stored for your household.

Suggested Activities:

1. [Bottle a 72-hour supply of water.](#)
2. Learn [how to provide a safe water supply](#) for your household during disaster.

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Partner Spotlight

The Missouri Structural Assessment and Visual Evaluation (SAVE) Coalition is a group of volunteer engineers, architects, building inspectors and other trained professionals that respond to requests from local jurisdictions to the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) for assistance with building damage inspections.

More than 1,000 professionals are trained as SAVE volunteers in Missouri and are ready to respond to communities in need across the state. When local governments contact SEMA for assistance after a disaster, SAVE volunteer coordinators deploy available inspectors to the affected area to perform building assessments.

Most recently, the SAVE Coalition responded to the town of Williamsville just outside Poplar Bluff after a 4.0 magnitude earthquake rocked the area.

For more information about Missouri's SAVE Coalition, visit their webpage [here](#).

Save MO Lives



Have you noticed the [recent spike in fatal traffic accidents](#) in Boone County? [Driving the wrong direction](#), traveling at high speeds, [not wearing a seat belt](#), [distracted driving](#) & driving under the influence all contribute to fatal car accidents. In order to [prevent fatal accidents](#), call 911 & report if you see someone driving recklessly.

Different scenarios require different actions. When in doubt—call 911.

1. Post-Accident, vehicles pulled over to median: Slow down, give them space, & continue to drive safely.
2. Single car alone with occupants: If you believe for any reason the vehicle may need assistance, call 911 & report it.
3. Car on the side of the road with caution tape: Car will be towed.
4. Car abandoned, not occupied, no caution tape: Report by calling 311.

What if you are the one in an accident? If no one is injured or impaired, both vehicles should move to a safe location to exchange information &/ contact law enforcement.

If you want to be a part of the solution, follow these Safe Driving Tips:

- Check the [MoDOT Traveler Map](#) before hitting the road
- [Sign up for Smart911](#) and opt-in to receive alerts
- Create a Winter Car Kit and keep it in your vehicle at all times
- If you are stuck in traffic, do NOT cross over the median. You could get stuck or cause an accident on the outer road.
- If first responders have closed down a lane, do not cross back into that lane until after you pass the accident and barriers are gone.
- [Keep your phone down, and be alert while driving](#)
- Move over or slow down—it's [State law](#).

Smart911

Download the Smart911 App to your phone and opt-in to start receiving emergency alerts and notifications.



Hey There...

We had so much happening last month locally and worldwide! Boone County received its first snow of the year and [we got quite a bit!](#) Since I struggle with making snowmen, snowball fights are standard issue in our house. The BCOEM assisted the LEPC in hosting its 2022 Route B Panel Discussion and Tabletop Exercise. [View photos from the event](#) and [check out the news coverage of the event](#) from our partners at ABC 17 News.

The confirmed number of COVID deaths [surpassed 5 million worldwide](#), the US Government mandates insurance companies to [provide free at-home COVID tests](#) and the WHO Director believes the [public health emergency](#) could end this year if inequities are addressed. [An underwater volcano in the South Pacific cuts Tonga off from the rest of the world](#), [causes an oil spill in Peru](#), is [heard in Alaska](#) and puts the [US west coast on a Tsunami Advisory](#). Last, and certainly not least, an 11-hour [hostage situation at a Texas synagogue](#) shines light on the need for faith-based organizations to prepare for all threats.

If you have a minute, I would love to hear your ideas for future newsletters. Shoot me an email, give me a call, or stop by the OEM if you're in the area.

Stay Heart Happy, Boone County!

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