

BOONE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

# OEM CHRONICLE

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# WICHERN WISDOM

Thank you to everyone reading this who came out to the Ready Festival! Your support means so much to me and everyone in our office. Last month, I spent almost an entire week sick with a stomach bug that caused me to miss my 9.11 mile run I'd been preparing for. However, I was back on my feet in time to do the Muddy Princes obstacle course/ 3-mile run with my mom, sister, and daughter. We laughed so much!



It's that time of the year where we ask you to tell us how we're doing with the monthly newsletter. Anyone who completes the survey will be entered into a monthly giveaway. We are accepting feedback for the rest of the year. the survey will close after the December issue of the Chronicle goes out. I'll use the month of December to read all of the feedback and discuss with the BCOEM team how we can make meaningful improvements to better serve our readers next year.

Stay hydrated!

*Hannah*



## BOONE COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

*KEEPING "BOONE COUNTY READY" FOR CYBER  
ATTACKS*

The Boone County Information Technology department supports, manages, and maintains all Boone County issued devices. They are ultimately responsible for keeping Boone County employees connected online. They also educate and promote cybersecurity awareness to county employees, ensuring that everyone knows how to keep their data safe. This cybersecurity awareness month, thank an IT employee for keeping us #CyberSafe.





## OCTOBER

2nd: BCOEM Strategic Plan Meeting, Internal

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4th: Nationwide Emergency Alert System Test

4th: Outdoor Warning Siren Test, 12pm

4th: Region F THIRA Work Group Meeting, Callaway County

7th: MU Home Football Game EOC Activation

9th: Holiday, Office Closed

11th: Youth Preparedness Program, 8am - 12pm, Chance Elementary School

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12th: Boone County Crisis Communications Group Workshop

12th: Monthly CERT Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30pm, ECC

13th: Bonkers Trunk or Treat, 5pm - 8pm

18th: Columbia Special Events Committee, 10am - 11:30am

18th: Quarterly LEPC Meeting, 1pm - 2:30pm, ECC

19th: MU Homecoming Parade

19th: MU Home Football Game EOC Activation

25th: Disaster Recovery Stakeholder Group Meeting

29th: Centralia Trunk or Treat, 5pm - 8pm

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## NOVEMBER

1st: Outdoor Warning Siren Test, 12pm

9th: Monthly CERT Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30pm, ECC

10th: Holiday, Office Closed

18th: CERT Practical, All Day

23rd: Holiday, Office Closed

24th: Holiday, Office Closed

[VIEW ALL EVENTS](#)

# SECURE OUR WORLD

We can all protect ourselves, our friends, and our families from online threats. Digital crimes are happening every day, in order to prepare and protect ourselves, we must educate ourselves. Simple steps can make all the difference:

- Learn to recognize and report phishing.
- Use strong passwords - consider a password manager.
- Enable multi-factor authentication.
- Update software.

If you are a business owner or manager, check out these ways to protect your business.

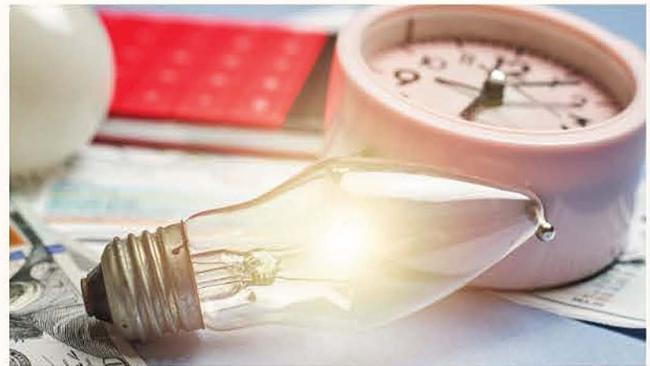


## RESOURCE CORNER

The Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency, or CISA, is “America’s Cyber Defense Agency”. They have free resources available for individuals and families, faith groups & businesses. As a Boone County citizen, we recommend utilizing this great resource and check out their Cyber Lessons where they discuss:

- Multi-Factor Authentication
- App Security
- Oversharing and Geotagging
- Passwords
- & more!

[LEARN MORE](#)



## DO 1 THING

- Have flashlights and extra batteries in an easily accessible place, like an emergency kit.
- Add a hand-crank NOAA radio to your emergency kits.
- Acquire and learn how to safely use a portable generator.
- Discuss power outage safety as a household.
- Create a power outage plan and discuss what you should do before, during, and after a power outage.

[DO 1 THING WEBSITE](#)

# BOONE COUNTY READY

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The mission of the Boone County Ready campaign is to enhance community preparedness, foster collaboration and build resilience by engaging our citizens in actively preparing for emergencies and disasters.

Here's how you can make sure you are #BooneCountyReady for power outages.

## 1. BE INFORMED

Identify at least one way for your household to communicate and get emergency/weather information during a prolonged power outage (e.g. without cell phones, TV, or computers).

## 2. MAKE A PLAN

Make a plan for long-term power outages in which you would need to shelter in place for AT LEAST three days. Discuss things that can be done in your household before, during and after a power outage to stay safe. More information on <https://www.ready.gov/power-outages>.

## 3. BUILD A KIT

Make sure you have a kit ready for each member of your household to last **at least** three days in the event you need to shelter in place.

## 4. GET INVOLVED

Take CPR, Stop the Bleed, and Basic Community Emergency Response Training.

### WHAT DO YOU NEED?

We have hard copies of preparedness materials available for you! Let us know what materials you need to accomplish your preparedness goals. For digital copies and information visit the Boone County Ready website.

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# WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

September, aka National Preparedness Month, has come and gone. Fun fact, it's also National Voter Month. Found that out from the County Clerk's office at the Ready Festival. My gift to you this issue, is this glorious photo of OEM being a "General Audience" rated level of goofy.



Here's a very brief look into the everyday life of the OEM team and a few things we were working on throughout Preparedness Month.

Bart worked on administrative tasks to keep our office well-oiled and running. He answered all of the phone calls to the ECC, updated EOC computers, checked the OEM vehicles biweekly, paid the bills, and visited siren sites to see if they needed any landscaping maintenance. He helped with gathering items in preparation for the ready festival and joined the rest of the team to staff the event!

Matt attended the Sports and Special Events Management Class, helped Moniteau County start up their CERT Program, did some Boone County CERT Program Management, helped with the Ready Festival, started planning for both a Unified Command EMS Exercise and PIO Exercise, and finally attended a class on Leveraging Tools for Conducting Damage Assessments.

Hannah spent most of the early part of September ensuring that all pieces were in place for the Ready Festival. She collaborated with Public Health to issue a joint press release regarding Preparedness Month, issued a press release for the Ready Festival and participated in several interviews. She represented the office at the Active and Aging Fair and Family Fun Fest, helped staff the Emergency Operations Center for two MU football games, and led the second Disaster Recovery Stakeholder Group meeting.

This month Jake attended courses or seminars on special event risk management, damage assessments, the Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS) and Emergency Operations Center Leadership Skillset. He represented Boone County at the Region F Emergency Management Directors meeting in Fayette, attended our Disaster Recovery Stakeholder Group meeting and facilitated the MoDOT Winter Weather Coalition meeting. He staffed our outreach booth at Ready Festival and at PrideFest and participated in Emergency Operations Center activations for two Mizzou football games as well as the I-70/Rocheport bridge-controlled demolition.

Della kept us all in line, finalized the FY24 budget, and made sure we got paid.

Chris worked with Commission and Auditor's office to finalize the FY24 budget and scheduled a reunification training in Boone County for public safety and education partners.



## WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

### WE WANT TO COVER TOPICS THAT MATTER TO YOU!

The OEM Chronicle is a compilation of relevant seasonal information to help those who live, work, and play in Boone County become better prepared for emergencies.

What are you interested in learning more about? Do you have any topic ideas?

Don't live in Boone County? No worries!

Many of the resources that we have, and all four preparedness steps, can be utilized in surrounding counties. If you would like information about your local emergency management agency, let us know and we can get you in touch with them.

Contact us today!

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