

# OEM CHRONICLE

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## Winter Safety



One of my favorite parts about the holidays are the movies; I particularly enjoy *Elf*. One of my favorite quotes would have to be “The best way to spread Christmas cheer is having your emergency [car](#) kit near.” Maybe I’m remembering that incorrectly, you’ll have to watch it yourself. Either way, you should definitely have an emergency car kit & it should remain in your vehicle *at all times*; you never know when you might encounter severe weather in the Candy Cane Forest or an emergency road closure in the Lincoln Tunnel. Don’t forget about our local winter weather resources available [here](#) & have you opted-in for mobile alerts yet? If not, text SMART911 to 67283 to download the Smart911 app & begin receiving important weather, traffic & emergency alerts via text, email or voice call today.

## Strategic Plan



You may have seen the press release, webpage announcement or social media posts about the Strategic Plan we drafted for 2022-2024. We identified our goals to deliver essential services & this plan includes the strategies necessary to accomplish those goals as well as the internal management system used to monitor & evaluate progress towards them. The plan can be found [here](#) or on our [webpage](#) under “Latest Issues” along with a link to a brief survey. Our community’s feedback is highly valued & comments will be accepted until **December 10th**. For questions about the Strategic Plan, contact Sherril Gladney at 573-554-7964 or [sgradney@boonecountymo.org](mailto:sgradney@boonecountymo.org)

## Holiday Fire Safety



#DYK Candles, live Christmas trees, & holiday lights are the top three contributors to home fires during the Christmas season? Reduce your risk this season by following these tips:

- Check holiday lights each year for frayed wires
- Don’t link more than three strands of lights together
- Never leave a candle burning unattended
- Water your live Christmas tree daily to keep it from drying out and keep it at least 3 feet away from heat sources

## Do1Thing Goal



**Goal for December:** [Be prepared to give first aid while waiting for an ambulance.](#)

- > Take training in [first aid](#), [CPR](#), [AED](#), or [pet first aid](#)
- > [Make or buy first aid kits for your home, car and workplace](#)



Do1Thing is a web-based twelve month preparedness program. Every month offers a low or no-cost option for individuals (or businesses) to become better prepared for disasters & emergencies!

# OEM CALENDAR

To see the OEM’s most current calendar of events , visit our [homepage!](#)

## DECEMBER

- December 1st: [Outdoor Warning Sirens](#) Test at 12pm
- December 3rd: December OEM Chronicle Released
- December 7th: Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop (IPPW) 1pm—4pm
- December 8th: Region F Cybersecurity Exercise 9am—4:30pm
- December 8th: 4th Quarter EMD Meeting
- December 9th: [CERT](#) Meeting 6:30pm—8pm
- December 10th: Strategic Plan Feedback Survey closes
- December 14th: Internal OEM EOC Exercise 8:30am—10:30am
- December 24th: OEM Closed
- December 25th: OEM Closed
- December 31st: OEM IS OPEN\* Correction from previous Vol. 1 Issue 11

## JANUARY

- January 3rd: OEM Closed
- January 5th: [Outdoor Warning Sirens](#) Test at 12pm
- January 7th: January OEM Chronicle Released
- January 13th: [CERT](#) Meeting 6:30pm—8pm
- January 17th: OEM Closed
- January 19th: LEPC Quarterly Meeting 1:30pm—3pm
- January 26th: LEPC Route B Panel Discussion & Tabletop Exercise 10am—4pm