

OEM CHRONICLE

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

Boone County Ready

Last month, the OEM and BCJC announced the launch of Boone County Ready, a community preparedness campaign. We are excited to announce the Boone County Ready website is now **live** and can be found by visiting ready.boonemo.org. Here you will find a suite of tools available to our citizens to enhance community preparedness, foster collaboration and build resilience. This website walks you through the 4 steps to preparedness (Be Informed, Build a Kit, Make a Plan and Get Involved) and provides you with the resources you need to accomplish those steps. In addition, our resources page houses a variety of resources to prevent and prepare for emergency or disaster.



We invite you to take a look, bookmark the page and share with the community —this is valuable for all who live, work and play in Boone County.

Boone County—are **YOU** ready?



#DYK March is [Spring & Flood Safety Month](#). Rightfully so, Missouri sees an increase in [severe weather](#) and [flooding](#) during the Spring. It's a great idea to check your renter's * homeowner's insurance to make sure flooding is covered under your plan—it typically is not included in a standard insurance coverage. Now that you know your risk, make a plan for when severe weather hits and figure out now where your safe place will be and make sure you know where to get important weather or emergency alerts. Lastly, consider making an emergency kit to keep at your work, home or in your car. Our [Boone County Ready webpage](#) has the tools you need for all of these things!

It's not the luck of the Irish—it's **Preparedness**.

Spring Cleaning Safety

The sun is shining, the temperatures are rising and many of us are ready to get dirty and get our homes clean. With spring cleaning, we can often get caught up in getting things clean and shiny that we forget the dangers that are associated with household cleaning chemicals.

This spring remember to keep your rags and cleaners away from children, pets, food, and food surfaces. It is a known fact that the second you take your eyes of a child they will magically get ahold of something they are not supposed to have. Accidents happen, we're only human; let's be prepared humans.



Poison Control 1-800-222-1222

Happening soon...

- Mar 2nd, 12pm, [Outdoor Warning Siren Test](#)
- Mar 2nd, 1pm, MERC 101
- Mar 2nd, 6pm, CERT Basic Training
- Mar 3rd, [2022 Earthquake Summit](#)
- Mar 4th, [Boone County Ready website live!](#)
- Mar 7th—11th, [Severe Weather Preparedness Week \(Check our Facebook!\)](#)
- Mar 8th, 10am, [Annual Statewide Tornado Drill](#)
- Mar 9th, 6pm, CERT Basic Training
- Mar 10th, 6:30pm, CERT Meeting
- Mar 13th, Daylight Savings—Spring Forward
- Mar 15th, 10am, MU Spring Safety Fair
- Mar 16th, 6pm, CERT Basic Training
- Mar 17th, St Patty's Day
- Mar 18th, BCOEM Food Share Day
- Mar 23rd, 6pm, CERT Basic Training
- Mar 24th, Regional Exercise
- Mar 26th, 9am, CERT Basic Training

Looking ahead...

- Apr 7th, 10am, Region F EMD Meeting
- Apr 20th, 1pm, Quarterly LEPC Meeting
- Apr 30th, Smart911 Day

Do1Thing

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

March Goal:

Know how to respond safely when instructions are given to evacuate or take shelter.

Suggested Activities:

1. Identify the best storm shelter in your home/work and practice sheltering with your household.
2. Make a Go Bag for emergency sheltering.

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Partner Spotlight

March is Red Cross Month, a tradition begun by President Roosevelt in 1943. The American Red Cross (ARC) is a non-governmental organization although they work closely with government entities to provide their services to those in need. Most people associate the Red Cross with blood donation drives. Although blood drives are a critical resource, they provide so much more than that to our community.

During Red Cross Month, the ARC asks everyone to be a hero in their community by becoming a volunteer, learning a lifesaving skill or donating blood.

The BCOEM has a close working relationship with the Central Missouri Chapter of the ARC. Currently, BCOEM & the ARC have partnered together to provide Youth Preparedness education to K-5th grade students in rural Boone County.

In addition to youth education, the ARC also provides free smoke alarms to at-risk households. Most recently, our partners have been reaching out to the Amish population in Central Missouri to provide and install this life-saving resource free of charge.

For more information about the American Red Cross, visit their webpage [here](#).

Severe Weather PREPAREDNESS

Missouri experiences different types of severe weather. Most common is flooding but we are also prone to lightning, wind, hail and tornadoes. It is important that our community plans and prepares for all of these severe weather hazards so when they occur, everyone knows how to respond and what to expect.

First and foremost, to be prepared for severe weather the community must have several ways to receive weather information. [Sign up to receive alerts and notifications for Boone County Ready powered by Smart911 today!](#)

Next, you should make a plan for where you will go if you are home, in your car or at work if severe weather threatens your location. Where will your safe place be? Who will be your out-of-town contact in the event of a disaster that damages your home, neighborhood or city? What are your two evacuation routes out of your home?

You should have an emergency kit in your safe place, at your work and in your car. It's okay if you don't have all of the supplies recommended—something is better than nothing. If the weather requires you to leave your home, you should consider additional supplies for your evacuation.



Lastly, discuss these hazards with your family, friends, and household members. Talk about your plan and practice it!

During Severe Weather Preparedness Week, March 7th—11th, the OEM will be sharing a series of educational videos on our social media to help citizens prepare for severe weather. Tune in each day to learn about a different hazard we face and how you can prepare to become Boone County Ready.

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Smart911

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



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Hey There...

Last month was a whirlwind of weather for Boone County. We started the month off with a Winter Storm Warning that brought Boone County 5-10 inches of snow depending on your area. The EOC was partially activated from Tuesday, Feb 1st until Thursday, Feb 3rd with Law, Fire and Energy. County offices had to close down several days throughout the month due to inclement weather. I am happily writing this while [it is 60 degrees and sunny](#). [Hello Spring, my dear friend](#).

As everyone has heard by now, [Russia has invaded Ukraine](#), [US oil prices are at a 7 year high](#) and we are on the verge of a [humanitarian crisis](#) as women and children flee from their homes and the men stay back to protect them. [UN has requested aid on behalf of Ukraine](#), Americans have spoken up on every social media platform in support of Ukraine and [Russian citizens stood together to peacefully protest Putin's actions](#) against their neighbor. As of this writing, over [5 thousand Russian citizens have been arrested for promoting peace](#).

There was a [massive landslide in northern India due to heavy rainfall](#) that stranded several on a highway and resulted in the death of at least 15. We saw an increase in public interest in [earthquake awareness](#), most likely due to last [November's 4.0 earthquake in Popular Bluff](#) that was felt as far north as St. Louis and as far south as Memphis.

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.

Hannah