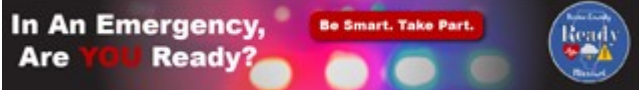


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Boone County Ready, our community preparedness campaign, has a lot of plans in the works for this summer. Throughout summer, we will staff an outreach table the second Friday of each month from 9am – 2pm in Columbia Mall in an effort to connect with citizens, actively engage them in preparedness and increase citizen knowledge of the Boone County Ready mission and [website of tools](#).

The Boone County Ready monthly giveaways are here! Have you followed and liked @BooneCountyReady on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) (@BooneCoReady on [Twitter](#)) yet? That's where you will have chances to win each month. June's giveaway is our custom canvas tote filled with preparedness materials and a multi-purpose collapsible dog bowl.

The Boone County Ready website houses a suite of tools available to enhance community preparedness, foster collaboration and build resilience. Whether you live, work, study, or play in Boone County, there's something for you.

Boone County—are YOU ready?



#DYK Lightning is one of the top 3 storm-related killers in the U.S? It's true. Although, lightning related injuries and deaths are declining they are still prominent in the country. The best thing you can do when you see lightning is to get yourself and your loved ones inside where you can stay informed and continue to monitor weather. It only takes 1 lightning strike to spark a fire. [Watch our video on Lightning Safety on our YouTube channel](#) and remember, when thunder roars—go indoors.

## Pet Preparedness

June is [National Pet Preparedness Month](#) so we will be highlighting topics for pet owners to consider when planning for their pets. Think about the hazards we face in our community, as well as personal risks you face at your home such as fire, flooding, etc.

Many of these emergency situations place your pets at risk. Every pet is different, just like humans! It's important to consider each of your pets special needs when planning. In addition to thinking about each of the hazards you face think about how each of your pets would react in each situation and how they would be affected.

The [Boone County Ready website](#) outlines things to consider for Pet Owners when planning. Check out the 'Pet Owners' section under Make a Plan. You can also find a pet-specific [emergency kit checklist](#) there as well as a [Pet Ready printable brochure](#). As always, if you would like hard copies of any of the materials available on our website, please do not hesitate to ask! I am happy to mail them to you as well.

When making your plans for your pets, please make sure to have appropriate identification included. It is one of the most overlooked items in pet preparedness. The most reliable form of identification is to have your pets microchipped. If this is not feasible, make sure your pets are always wearing their ID tags with their name, current address and your current phone number. In addition to ID tags, you should have a current photo of you and each of your pets together in order to ensure you can prove that they are your pets!

## Happening soon...

June, [Pet Preparedness Month](#)

June 1st, 12pm, Outdoor Warning Siren Test

June 9th, 6:30pm– 8pm, [CERT Meeting](#)

June 10th, 9am—2pm, [Boone County Ready Community Outreach Event at Columbia Mall](#)

June 15th, 3pm—4pm, [SIL presents Disaster Preparedness with BCOEM & Boone County Public Health and Human Services](#)

June 15th, 6pm—8pm, [Family Fun Fest, Clary-Shy Park](#)

June 17th, 1pm—2pm, [SIL presents Boone County Ready & 911 with BCOEM & BCJC](#)

June 19th, Father's Day

June 19th—25th, [National Lightning Safety Awareness Week](#)

June 20th, [Juneteenth](#), Office closed

June 29th, 8am—5pm, [DOT TAG Training, Boone County Sheriff's Annex](#) **\*\*Minimum of 20 required\*\***

## Looking ahead...

July 4th: Office Closed

July 6th, 12pm, Outdoor Warning Siren Test

July 8th, 9am—2pm, [Boone County Ready Community Outreach Event at Columbia Mall](#)

July 14th, 6:30pm—8pm, [CERT Meeting](#)

July 19th—July 23rd, Boone County Fair

July 20th, 1pm—2:30pm, Quarterly LEPC Meeting

## Do!Thing

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

### June Goal:

Be aware of & prepare for your family's unique needs.

#### Suggested Activities:

1. [Talk with family members to determine your household's unique needs.](#)
2. [Make a plan to make sure pets are taken care of in a disaster.](#)
3. [If you or someone in your household has a disability, create an evacuation plan that works for them.](#)

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## Partner Spotlight

This June, Services for Independent Living (SIL) is recognizing National Safety Month by offering a [series of educational presentations](#) from community organizations, including the OEM! So I thought we would highlight their work to promote independence of persons with disabilities, seniors and veterans in our community.

SIL was established in 1980 with the purpose to promote equal opportunity for those with disabilities. [As a Center for Independent Living \(CIL\), more than 51% of their staff and Board of Directors are individuals with disabilities!](#) I LOVE an organization that stands behind their values with their own socially responsible actions.

SIL offers many programs and services on a wide range of topics including [accessibility devices and technology](#), [personal care services](#), [educational sessions](#), [youth transitioning into adulthood](#), and [aging](#). SIL also offers [transportation for a small fee](#).

If you are looking for ways to become involved with this organization, you can [volunteer](#), or make a [monetary](#) and/or [medical equipment donations](#).

For more information about Services for Independent Living (SIL), visit their webpage [here](#).

## Tom S. Hurley Public Safety Service Award

We are very happy to announce the nomination period is officially open for the 2nd annual [Tom S. Hurley Public Safety Service](#) award, honoring the memory and legacy of the late OEM Director.

This award seeks to recognize an individual, paid or un-paid, agency or organization which embodies the qualities and spirit of Tom S. Hurley, in their championship of, and service to, the community. The recipient of this award goes above and beyond their day-to-day work or duties before, during or after times of disaster to provide a lasting effect, and/or impart significant contributions to fostering preparedness, responding to emergencies, or building community resiliency.

Nominations are currently being collected until July 31. The selected awardee will be presented the award at the 2nd annual preparedness fair, the [Boone County Ready Festival](#) on **September 1, 2022**.

**[Submit your nomination here!](#)**

### Submission Criteria:

- \* Must be a resident of, or agency/organization/business within, Boone County, MO.
- \* If nominating an individual, they may be paid or un-paid (volunteer) for their services, but must exemplify a contribution above and beyond, or outside of their day-to-day duties.
- \* Made a significant contribution to the community in the realm of preparedness, emergency response, or community resilience in the last 12 months.

### Nomination Procedure:

Nominations will be collected from June 1 to July 31, 2022. All nomination submissions will be reviewed, and the recipient selected, by the Selection Committee. The award will be presented to the selected recipient at the annual Boone County Ready Festival during National Preparedness Month in September.

### To submit a nomination, follow the below instructions:

- \* Complete this [nomination form](#) on the Boone County Office of Emergency Management website following the guidelines
- \* Ensure all elements are addressed and a detailed description of services and their impact is included.

If needed, nominations may be **mailed** to the Boone County Office of Emergency Management but **MUST** be post marked by July 31st. Nominations postmarked after this date will not be considered.

## In An Emergency, Are YOU Ready?



**Be Smart. Take Part.**



## A brief rambling of thoughts from the chick who writes this newsletter...

TGIJ = Thank Goodness It's June ;)

"Sometimes all I think about is you—late nights in the middle of June..." Name that song! In the EM world everyone is discussing [Hurricane Preparedness](#) because the hurricane season is here! If you are planning a trip to a coastal city over the summer you might wanna [get in the know](#) before your trip. On the other hand, if you're thinking to vacation somewhere on the West coast you should also know it's their [Wildfire season](#) so here's some tips for that too.

Haywood County in North Carolina is in a [state of emergency due to the deadly flash flooding](#) that occurred there at the end of the month.

The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) has [reported it's first confirmed death from Monkeypox](#) and has activated it's Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

City of Columbia is launching a Heat Watch campaign where they will engage locals in gathering data to complete heat mapping of the city. [Learn more about CAPA and Heat Watch here](#). Look for information on volunteering to gather heat data on our socials.

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