

# OEM CHRONICLE

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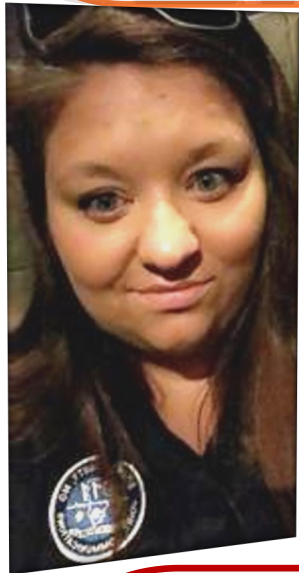
## Boone County—are YOU ready?

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](#).

Last month, the OEM and BCJC provided a disability-inclusive presentation on Boone County Ready and the tools available to our citizens for **FREE** at Services for Independent Living (SIL). If you would like for us to come to your school, organization or church to speak, you can just shoot us an email or give us a call and we would be happy to set that up with you!

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.

Text **READY** to **67283** to opt-in  
for Non-Emergency Preparedness Messaging



### Employee of the Quarter: Lindsey Martin

The first quarter of 2022 is behind us and the nominated employee is the bubbly and outgoing Lindsey Martin, Emergency Telecommunicator with Boone County Joint Communications (BCJC). Lindsey has been with BCJC for 7 years and is currently working the evening power shift from 7pm—3am. When she's not working you can find her in or near the water. She says the favorite part about her career is "being part of her coworker's journey" and that there is always something to learn.

## Sun Safety

July is UV Safety Awareness Month, which means we're gonna fill you in on how to stay safe in the sun. Don't stop reading! I know what you're thinking 'yeah, yeah, wear sunscreen—got it'. But that's not all! Read on and I promise you will learn... SOMETHING!

In addition to wearing SPF of 30 or more, OSHA recommends wearing UV-absorbent sunglasses that protect the eyes from UVA and UVB rays. Did y'all know there were different UV rays? [According to Neutrogena](#), UVA rays are the ones that penetrate deep into layers of the skin leading to premature aging (no thank you!) while UVB rays are the primary cause of sunburn because they only penetrate the outer layer of the skin. Fun fact! Up to 80% of UVA rays can pass through clouds so you should definitely wear a 30 SPF moisturizer on your face basically on a daily basis.

My favorite (and easiest) safety tip—drink water! When working outdoors try grabbing a cool sip every 15 minutes or so. Even when you don't feel thirsty you should still be drinking water when out in the hot sun. If you're like 'Ew, water tastes gross'. I would say suck it up buttercup and throw some flavor drops in there to help your taste buds out.

Last, but definitely not least, take frequent breaks either in the shade or indoors where it is cooler and or air-conditioned. Thank you, American engineer [Willis Carrier](#), for inventing our summer's savior—the air conditioner. It is **HOT** out there!

If you're interested in info on extreme heat, we have a section dedicated to that on our OEM webpage that you can check out [here](#).

## Happening soon...

**July 4th:** 4th of July, 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](#) at the Emergency Communications Center

**July 19th—July 23rd,** [Boone County Fair](#) at Boone County Fairgrounds

**July 19th, 1:30pm—4:30pm,** Region F RHSOC Meeting in Cole County

**July 20th, 6pm—8pm,** [Family Fun Fest, Clary-Shy Community Park](#)

**July 20th, 1pm—2:30pm,** Quarterly LEPC Meeting at the Emergency Communications Center

## Looking ahead...

**August 3rd, 12pm,** [Outdoor Warning Siren Test](#)

**August 11th, 6:30pm—8pm,** [CERT Meeting](#) at the Emergency Communications Center

**August 12th, 9am—2pm,** [Boone County Ready Community Outreach Event at Columbia Mall](#)

**August 17th, 6pm—8pm,** [Family Fun Fest at Albert Oakland Park](#)

## DoIThing

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.

### July Goal:

Have the ability to communicate with family members during a disaster.

### Suggested Activities:

1. Develop a plan for how your family will stay in touch during a disaster.
2. Have a charged power bank available for your cell phone in case of power failure.
3. Program and label emergency contacts in your household's cell phones.

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## Partner Spotlight

The City of Columbia government is composed of 17 different departments, one of which is the Office of Sustainability which was implemented in 2010.

The Office of Sustainability works with all City of Columbia departments, the community and our office to optimize resource use efficiency and improve economic, environmental and social well-being. The office worked to create the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan for the City by engaging local stakeholders in it's development.

The department offers community engagement opportunities for volunteers to help the environment and gain new skills. One of those opportunities currently is "Show Me The Heat" a heat mapping campaign set to launch this August. Read more about this campaign and how you can get involved by reading that article next door to the right.

For more information about the Office of Sustainability, visit their webpage [here](#).

## Show Me The Heat Columbia Heat Map 2022

Urban areas are especially prone to warmer temperatures compared to nearby rural areas because they have more heat-absorbing surfaces (think buildings and paved roads). There are also fewer trees in the City and less open space. Add in the busy heat-producing activities of buses, cars, building energy usage and industrial activity and you've got yourself one hot block. This is known as the urban heat island effect. According to the Office of Sustainability, it can create risks for our health, infrastructure and overall quality of life.

The City of Columbia wants to better understand which communities are affected by heat, how different areas heat up/cool down throughout the day and pinpoint where urban heat is the highest in the City. They believe by understanding how temperatures vary across our community, policymakers can make informed decisions and take action to reduce the impacts of extreme heat in the community.

This summer, the City of Columbia and it's partners are tackling urban heat by mapping the places in our community experiencing very high temperatures and they need our help. [Visit the website to learn more about the heat campaign and how to get involved.](#)

In July, volunteers will attend a 1-hour training session. On Saturday, August 6th, 36 volunteers will drive a 1-hour predetermined route with a specialized sensor to collect heat index and location data along the way. Routes will be driven three times throughout the day. The morning shift will go from 6-7AM, afternoon from 3-4PM, and evening from 7-8PM. Volunteers will be provided a gift card based on their level of participation to help pay for gas and to compensate for time. You must be 18 years or older to receive a gift card.

- \* \$15 gift cards to all participants who attend the 1-hour training session and complete the liability waiver and knowledge check prior to the campaign day.
- \* \$75 gift cards per route to all drivers once their route is complete and all equipment and notes are returned to the City of Columbia.
- \* \$50 gift cards per route to all drivers once their route is complete and all equipment and notes are returned to the City of Columbia.

Complete the Volunteer Interest Form [here](#).

The goals of the Heat Mapping Campaign are to educate, collaborate, prepare, and inform. The campaign is a collaborative effort and community volunteers will drive data collection. Local agencies and community organizations are helping to organize the campaign and ensure the data we collect this summer is used to mitigate urban heat in Columbia.

More information about the Show Me The Heat Campaign can be found at [comoclimateaction.org](http://comoclimateaction.org).

## Summer Time Shindigs

Hey there friends! Are you staying hydrated this summer? I have my handy dandy half gallon water bottle in tote everywhere that I go. If you think you see me out on the town and I don't have a coral hydro jug on my shoulder—that's probably not me! [U.S hit with six different natural disasters within 24 hours on Tuesday June 14th.](#) These included the [flooding in Yellowstone National Park](#), [severe drought of Lake Mead](#), [derecho blasting through the Midwest](#), a [fire sparks mass evacuations in Arizona](#) and [New Mexico is experiencing the largest fire in it's history](#).

Overseas had it's fair share of disasters as well with a 5.9 magnitude [earthquake hitting Afghanistan](#) on June 22nd. A [tornado touched down in the Netherlands](#), killing at least one and a [cyberattack knocked out public and private websites](#) in Lithuania.

The [Division of Fire Safety urges fireworks caution](#) this month, reminding people it's **always** best practice to stick to public displays. If you partake in shooting off fireworks, make sure to check out my article on the flip side covering fireworks safety tips. To wrap up the month, Amtrak experienced two separate fatal train derailments [one in Missouri](#) and [the other in California](#).

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