

BOONE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

# OEM CHRONICLE

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# WICHERN WISDOM

April has come and gone already. I hope everyone had a nice Easter if you celebrate it. My daughter has officially turned 9 and this momma is not okay.

I faced several challenges last month, and I am quite certain I am not alone. We all experience some level of crisis at any given time; how we react to those situations is often the only thing we are in control of. So, I thought I would share with everyone an app that I use called "I am". It offers customizable self-affirmations for different categories. It can be easy to get caught up in the negativity that surrounds us. Focusing on ourselves, letting go of things out of our control, and nurturing our own inner peace, can help calm any storm that is going on around us.



Be kind. Stay humble. Spread joy.

*Hannah*

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## NEW OEM DIRECTOR APPOINTED

*CHRIS KELLEY, OEM DIRECTOR*

Chris Kelley was appointed OEM Director in April. He has served as OEM's Deputy Director since March of 2020. Chris has successfully graduated from FEMA's Basic Academy and has received his Advanced Professional Series (APS) Certification from FEMA as well. Prior to coming to the Emergency Management world, Chris served on the Columbia Police Department for 23 years. Chris was raised in Columbia and is a proud Rockbridge graduate. He attended college at Columbia College, graduating with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Chris says the favorite part of his job is "serving our community, partners and residents to ensure they are prepared before disaster strikes."

Chris enjoys riding his e-bike, spending time with his family, and traveling as often as his work schedule allows. Please join us in congratulating Chris if you haven't already!



# COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Boone County Office of Emergency Management has proudly adopted the Online CERT hybrid learning model developed by the University of Utah School of Medicine. Online CERT is self-paced, and progress can be saved any time and resumed later. The course covers the standardized 2019 FEMA curriculum and is available in multiple languages.

The course is presented through a multimedia learning experience including videos, virtual reality simulations, interactive knowledge checks and more with live IT support. Online CERT combines 12 hours of online lecture, accessible via mobile device or desktop, and 16 hours of hands-on practical training administered by our office. At the completion of the online course, participants are issued a certificate, and become eligible to register for the proctored practical skills training.

To register for the Hybrid CERT Basic Training, complete the registration form on our website, [showmeboone.com/oem/training/cert](http://showmeboone.com/oem/training/cert). Be sure to indicate your preferred delivery method.

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Someone who is severely bleeding could bleed to death in less than 5 minutes! Minutes matter. Stop the Bleed training teaches participants how to 'stop the bleed' in order to improve the chances that the injured do not die before EMS arrives. The training allows for bystanders have the necessary tools they need to save lives in severe bleed incidents.

Stop the Bleed is a FREE training available in our community through MU Healthcare.

Email them to set-up a free training for your organization [stopthebleed@health.missouri.edu](mailto:stopthebleed@health.missouri.edu)

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In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which it falls, as National Police Week. National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities.

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## MAY

- 1st: Preparedness Presentation, 12 - 1pm, Downtown Optimist Club
- 3rd: Outdoor Warning Siren Test, 12pm
- 6th: MU Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) Open House, 9am - 3pm
- 8th: Truman Day, Office Closed
- 11th: Monthly CERT Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30pm, ECC
- 12th: Boone County Ready Information Table, 4 - 8pm, Columbia Mall
- 15th: Youth Preparedness Program, 9 -10:30am, Shepard Blvd. Elementary
- 15th: Peace Officers Memorial Day
- 15th -19th: Police Officer Appreciation Week
- 17th: Family Fun Fest, 6 - 8pm, Cosmo Park
- 21st: Orr St Farm & Art Market, 9am - 1pm
- 21st - 27th: EMS Appreciation Week
- 23rd: Region F MOSWIN Radio Test, 9am
- 23rd: Preparedness Presentation, 4 - 5pm, Lenoir Senior Services
- 29th: Memorial Day, Office Closed

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## JUNE

- 2nd: Preparedness Presentation, 8 - 9:30am, Small Bus. Roundtable Columbia Chamber of Commerce
- 7th: Outdoor Warning Siren Test, 12pm
- 8th: Monthly CERT Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30pm, ECC
- 9th: Boone County Ready Information Table, 4 - 8pm, Columbia Mall
- 11th: Soap Box Derby, 8:30am - 4:30pm, 7th & Broadway
- 14th: Region F 2nd Quarterly EMD Meeting, 10am - 12pm, Camden County
- 18th: Orr St Farm & Art Market, 9am - 1pm
- 19th: Juneteenth, Office Closed
- 21st: Family Fun Fest, 6 - 8pm, Cosmo Park
- 27th: Region F MOSWIN Radio Test, 9am
- 24th: Family Fun Day, 10am - 2pm, Dana Inc.

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Boone County received hail and strong winds last month in a series of severe thunderstorms, but fortunately did not see any tornadic activity. Many other surrounding communities were not as fortunate. These close calls are a perfect opportunity for citizens to realize the importance of individual preparedness for disasters. It wasn't us this time; but it could be next time.



## RESOURCE CORNER

The Federal Emergency Management Agency offers FREE online training through their website, [training.fema.gov](https://training.fema.gov).

In order to search and take these trainings, you just need to register for a FEMA student identification number (SID). You can do this online at <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>.

Independent Study (IS) courses are a great way to broaden your knowledge of emergency preparedness, management, and response for your household, business, or organization.

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## DO 1 THING

- Talk to those in your community about your emergency plan for your home, work, school, or organization.
- Provide emergency kits to those who rely on you.
- Discuss emergency procedures with your employer, school, faith community, etc.
- If emergency plans are not in place, champion the effort to making your community safer.

[DO 1 THING WEBSITE](#)

# BOONE COUNTY READY

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Boone County Office of Emergency Management

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. The Boone County Office of Emergency Management wanted to provide the community with an opportunity to have a one-stop shop for becoming prepared for the hazards we face.

Here's how you can become #BooneCountyReady for the extreme heat that the summer months will bring.

## 1. BE INFORMED

Update your Boone County Ready, powered by Smart911, profile. Purchase a weather radio to keep in your bedroom.



## 2. MAKE A PLAN

Talk to your household about who to contact outside of your local community. Have numbers written down and in your emergency kits.



## 3. BUILD A KIT

Add sunscreen, insect repellent and a hat to your emergency kits for the summer months.



## 4. GET INVOLVED

Consider organizing a Stop the Bleed training for your church, school or workplace.



### 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

April went by very fast as our calendars were packed with meetings, to-do's, severe weather, and more!

Quite honestly, I cannot believe the month of April is already over! Time flies when you're very, very, busy and sleep deprived LOL

Here's a group photo from Telecommunicator's Week, where our office rep'd the 60's. If you heard the radio coverage of the event, we were the table with the super cool and equally delicious tie dye cupcakes (shout out to Paige for making those).

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



Paige worked on obtaining her CPR/BLS instructor certification. She will now be able to certify others in CPR! Paige also attended the state show-me symposium and learned more about managing volunteers in Boone County. She also completed her Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) basic training class. Besides that, Paige has been working her day-to-day responsibilities in the OEM Office.

Hannah continued to work towards closing DR 4490 (COVID-19) and DR 4612 (2021 Flooding). In addition to maintaining the OEM and Boone County Ready social media pages, she also participated in two media projects with KOMU to educate citizens on preparedness action steps to take leading up to the county's severe weather. She attended a Region F THIRA Meeting, coordinated the quarterly LEPC meeting, and continued work on Boone County's first Disaster Recovery Plan. She completed Social Media Tools & Techniques, a training offered through the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA). She presented to the Columbia Senior Activity Center, instructed the 4th grade students at Grant Elementary on our Youth Preparedness Program, staffed a pop-up info table at the Columbia Mall, attended a REDI Board Meeting, and established a relationship with Boone County Family Resources for future outreach and emergency planning projects for our community members with access & functional needs.

Bart worked on administrative tasks to keep our office well-oiled and running. He answers all of the phone calls to the ECC, updates EOC computers, checks the OEM vehicles biweekly, pays the bills, and visits siren sites to see if they need any landscaping maintenance.



## 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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