

BOONE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

# OEM CHRONICLE

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# WICHERN WISDOM

June was a great month for the OEM. We welcomed our new Deputy Director (you'll meet him below) and forged ahead on many projects. We even saw a bit of much needed rain for our area at the beginning of the month and then ended the month with some *serious* heat. On a personal note, I completed the Hope for Heroes 5k sponsored by our local Food Bank and got to attend the Trace Adkins concert with my family at Cedar Lake Cellars.

It was really great to see so many county employees come out to the appreciation event on the 16th. I'm happy I had the chance to meet a few new faces and put faces to a few people I previously only knew by email! It was nice that many of you knew who I was already because of this newsletter. I hope that now that we've officially met, you'll feel comfortable sending me your feedback and suggestions. I hope we can all get together again soon.

Stay hydrated!

*Hannah*



# NEW KID ON THE OEM BLOCK

*JAKE WALLER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR*

Jake has lived in Boone County since 2005, when he moved to the area from Georgia to attend the University of Missouri. He became involved in local public safety as a part of the Boone County Fire Protection District, and in 2008 started working for MU Health Care, first as an EMT and later as a paramedic. Jake assumed a leadership role within the department in 2014, and for the last five years his position has been that of Operations Coordinator, with overall responsibility for ambulance service field operations.

Jake holds a bachelor's degree in forestry and a master's degree in health care administration, both from the University of Missouri. He also serves as a Central Region Board Member for the Missouri Emergency Medical Services Association and as Deputy EMS Mutual Aid Coordinator for Region F.

In his limited free time, Jake enjoys trail running, hiking, reading books, and watching his alma mater lose at all the sports. Don't let this stoic photo fool you; Jake is a fun guy!



Shoot Jake a welcome email at [JWaller@BooneCountyMO.org](mailto:JWaller@BooneCountyMO.org)'

TOM S. HURLEY

# Public Safety Service Award



TOM S. HURLEY

We are accepting nominations for the annual Public Safety Service Award to honor Tom Hurley, late OEM Director. This award seeks to recognize an individual, paid or unpaid, 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 resilience.

Tom S. Hurley, born May 26, 1981, dedicated his life to serving his community. He worked for the Boone County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) from 2016 to 2019 when he was promoted to Director, a position he held until his unexpected passing June 30, 2019.

Tom always knew he wanted to spend his life as a public servant and was particularly drawn to the emergency services field. In addition to working at OEM, he served as a Boone County Fire Protection District volunteer firefighter, an emergency medical technician at the University Hospital, Emergency Management Coordinator in Eau Claire, WI, and a park ranger at Carlsbad Caverns in NM.

**Nominations will be accepted until July 31st.**

**NOMINATE SOMEONE**



## JULY

4th: Holiday, Office Closed

5th: Outdoor Warning Siren Test, 12pm

13th: Monthly CERT Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30pm, ECC

15th: Splat! Jr. Obstacle Course & Mud Run

19th: Quarterly LEPC Meeting, 1pm - 2:30pm, ECC

19th: Family Fun Fest, 6 - 8pm, Albert Oakland

18th - 22nd: Boone County Fair, Fairgrounds

21st: Boone County Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop

25th: Region F MOSWIN Radio Test, 9am

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## AUGUST

2nd: Outdoor Warning Siren Test, 12pm

4th: Region F THIRA Working Group, 10am - 3pm

10th: Monthly CERT Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30pm, ECC

16th: Family Fun Fest, 6 - 8pm, Albert Oakland

22nd: Region F MOSWIN Radio Test, 9am

[VIEW ALL EVENTS](#)

# WELL THERE'S YOUR PROBLEM

## IN THE NEWS



The county saw some much-needed rain last month that led to several street closures due to flooding. The Columbia Fire Department was dispatched to a water rescue on Vandiver; residents are reminded to 'turn around, don't drown' when approaching flooded roadways.

3RD ANNUAL  
BOONE COUNTY  
**Ready Festival**  
THURSDAY, SEPT. 14TH  
4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.  
STEPHENS LAKE PARK  
BOONE COUNTY OFFICE OF  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## LAST CALL

Last call for vendor booth registrations for the 3rd annual Boone County Ready Festival! This year's event is Thursday, September 14th, from 4-8pm in Stephens Lake Park. This event aims to recognize everyday heroes in the response and preparedness fields while fostering preparedness and building resilience in our community. We will have food, safety vendors, face painting, balloon twisting, caricatures, yard games, live music and more! Scan the QR code below to register today. Deadline to register is July 14th.



## Relatable Post #202

When I fill out job applications I always write "911" for my emergency contact

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## DO 1 THING

We are used to staying in touch with cell phones, internet, and email, but disasters can change that. Cell phone towers quickly become overloaded with people trying to reach friends and family. If the power is out at your home, cordless phones, internet, and email will not work either.

- Develop ICE (In Case of Emergency) phone contacts in each household members phone and tablet.
- Make sure you have a hard copy of emergency contacts information including phone numbers, email addresses, and home and work street addresses.

DO 1 THING WEBSITE

# BOONE COUNTY READY

Brought to you by  
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.

Here's how you can make sure you are #BooneCountyReady for extreme heat!

## 1. BE INFORMED

Update your Boone County Ready, powered by Smart911, profile. Keep an eye on the temperatures throughout the day.

## 2. MAKE A PLAN

Discuss what to do if you get overheated with your household.

## 3. BUILD A KIT

Make sure to pack sunscreen, a broad brimmed hat, and plenty of water when going on outdoor adventures.

## 4. GET INVOLVED

Discuss heat safety with your neighbors, family, co-workers, and friends.

### **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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[READY.BOONEMO.ORG](https://www.ready.boonemo.org)

## WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

July - the month of independence, extreme heat, and increased likelihood of burns (both sun and firework related). 'Merica.

Last month, we participated in the Juneteenth parade and had a booth at the festival. You may have spotted Commissioner Kendrick in an awesome yellow Boone County Ready shirt - if you missed it, check the front cover. Here's a very brief look into the everyday life of the OEM team and a few things we were doing throughout the month of June.

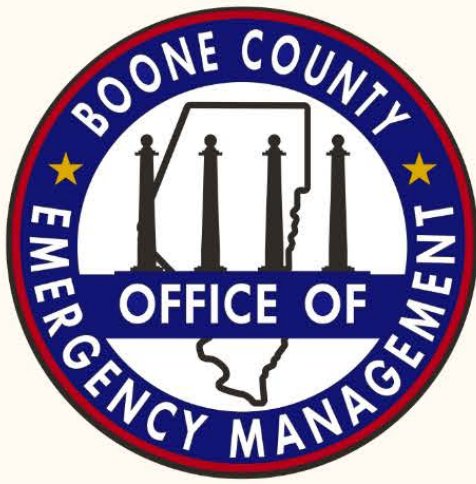


Jake started with our department on June 5th. Since then, he has been working through department orientation and completing the pre-req classes to start the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) basic academy. He's attended several outreach events to familiarize himself with how those events are conducted and to watch the team in action. His current priority projects are updating the department policies, creating an internship and watch officer program, and learning the Rave Mobile Alert system.

Hannah is still forging ahead trying to close out both DR 4490 and DR 4612. She attended a training course that brings her one step closer towards completion of Basic Academy. She presented on emergency preparedness and business continuity to the Columbia Small Business Roundtable, attended the Juneteenth event, Family Fun Fest, Downtown Optimist's Soap Box Derby (pictured above), and Dana Inc.'s Family Fun Day. She led the OEM's quarterly outreach meeting and the biweekly Boone County Ready Festival planning meetings. As always, she also created and scheduled content for the OEM's social media platforms to meet the goal(s) as outlined in the strategic plan.

Bart worked on administrative tasks to keep our office well-oiled and running. He answers all of the phone calls to the Emergency Communications Center (ECC), updates the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) computers, checks the OEM vehicles biweekly, pays the bills, and visits siren sites to see if they need any landscaping maintenance. He even got the trash pumps back from Road & Bridge - check it out on our front cover.

Matt is busy as usual, with the transition to summer bringing more unique training and exercise opportunities. To start out, he took a class on the Emergency Management Accreditation process. Then rolled into a GPS and US National Grid training and exercise with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). They all had a great time practicing skills out at Rock Bridge State Park. CERT also helped celebrate the awesome diversity of our community by supporting the Juneteenth Parade, supplementing our partners at the Columbia Police Department. Matt also took some orientation training on how to use the Health Care Coalition eICS system for exercise which will help in the future. The last bit of June will be consumed by the National CERT Conference and preparation for the Fire in the Sky at Stephens Lake Park.



## 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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