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WICHERN WISDOM

You guys - July is over. It's August. My mini me is going to be in 4th grade!

In July, I did not one but TWO 5ks y'all! Have I lost my mind? The first one was another Hope for Heroes sponsored by the Food Bank except this one was in Jeff City and let me tell you those hills literally made my legs sore until I ran a 4-mile race on the 4th in CoMo with my mom and sister. But I didn't die, so that's always a plus, **and** I didn't even throw up afterwards!

Other exciting news, I was accepted into Maryville University's Master's program for Strategic Communications and Leadership! I intend to begin classes online in Spring of '24 if all goes to plan. Lastly, my family and I went on an outing to Jeff City and toured the Missouri State Penitentiary. I'd love to do the ghost tour sometime when we have a sitter. I've never done a ghost tour - have you? I'd love to hear what your favorite haunts are!

Stay hydrated!

Hannah



HEAT SAFETY QUIZ

DON'T SWEAT IT, IT'S JUST FOR FUN!



EARN 1 ENTRY INTO THE GIVEAWAY DRAWING FOR EACH CORRECT ANSWER.

1. Heavy sweating, dizziness, and fatigue are all common symptoms of what?
2. Among all weather events in 2022, which caused the most deaths? (HINT: It's Preventable!)
3. Besides drinking plenty of water, name two ways you can stay safe during extreme heat.

RECEIVE 1 ENTRY FOR EACH ACTION COMPLETED.

1. Tag @BooneCountyOEM on social media with a photo of you taking a heat safety action (e.g. hydrating, wearing a large-brimmed hat, etc.)
2. Confirm you are signed up for a Smart911 safety profile or create one.
3. Mark "Interested" on our Boone County Ready Festival event page on Facebook! Scan the QR code to get there easily.



SHOOT ME AN EMAIL WITH YOUR ANSWERS AND COMPLETED ACTIONS!

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Youth Preparedness



Arrrr You Ready Kids?!?

Youth are considered a 'vulnerable population' because they are dependent on adults to care for them, making them more vulnerable to injury or death during an emergency or disaster. Youth are susceptible to psychological, physical, and educational impacts when faced with a traumatic event. That is why our office offers the Youth Preparedness Program for free to all schools and organizations that serve youth in grades K-12. This program introduces the concept of emergency management, response, and preparedness to youth. By doing so, we can educate and empower children helping them to feel more confident during a real-life incident. In addition, children that receive the Youth Preparedness Program education are likely to take the information home with them and discuss what they learned with their household, allowing for more families to become engaged in preparedness activities.

To empower the students who receive the Youth Preparedness Program presentation to continue their preparedness journey at home, they are provided with:

- Emergency Kit Starter Bag
- Kids In Case of Emergency Contact Card
- LED Flashlight (with batteries)
- Emergency Kit Checklist
- Certificate of Achievement

In addition, a Parent Information Packet is sent home with them that includes resources for their parent(s) to foster preparedness at home.

Youth Preparedness Program presentations are scheduled on a school year calendar. Resources are limited. Schools and organizations wanting a presentation are encouraged to schedule before the beginning of the school year.

[LEARN MORE](#)

BOONE COUNTY READY FESTIVAL

SCHEDULE

- 4:00 PM EVENT KICK-OFF
- 4:30 PM TOM HURLEY AWARD PRESENTATION
- 5:00 PM RAFFLE DRAWING
- 5:30 PM MAGIC SHOW
- 6:00 PM K-9 DEMO
- 6:30 PM WEATHER BALLOON LAUNCH
- 7:00 PM MISSOURI'S MOST WANTED
- 7:30 PM RAFFLE DRAWING

COME JOIN US AT
STEPHENS LAKE PARK
THURSDAY, SEPT. 14TH

BOONE COUNTY OFFICE OF
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT





AUGUST

2nd: Outdoor Warning Siren Test, 12pm

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

10th: Monthly CERT Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30pm, Emergency Communications Center

15th: Internal Emergency Operations Center Exercise

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

17th: CPS Back 2 School Bash, 2 - 6pm, MU Healthcare Pavilion

22nd: Region F MOSWIN Radio Test, 9am

23rd: Columbia Heat Campaign Community Forum, TBD

22nd - 25th: Missouri State Emergency Management Conference

30th: Disaster Recovery Plan Stakeholder Kick-off Meeting, 8:30 - 10:30am, TBD

SEPTEMBER

4th: Holiday, Office Closed

6th: Outdoor Warning Siren Test, 12pm

13th: Region F Quarterly EMD Meeting, 10am - 12pm, Fayette

14th: Annual Boone County Ready Festival, 4 - 8pm, Stephens Lake Park

15th: Active & Aging, 9am - 2pm, Columbia Mall

20th: Family Fun Fest, 6 - 8pm, Albert Oakland Park

23rd: Pride Fest, 12 - 6pm, TBD

24th: Pride Fest, 1 - 6pm, TBD

[VIEW ALL EVENTS](#)

PRE- PEAR YOURSELF



The Boone County Office of Emergency Management assisted the City of Columbia Police Department during their man-hunt for an armed and dangerous individual. We were able to deploy our first Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) that led to the capture of the suspect.



SHARE FOOD, BRING HOPE

Every year at the Boone County Ready Festival, our partners at The Food Bank come out to support us and set-up a canned good drive. Please consider bringing a few canned goods with you to the Ready Festival this year. Each canned good earns you a raffle ticket!

Learn more about The Food Bank of Central & Northeast Missouri and how they support our community.

[LEARN MORE](#)



DO 1 THING

We as citizens and neighbors are the first responders in our neighborhoods, churches, schools, and organizations. When we work together, we are stronger. Make your community stronger by getting trained and getting involved in preparedness.

- Promote emergency preparedness in your community.
- Take CERT Basic Training.
- Become CPR Certified.
- Volunteer in your community.

[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.

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

We love getting to support our partners, especially at special events! Last month, we provided support for Fire in the Sky as well as the Boone County Fair through planning facilitation and sending a representative to the Incident Command Post.

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 July.

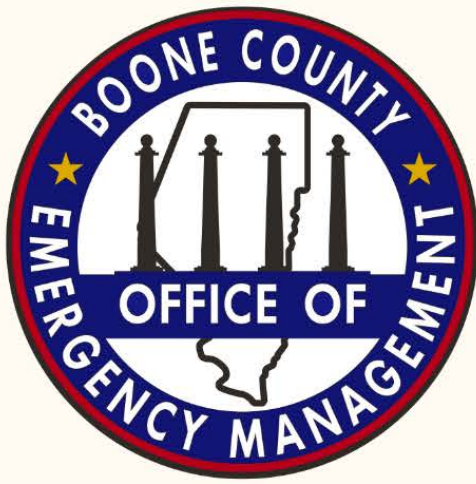
Last month, Jake completed Rave platform training, staffed in Unified Command at the Fire in the Sky and Boone County Fair events, and participated in two exercises - a tabletop for Columbia Regional Airport and a mock Emergency Operations Center activation for Camden County Emergency Management Agency. In addition to the regularly scheduled meetings, several severe weather events kept him very busy.

Hannah represented our office at several outreach events throughout the month including the week-long Boone County Fair and the Family Fun Fest. She led the biweekly Boone County Ready Festival planning meetings, coordinated the quarterly Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting, attended the City of Columbia Special Events Committee Meeting, Integrated Planning and Preparedness Workshop (IPPW), Access and Functional Needs Committee Meeting, Crisis Communications Group meeting, and was able to virtually attend Missouri's Disaster Resiliency Summit. She continued to work with the Office of Sustainability on a new partnership to educate citizens on the dangers of extreme heat in order to prevent heat-related illness and death.

Bart worked on administrative tasks to keep our office well-oiled and running. He answered all of the phone calls to the Emergency Communications Center (ECC), updated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) computers, checked the OEM vehicles biweekly, paid the bills, and visited siren sites to see if they needed any landscaping maintenance.

Matt started the month supporting the Fire in the Sky event with City of Columbia running the planning for the Incident Command Post as well as CERT members helping patrol the event, managing to connect several loved ones who had gotten separated. We also held a WebEOC training at the Emergency Operations Center to ensure we can remotely stay in touch with our served communities as well as the state. We also participated in the MU Reactor Exercise, ran the Planning Section for the Incident Command Post at the County Fair, and conducted this year's Integrated Planning and Preparedness Workshop, and had a CERT Recruiting Booth all in the 3rd week of July. Busy times. Finally, to wrap up the month, Training and Exercise hosted the CERT Train the Trainer class for the State, conducted an exercise for the Columbia Regional Airport, and conducted a BLS CPR class for the dispatchers. It seems while everyone is on summer break, things get busy around here, but we are happy to serve.





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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