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OEM CHRONICLE

GIVING THANKS



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WICHERN WISDOM

October was a very long journey of obstacles. Quite possibly more so than I have experienced since starting here in 2020. Blessings don't come without struggles and I have much to be thankful for! One fun thing about October - my daughter joined us in representing OEM in the MU Homecoming Parade and we had a blast!

I ran an 8-mile trail run in Cuivre River State Park and let me tell you, the fall views were next level! I highly recommend. Don't Forget! You have a few until December 1st to complete the OEM Chronicle Survey and earn an entry into our monthly giveaway!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/23ChronicleSurvey>

Stay hydrated!

Hannah



WHEN IN DOUBT, ASK DELLA

DELLA LUSTER, ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

Della started working with Boone County in January 2016 when the OEM was a brand-new department under the county. Prior to coming to the dark side, she handled accounting in the construction industry. Although her favorite part about working with OEM is her awesome co-workers, she also enjoys challenges and learning to do new things as they come her way. Another perk of the job is on Fridays OEM orders tacos from Med Mex, her favorite restaurant in Columbia.

Outside of work, Della enjoys spending time with her 4 kids, 5 grandkids, dog, and 2 cats. She enjoys spending her free time doing work outdoors, cooking, bowling, tending to her chickens, and fishing. One neat thing you may not know about Della - she loves old mysteries! Especially Perry Mason!





NOVEMBER

1st: Outdoor Warning Siren Test, 12pm

9th: Monthly CERT Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30pm, ECC

10th: Holiday, Office Closed

13th - 16th: Recovery Support Function Meetings, ECC

18th: CERT Practical, All Day, ECC

20th: Missouri Association of Counties Annual Conference, Osage Beach

23rd: Holiday, Office Closed

24th: Holiday, Office Closed

29th: Disaster Recovery Stakeholder Group Meeting, 8:30 - 10:30am, Boone Electric Coop.

DECEMBER

6th: Outdoor Warning Siren Test, 12pm

6th: Region F 4th Quarter Emergency Management Meeting in Cole County

14th: Monthly CERT Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30pm, ECC

20th: Disaster Recovery Stakeholder Group Meeting, 8:30 - 10:30am, Boone Electric Coop.

25th: Holiday, Office Closed



The American Red Cross teaches families that once a smoke detector goes off you may have less than 2 minutes to get out of your home safely. Home fires are very common, especially from November through January when our favorite winter holidays occur. Here's a few things you can do in your home to make sure you are prepared:

- Ensure smoke detectors are installed on every level of the home, inside and outside bedrooms.
- Check smoke detectors regularly to ensure they are functioning properly.
- Discuss a home fire escape plan and practice it with everyone in your household.
- In the event of a fire, get out and stay out!



RESOURCE CORNER

The American Red Cross Emergency app is a free resource that allows users to:

- Learn about fire prevention and safety.
- Prepare for what to do and where to go when disaster strikes.
- Mark themselves "Safe" during disaster and connect with loved ones.
- Select alerts that they want to receive and choose which alerts they want to override their "Do Not Disturb" status.

This app is compatible with Apple and Android devices.

[LEARN MORE](#)



DO 1 THING

- Build your emergency kit for your home, work, and car.
- Keep your emergency kit in an easily accessible place.
- Each member of your household, including your pets, should have an emergency kit.
- Complete the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit available on our website.
- Make sure that your kits have seasonal items, such as winter hats or ice scrapers.

[DO 1 THING WEBSITE](#)

BOONE COUNTY READY

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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.

Here's how you can make sure you are #BooneCountyReady for home fires.

1. BE INFORMED

Understand the common ways home fires can start.

2. MAKE A PLAN

Discuss what to do during a home fire, how to evacuate your home, and where to meet outside of the home.

3. BUILD A KIT

During a home fire, it's likely you won't have time to grab your emergency kit. Keep digital copies of important documents available in the cloud so you can still access them if all items in your home are lost to a fire.

4. GET INVOLVED

Practice your home fire plan and test your smoke detectors regularly!

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

October was Cybersecurity Awareness Month as well as the beloved Halloween when so many cool faith groups and organizations are doing trunk-or-treats for the community.

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



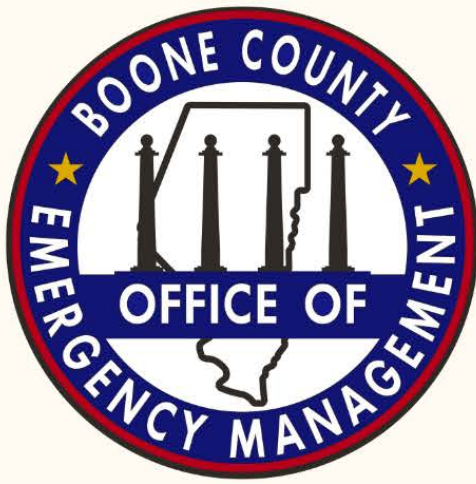
Bart worked on administrative tasks to keep our office well-oiled and running. He answered all of the phone calls to the ECC, updated EOC computers, checked the OEM vehicles biweekly, paid the bills, and visited siren sites to see if they needed any landscaping maintenance. He helped with gathering items in preparation for the ready festival and joined the rest of the team to staff the event!

Hannah attended a school incident management reunification training, coordinated the quarterly Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting, participated in the Great ShakeOut earthquake drill, instructed Kindergarten through 5th grade students at Centralia Public Schools on Youth Preparedness (a total of 609 kiddos!), walked in the MU Homecoming Parade, participated in our internal EOC exercise, and led the monthly Disaster Recovery Stakeholder Group meeting. She was able to finalize our Rave System Standard Operating Procedures and official authorization forms for internal stakeholders with Boone County and the 13th Circuit Court.

This month Jake attended the reunification training, Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program, and participated in a pipeline emergency response tabletop exercise. He participated in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activations for the MU Football home games. He also continues to work on updating department policies.

Della kept us all in line, submitted our Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), and made sure we got paid.

Matt facilitated the School Shooter Incident Management Training for local schools, followed by supporting two MU Home Game EOC activations. He wrote the Incident Action Plan for the Hartsburg Pumpkin Fest, and assisted Hannah with the Youth Preparedness Program in Centralia. He conducted CERT Damage Assessment Training, participated in the State Earthquake Exercise, the quarterly LEPC Meeting, Homecoming Parade, Great Shakeout Exercise, state Warning Coordination Training, recertified in BLS Instruction, and conducted our internal EOC Exercise.



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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