

BOONE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

# OEM CHRONICLE

## HOLIDAY SAFETY



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# WICHERN WISDOM

Hey OEM Chronicle lovers!

This will be the last Chronicle I write for you all. I am leaving my position with BCOEM to pursue my passion for public information and crisis communications as the Public Safety Information Officer at the University of Missouri. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the Mizzou community in this capacity.

As I reflect on my time here, I am grateful for the opportunity to engage with our community, as well as other county employees, in preparedness.



Last month, our office accepted a county achievement award from the Missouri Association of Counties for my submission titled "Making Preparedness Personal." I'm honored that our office was recognized with this distinction for the Boone County Ready campaign, a project that I hold so close to my heart. I look forward to seeing how BCOEM continues to develop and grow this campaign for our community upon my departure.

*Hannah*

Stay hydrated!

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## MEET KRAIG, THE PLANNER

KRAIG JOHNSON, PLANNING & PREPAREDNESS SPECIALIST

Kraig started with our office in October, coming from the state of Nebraska where he worked for the Health and Human Services Department as an Emergency Response Resource Coordinator.

Kraig joined the Navy after high school and afterwards continued his career in emergency medical services and public health in a variety of locations.

He graduated with a bachelor's degree in public safety administration from the University of Maryland and has a master's in emergency management from Tulane University.

Kraig enjoys spending time with his dog, Foxtrot, picture to the right. He enjoys watching the Chiefs and STL Cardinals.



# 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

**Check back next year for future events!**





Whether you love going out to pick a fresh, live, Christmas tree every year, or pulling out your favorite store-bought tree, there's likely a fire hazard associated with whatever you plan to do this holiday season. Our favorite holiday traditions such as Christmas trees, candles, holiday lights, and big, festive, family meals, all come with their own hazards during the holidays. Be merry this holiday season, by reading important safety information about preventing home fires before you get those halls decked. The U.S. Fire Administration has safety tips for all of our Christmas cheer! Check out their website for more information, <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/home-fires/prevent-fires/holiday/>

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## RESOURCE CORNER

Online shopping is the best, especially during the holidays. Stay cyber smart and follow these tips to make sure you're shopping safely:

- shop on familiar websites.
- look for the lock in the top left corner of your browser.
- use strong, unique passwords.
- use a credit card instead of your debit card.

Happy shopping!



## DO 1 THING

- Take training in first aid, CPR, AED, or pet first aid.
- Make or buy first aid kits for your home and car.
- Know what to do while waiting for an ambulance to arrive.
- Learn more about trainings available in our community to support your personal preparedness.

[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.

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

November flew by and allowed a few days for our office to have off with our families - which we were all very thankful for!

Our office was also recognized with a County Achievement Award from the Missouri Association of Counties last month for our submission of "Making Preparedness Personal". The photo to the right is from the conference in which BCOEM received our award. The 13th Circuit also received an award!



*Pictured from left to right: Jenna Redel, Treasurer, Justin Aldred, Southern Commissioner, Chris Kelley, Director of BCOEM, Stephanie Morrell, Division 11 Associate Circuit Judge for 13th Circuit Court, Kip Kendrick, Presiding Commissioner, Janet Thompson, Northern Commissioner, and Roger Johnson, Boone County Prosecutor.*

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

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 the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Conference the first two weeks of November, worked with recovery stakeholders to finalize the language for various recovery support functions, and assisted BCOEM with preparing for her transition out of her position. We wish her the best of luck in her career!

This month Jake assisted Matt with teaching CPR to two groups of Boone County employees and participated in Emergency Operations Center activations for two Mizzou home football games. He also attended workshop trainings on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) delivered by SEMA and participated in two exercises - one for EOC operations and the other for active assailant. In between he continues to work on updating our department policies.

Matt, as training and exercise specialist, is thankful for the dedication of Boone County to training to be better prepared for emergencies. Matt supported Boone County Amateur Radio Emergency Services and American Red Cross with their exercise to coordinate sheltering with normal lines of communications, Boone County CERT's critical separation missing person search, City of Columbia's Public Information Officer Tabletop Exercise, as well as an exercise to practice transferring command in the event of an emergency at a MU Home Game. On top of that, he held a CERT training, CERT Practical session, two BLS CPR classes, EOC Workshop and supported two EOC activations for MU Home Games.



## 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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