



BOONE COUNTY

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Are **YOU** ready?

HOW TO BECOME A BETTER  
PREPARED CITIZEN

# PREPAREDNESS YOUR WAY

Connecting citizens with tools they need to become informed & prepared.

## 1. Make a Plan

CREATING A PLAN WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS JUST ONE STEP THAT YOU CAN TAKE TO BE BETTER PREPARED. MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE INFORMATION FOR EACH HOUSEHOLD MEMBER'S SPECIFIC NEEDS, INCLUDING YOUR PETS. FURTHERMORE, IT'S IMPORTANT TO PRACTICE YOUR PLAN WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD SO THAT IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCY EVERYONE KNOWS HOW TO RESPOND.



## 2. Build a Kit

UTILIZE THE OEM'S EMERGENCY KIT CHECKLIST, AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBPAGE, TO CREATE A KIT FOR YOUR HOME, CAR AND WORK! EMERGENCIES CAN AND WILL STRIKE AT ANY TIME, SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE A KIT WHEREVER YOU GO. ALTHOUGH NOT EVERYONE CAN AFFORD ALL ITEMS IDEAL FOR AN EMERGENCY KIT, IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE BASICS GATHERED AND READY FOR WHEN THE UNEXPECTED STRIKES.



## 3. Be Informed

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU HAVE SEVERAL, DIFFERENT WAY TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY AND WEATHER ALERTS. OEM & JOINT COMMUNICATIONS USE SMART911 TO COMMUNICATE IN EMERGENCY. THE NWS ALERTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGH THIS APPLICATION. DOWNLOAD THE SMART911 APP ON YOUR PHONE BY TEXTING SMART911 TO 67283.



## 4. Get Involved

GETTING INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY IS AN IMPORTANT STEP TO FEELING CONNECTED. IT IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO VOLUNTEER WITH FIRST RESPONSE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS BOONE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT). BEING A PART OF CERT ALLOWS YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE FREE TRAINING IN RESPONSE AND BE PART OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

Fostering Partnerships.  
Building Resilience.

Boone County Ready.

Smart911

Social Media

Youth Preparedness

BY DOWNLOADING THE SMART911 APP AND CREATING A SAFETY PROFILE, YOU'RE ABLE TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD THAT WILL BE CRITICAL FOR FIRST RESPONDERS TO HAVE WHEN YOU CALL 911. SMART911 ALSO ALLOWS FOR YOU TO OPT-IN TO RECEIVE LOCAL ALERTS AND NOTIFICATIONS REGARDING TRAFFIC, WEATHER AND EMERGENCIES.

THE BOONE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REGULARLY POSTS EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION, CURRENT WEATHER ALERTS AND NOTIFICATIONS, AND OTHER PREPAREDNESS TOOLS ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER, INSTAGRAM AND PINTEREST TO REACH A GREATER DEMOGRAPHIC OF BOONE COUNTY RESIDENTS. FOLLOW US USING THE HANDLE @BOONECOUNTYOEM.

TEACHING YOUTH ABOUT PREPAREDNESS IS IMPORTANT FOR THEIR SAFETY. FROM TODDLERS TO TEENAGERS, ALL CHILDREN ARE CAPABLE OF LEARNING SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION! VIEW OUR AGE APPROPRIATE PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES, AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBPAGE, TO SEE WHAT ACTIVITIES YOU CAN DO WITH THE CHILDREN IN YOUR LIFE.

