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Emergency departments to train inside building set for demolition.

Columbia, Missouri – The Boone County Sheriff's Department and the Columbia Fire Department will both conduct training exercises inside the Boone Electric Cooperative headquarters building at 1413 Rangeline during the week of January 25.

Boone Electric Cooperative is in the process of vacating its headquarters which is set to be demolished the first week of February to make room for a new building. The front portion of the building is empty creating this once in a lifetime opportunity to partner with local fire and law enforcement agencies. Community and safety are two of our top priorities

"Vacant buildings provide our personnel with opportunities to exercise equipment and practice techniques critical to our ability to protect property and save lives," said Brad Fraizer, Battalion Chief for the Columbia Fire Department.

The BEC building offers multiple levels, corridors and room sizes for the emergency training which could include breaking barriers, K-9 searches, rescues involving heavy smoke and even water damage.

The main part of the building to be used for training is the 1952 constructed portion, which will host this last endeavor before it's razed. BEC employees and Coil Construction officials are facilitating this event. Coil Construction is the general contractor on BEC's headquarters project.

All entities will have a joint event:

Wednesday, January 27, 2021
BEC headquarters
1413 Rangeline St.
2:30 p.m.

Representatives from both departments and companies will be available for questions. Because the building won't be stable enough to allow reporters and photographers inside, footage and photos of the fire department and the sheriff's department performing their training will be made available.

If you have any questions, please call 573-449-4181 and ask for Communications.

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Boone Electric Cooperative is a rural electric cooperative serving more than 28,000 members in Boone County and parts of Audrain, Callaway, Howard, Monroe and Randolph counties.