

2026 Crime Stoppers Prep Fair Brings Safety Training and Resources to Carbondale

Free Carbondale event offers emergency preparedness training, safety resources and expert guidance

CARBONDALE, Ill. — Community members are invited to prepare, connect and take action at the **2026 Crime Stoppers Prep Fair**, Saturday, September 26, from **1–4 p.m. at the Carbondale Civic Center**.

Presented under the theme “**ARE YOU READY!!! Be Prepared, Don’t Be Scared,**” the free event will bring together public-safety agencies, healthcare organizations, emergency-preparedness professionals and community advocates for practical education, demonstrations and resources.

The fair also supports the local Crime Stoppers reward fund, which provides cash rewards for anonymous tips that help law enforcement solve crimes and make arrests throughout the region.

Featured Speakers and Training

A regional preparedness panel moderated by communications-systems specialist **Navreet Kang** will include representatives from the Central United States Earthquake Consortium, Jackson County Emergency Management Agency, The Salvation Army, Deaconess Hospital, Southern Illinois Healthcare and AES Solar.

Breakout sessions will cover topics including:

- Human trafficking awareness
- Crisis stress management and resilience
- Earthquake preparedness
- Active-shooter response and gun safety
- Stop the Bleed training
- Emergency communications

Community Resources

Attendees can also connect directly with organizations providing emergency and safety resources, including **Carbondale CodeRED registration, Narcan training, domestic-violence prevention information, free gun locks, financial-safety guidance and other community services**.

The event is made possible through support from sponsors including **State Farm, Southern Illinois Healthcare and Ameren**. Admission is free and open to the public. Main-stage breakout sessions are designed for an adult audience.

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