A COMMUNITY BRIEFING

For community members and churches in Southwest Missouri —

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WHAT WE ARE WATCHING

HIGH

IRAN (HIGH):
recently ships attacked in the Strait of Hormuz; Iranian drones shot down near Bahrain; Self-imposed 2,000 km missile range cap lifted and military base in UK on high alert.

HIGH

AT HOME (HIGH):
FAA halted all U.S. departures atter an air traffic communications failure; Microsoft services failed worldwide for two days; Cabinet members moved to military bases; There is no confirmed cause or attack.

ELEVATED

CHINA (ELEVATED):
Large unannounced naval drills around Taiwan; nearly all imported bulk-power equipment since 2025 came from China.

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RUSSIA (ELEVATED):
Ukraine peace talks stalled; Russia is supplying Iran.

WATER RISKS

Since July, hackers tied to Iran have hit water systems in at least 12 states (pressure loss, flooding, one boil order);

Joplin experienced a 2021 ransomware attack that shut down city systems.



POWER RISKS

Large transformers are in short supply nationwide (about a 15% shortfall); replacements can take years;

nearly all imported bulk-power equipment since 2025 came from China.

French freezers: A cyber attack on a French cold storage facility disrupted freezer systems and caused them significant food spoilage.

INFORMATION & SOCIAL MEDIA

Iranian-linked accounts have created AI personas posing as ordinary Americans on social media. OpenAI shut down Iranian accounts that placed about 100 fake articles in U.S. media.

These operations often play both sides of an issue to increase division and make people distrust what they read.

Their goal: Create fear and distrust.

Our goal: Transparency, communication, and combined efforts.

STAY READY TOGETHER

Basic supplies to have on hand:

- Water (1 gallon per person per day)
- Non-perishable food
- Medications
- Flashlight and batteries
- Cash
- First aid kit
- A way to stay warm



STAY ENGAGED TOGETHER

Ask a question before you attack someone online.

Reach out personally before you share information.

Check on neighbors.

Build understanding, not division.

We need your help:

STRONG COMMUNITIES ARE INFORMED, PREPARED, AND CONCERNED FOR EACH OTHER.

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