

SEDGEWICKVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide the best possible emergency service to the people of the Sedgewickville Fire Protection District, to minimize suffering, loss of life and loss of property incurred by fire, accidents, disasters, and medical emergencies.

CORE VALUES:

Prepared for Duty

Serving with Integrity

Responding with Compassion

Committed to Professional
Excellence

DID YOU KNOW?

Sedgewickville Fire Protection District (SFPD) is **ready to serve the Community!**

Since our last issue:

The Sedgewickville Fire Protection District has had quite a few changes:

- The SFPD Roster has been maintained at 12 active volunteers.
- SFPD had a 10% increase in call numbers from 2021-2022.
- Additional gear and equipment have been added to the department.

HOW TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY:

911

Bollinger County Sheriff: 573-238-2633

For a controlled burn, please notify the Sheriff's Office prior to the event.

MEET THE BOARD:

President: Charles (Chuck) Schuessler

Vice President: Harold Cobb Jr.

Secretary: Cindy Mungle

Treasurer: Meredith Devenport

Member: Brad Craft

SFPD had two outgoing members of the board. During election candidacy filing, two current members, Cindy and Meredith were the only ones that filed. Therefore, an election will not be held. Thank you to Cindy and Meredith for returning to the board and your continued service to the Community!

SFPD Board Meetings: Held at 7:30 PM the 2nd Monday of the Month at the Sedgewickville Firehouse on Hwy EE.

SFPD Fire Meetings/Trainings: Held at 7:00 PM the 2nd Wednesday at Sedgewickville (Hwy EE) Firehouse and 4th Wednesday at Lixville (Hwy KK) Firehouse.

FROM THE DESK OF THE BOARD:

The Sedgewickville Fire Protection District (SFPD) Board has noticed that things in 2022 are starting to return to “normal” following the COVID Pandemic. The district continues to improve to meet the needs of our community.

As an update from last year:

- We have maintained 2-Engines, 1-Tanker, 2-Brush Trucks and 1-Medical Response vehicle in service to support the Community.
- One of the brush trucks received a facelift lift this year with paint and graphics.
- We were recipients of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri (FFAM) grant which replaced the drop tank on Engine 1 and the Missouri Department of Conservation Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grant which we purchased a low-level strainer, 2 - backpack pumps and 4 - 10’x3” long handle hard suction hose.

The Operating and Succession Plan was developed the end of 2020 with goals and projected timelines for 2021-2025. A lot of the items are Grant driven to allow us to obtain “more for our money” and operate within the \$50,000 +/- budget from year to year.

We have closed items, such as; add a brush truck, replace GMC tanker at Firehouse 1, Bylaws/Standard Operating Guidelines completed and implemented.

Several grants were submitted but were not awarded. These items are still under review along with the submission of new grants. Example is #6 for 2022, replace SCBA’s, was not awarded; however, this has been re-requested on the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) in February.

0-12 Month 2021									
ITEM #	ITEM	STATION	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2022*	Q1	Comments
1	New Brush Truck	#1	●						Purchase a new Truck for Brush Fire/Medical. Outfit with Brush Skid and Lights/Siren
2	1975 Mack Tanker Pumper	#3		⊕					Set Budget for converting Mack into Tanker/Pumper. Also add ladder rack for drop tank storage & transport
3	Update all Emergency Lighting on all Apparatus	#1 & #3	●		⊕				Apply for grant acceptance for purchase of updating emergency Lighting on all Apparatus
4	Replace / Upgrade skid units on Brush trucks	#1 & #3	●						Apply for grant acceptance for purchase of 2 complete skid units
5	Grounds Maintenance-More Rock For both stations	#1 & #3	⊕						Rock is Donated By Nelson Palmer from Osceola. Need dump truck and tractor to spread. "Before Once More"
6	Garage Door Openers for 3 Dpors.	#1						⊕	Need approval and quotes for garage door openers for both stations (3 Doors)
7	SOG / SOP Finalization (Operations / Board)	ALL	●						Finalize SOP & SOG for Operations and Board.
8	Budget Review For FY2021/FY2022	ALL						●	Review Budget / Plan for Grants
24-36 Month 2023									
ITEM #	ITEM	STATION	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2023*	Q1	Comments
1	Review for Tax Levy Increase for District	ALL	●						Increase Tax to Min. 30%
2	Replace Old Chevy Brush Truck	#3		⊕					Replace Truck with Newer / Reliable apparatus.
3	Grant Approval for Well at Station #3	#3	●					⊕	Apply for Grant Approval. Utilize Grant for Purchase
4	Start Grant approval for New Station (Sedge)		⊕						Utilize Grant for Purchase
5	Approve Funding for New Station Draft		⊕						
6									
7									
12-24 Month 2022									
ITEM #	ITEM	STATION	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2022*	Q1	Comments
1	Grounds Maintenance_ Update Exterior of Station 1	#1			●				Paint exterior of steel Post Frame E2-\$5500 and roof
2	Replace GMC Tanker at Station #1.	#1		●					Tanker has been replaced donated tanker from GMC Tanker is scheduled to be sold
3	Fleet Maintenance_ Replace tires on E2 & Tanker	#1 & #3		⊕					Approval to replace 4 tires-2000 on apparatus
4	Garage Door Openers for 3 Doors	#3			⊕				Need approval and quotes garage door openers for station (3 Doors)
5	Purchase extrication / Rescue Equipment for E2	#3	⊕						Order E2 with Extrication equipment for MYC / Bus
6	Replace /Update SCBA Packs Qty 14	#1 & #3		⊕					Utilize SAFER Grant for Purchase
7	Improve Recruitment / Retention	#1 & #3		⊕					Utilize SAFER Grant for Purchase (4 YR period)
8	Budget Review For FY2021/FY2022	ALL						●	Review Budget / Plan for Grants
36-70 Month 2025									
ITEM #	ITEM	STATION	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2025*	Q1	Comments
1	Start Construction of New Station #1	#1		⊕					
2	Install water well at Station #3 Livville.	#3				⊕			
3	Install water well at Station #1 Sedge.	#1				⊕			
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Overall, we are very proud of the accomplishments that have allowed us to move forward over the last few years. We continue to work very hard at finding the most cost-effective options within our budget.

“A plan to build up our district”

MEET THE CREW:

Remaining the same since last year is: Fire Chief Nelson Palmer, Assistant Chief Dana Craft, Engineer Chris Seigel and Firefighters: Jason Dauster, Brad Craft, Austin Dauster, Nathan Dauster, Jonathan Kent

New in 2022: Shell Boland, Rodney Bishop, Zackery Whitener and Tyler Bishop.

FROM THE DESK OF THE FIRE CHIEF

2022, returning to “normal”! We answered 116 calls/alarms, which is 13 calls/alarms more than 2021 and 84 calls/alarms more than 2019.

In 2022 the Total Man hours of response time are 378.68 hours with an average response time of 16.73 minutes.

2022	MVA	Fire	Medical	SAR/Water Rescue/Other
Jan		2	3	
Feb		4	6	
Mar	1	7	6	
Apr.	1	3	7	
May	4		3	
June	1	2	4	
July	2	2	3	1
Aug	2	4	2	
Sept	1	2	3	1
Oct	2	7	9	
Nov	3	6		1
Dec	5		6	
Total	22	39	52	3

The accomplishments made in 2022 could not have been done without the hours volunteered by the SFPD Firefighters, the help of the SFPD Board of Directors and various community residents.

In 2022 members of our department joined meetings that offer various resources on community development and training. Monthly meetings with American Red Cross – Disaster Relief. Quarterly meetings with Southeast Coalition for Roadway Safety. The department joined Spartan Support Services, LLC for access to 3 onsite trainings and access to an average of 24 additional classes at other departments in the area. Additionally, 5 members are enrolled with The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) which provides access to Benefits of Health (AD&D Insurance Policy), Training, Special Member Promotions and Members-Only Resources.

The Missouri Department of Public Safety Fire Safety Office of the State Fire Marshal has a program for donation of fire equipment that opens several resources and social networking. A few examples of items SFPD obtained through this program that we received are boots, hoses, cribbing, exhaust fan and air bags for extrication. Through a bid process, Gov.Deals, we obtained and added new extrication equipment to Engine 1, allowing us to set both Engines up for fire and MVA response.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,



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If you have not liked our page, **find us on Facebook under “Sedgewickville Fire Protection District.”**

We will have a sign-up sheet at Open House for anyone interested in a community meeting on fundraising and/or forming an Auxiliary.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE ON SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2023 FROM 10 AM – 4 PM AT HWY EE IN SEDGEWICKVILLE.

We have extended invites to (but not limited to):

Air Evac (Memberships and Helicopter)	Bollinger County Ambulance Service
All Bollinger County LEO and First Responders	Missouri State Highway Patrol
Missouri Dept of Conservation (local agents)	Marmic Fire & Safety Co.
Representative of the State Fire Marshalls Office	Bollinger County Commissioners
Around the Clock Medical Alarms	CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Rep.
Banner Press Representative	

“Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.” -- Sherry Anderson

“Embrace accomplishments and ready to serve.”

VOLUNTEER – WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR GOOD PEOPLE TO HELP OUR MISSION.

How do I become a Sedgewickville Fire Protection District volunteer firefighter?

- Contact Chief Nelson Palmer or Assistant Chief Dana Craft
- You must be 18 years of age to be a SFPD volunteer.
- You must pass a criminal background check.
- The SFPD accepts applications **all year long.**

Other Ways to Volunteer/Help:

Volunteer firefighter isn't for you.....

- Join us for a work day at the fire house (repairs to the fire house, washing of equipment, organizing the houses)
- Donation of supplies for the fire house (small list, not limited to): Push Brooms, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Bottled Water, Gateraid/Power Aid, Soda, Snacks, Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D), Trash bags, Clorox wipes and Copier paper.

Fire departments are important to any community. Unfortunately, many fire departments are severely underfunded. How, then, can a private citizen help a local fire department? Why, through fundraising, of course! Fundraising in a lot of areas are done by an Auxillary

There are many different types of fundraising events you can organize to aid your local fire department, including car washes, bake sales, door-to-door collection campaigns, and raffles. When it comes to different ways to fundraise, the list is practically endless.