

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:

- During the June election (rescheduled April election), the board of directors was increased to 5. These two new positions will be filled April 2021.
- SFPD almost doubled their call volume from 2019 to 2020.
- Additional gear, equipment and volunteers 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: Faron Hanners and Interim Board Member: Charles (Chuck) Schuessler – remain on the board and the same since our last newsletter. However, Faron's term will be ending this year. THANK YOU for a total of 12 years of service as member of the Board of Directors.

Chuck's Interim position is ending as well; however, he signed up during the Registration period to re-run for a member of the Board of Directors.

Sedgewickville Fire Protection District Board of Directors is on odd year bi-annual election. April 2021 the Board of Directors will go from 3 to 5.

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

SFPD Fire Meetings: Held at 7:00 PM the 2nd Wednesday at Sedgewickville Firehouse and 4th Wednesday at Lixville Firehouse.

FROM THE DESK OF THE BOARD:

The Sedgewickville Fire Protection District (SFPD) Board would like to recognize that 2020 was one of the most challenging years for the Community. Even with those challenges, the District continues to improve to meet the needs of our Community.

As an update from last year:

- Board Policies are slated to be in place by end of Quarter 1, 2021.
- Firehouse #3 on Hwy KK (Lixville Firehouse) we had the Mack Pumper Tanker and have added an Engine and Brush Truck. This puts us at having 2- Engines, 2-Tankers and 2-Brush Trucks for the District.
- We didn't purchase new fire gear; however, we reached out to Boone County Fire and received 12 sets of bunker gear for donation. Some of the sets, look brand new. Thank you Boone County Fire!
- Firehouse #2 in Mayfield Hollow, we renewed the contract with the Church to remain as a Food Pantry for the Community.

The continued Operating and Succession Plan for 2021 we are implementing a strategic planning with 70-month forecast and Quarterly milestones. This will be available for viewing at the Open House.

It has been brought to our attention **for the second year** that some residents may have the wrong Fire District assigned on their assessment sheets and paid taxes. As residents of the Sedgewickville Fire District, we ask you **please** take a look to ensure the tax revenue is assigned **and paid** to the proper district. If any discrepancy is found, please contact the County.

Assessment sheet (Correct):

RONDA ELFRINK
Assessor, Bollinger County, MO
204 High St., Ste 1
Marble Hill, MO 63764-9149
assessor@bocogov.com
573-238-1900 ext 1

CITY DIST: (NONE)
SCHOOL DIST: R2
FIRE: SE

2020 ASSESSMENT LIST

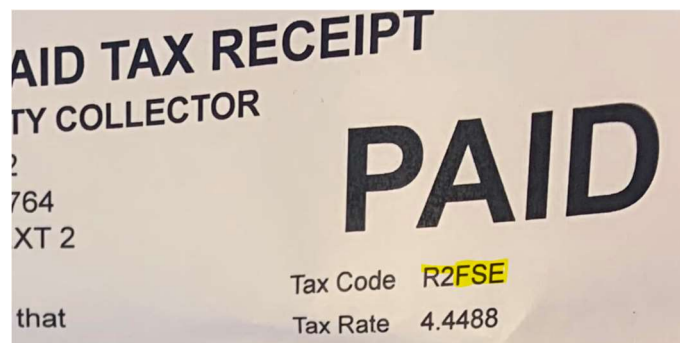
Dear Taxpayer: This form is used by the county assessor to determine the taxable value of your personal property, e.g. vehicles, recreational equipment, livestock, farm machinery, etc. You are required by law to list all personal property belonging to you or under your control in Bollinger County, Missouri, on Jan. 1st. Complete this form, sign and return it by **March 1st** to avoid penalty.

Read instructions below and on back.

End of Year Tax Bill (INCORRECT):

Itemization of Current Tax	
DUE BY: 12/31/2020	
	TAX AMOUNT
AMBULANCE	\$13.37
COUNTY	\$14.96
NORTH COUNTY, E	\$18.46
HEALTH CENTER	\$16.71
LIBRARY	\$6.68
MEADOW HEIGHTS	\$210.81
ROAD DISTRICT	\$17.63
SHELTERED WORKS	\$6.68
STATE	\$2.04

Paid Tax Receipt Tax Code FSE (Fire Sedgewickville) (Correct):



The board appreciates the support and help from the Community; due to this the Board is looking forward to many successful years to come.

“A plan to build up our district”

MEET THE CREW:

Remaining the same since last year is:

- Fire Chief Nelson Palmer
- Safety and Training Officer Dana Craft
- Firefighters Tate Kiefer, Jason Dauster, Jeff Woodard, Engineer Chris Seigel and Patricia (Tricia) Gurney.

New in 2020: Captain Robert Cahoon, Brad Craft and Austin Dauster.

We will be introducing the community each Volunteer monthly, on our new Facebook Page. If you have not liked our page, **find us on Facebook under “Sedgewickville Fire Protection District.”**

We started off our interviews with Fire Chief Nelson in March 2021.

FROM THE DESK OF THE FIRE CHIEF

2020, what a year! Can we all say we are glad to see it in our rearview? The accomplishments made in 2020 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.

Facing the challenges of 2020 head on, we have been able to get SFPD operating without any additional service agreements. The SFPD currently has two pumpers/engines, two tankers, and two brush trucks. The SFPD has ten (10) firefighters that have spent much of 2020 obtaining the necessary internal training, working on getting both Firehouses organized, and keeping the equipment maintained. In 2020 the external training with University of Missouri, Three Rivers and other vendors all came to a halt due to the pandemic. With that in mind, the department didn't obtain as many hours of external training as in 2019; however, what training was obtained includes, but not limited to: Winter Fire School (covered 3- 4 hours classes), NOAA's National Weather Service Skywarn Spotter Training Concepts, Fire Department Medical First Responder, Basic Grain Engulfment Rescue and Swiftwater & Flood Rescue Awareness.

Our plans for the future are to continue to provide fire and rescue services for the residents. As the fire service evolves, this is also the plan for the department. Nearly 70% of calls for any given Fire Department are for Medical Assist/First Responders. We continue to grow, develop and add additional training to better assist the County EMS and residence of the community.

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

Thank you,



Nelson Palmer
Fire Chief

“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 at (573) 513-2846
- 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)

Other ways to help.....

- Donation of cleaning supplies for the fire house (brooms, paper towels, etc), bottle water for the fire fighters, medical supplies for the medical bags, batteries for SCBA's, etc.

Be Prepared in an Emergency, Tips:

- Place a document with your Name, Date of Birth, list of Medications (currently taking), medical history/conditions, emergency contacts and hang it on your refrigerator.
- Check and change your batteries in your Smoke Alarms when the time changes each year...set your clocks, check your smoke alarms.
- Calling 911 – Be ready to give address and clear directions to your home. If possible give directions from the nearest Main highway and/or intersection.

- Do you own a fire extinguisher? Keeping fire extinguishers in your home for kitchen fires or other home appliance fires. Ensure your extinguishers are ready for use by confirming the dial on the gauge is in the green.
- Ready Emergency Kits – Flashlight, Batteries, water, Emergency Broad Cast Radio, but not limited too. Practice shelter plans for severe weather with the family. [Build A Kit | Ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov/kit) (www.ready.gov/kit)

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE ON SATURDAY APRIL 24, 2021 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
Bollinger County Sheriff	All BOCO and Surrounding Fire Departments
Missouri Dept of Conservation (local agents)	ShurFire Safety, LLC
Representative of the State Fire Marshalls Office	Missouri State Highway Patrol