

# 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:

- Board members changed as of April 2019 election.
- SFPD is providing services independently, no longer with any service contracts.
- 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 - Is the son of Ted and Evelyn Hanners. He was born and raised in Sedgewickville. He attended Meadow Heights School and currently resides on the family farm in Sedgewickville. He is a Farm Equipment Technician for Sidenstricker Nobbe Partners of Ste. Genevieve. He has served on the Sedgewickville Fire Protection District Board since 2011.

Board Member: Dan Friese - Is married to Debbie and they reside in the Scopus area. He is retired from P & G and currently working for Capital Sand Company. Dan joined the board with winning votes from the April 2019 election.

Interim Board Member: Charles (Chuck) Schuessler - Is married to Mary and they reside on Hwy KK, with 45 years of marriage and 4 children. He retired from Plaza Tire Service after 48 years of service, with continued part-time employment. He was appointed in June 2019 as an interim board member due to a resignation and is a registered write-in candidate on the April 2020 ballot.

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

**SFPD Fire Meetings:** Held at 7:00 PM the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at Sedgewickville Firehouse.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE BOARD:

The Sedgewickville Fire Protection District (SFPD) Board would like to inform you of the exciting things that we have going on.

The continued Operating and Succession Plan for 2020 has several steps to it:

- The first step in the plan is to update and finalize Board Policies.
- The second step is to continue to place equipment in Fire House #3 on Hwy KK (known as the Lixville Fire House). Currently we have a Mack pumper/tanker and are looking to add a brush truck.
- The third step in the plan is to purchase new fire gear and/or equipments (AS NEEDED) to continue to build to what we have and need for services.
- The fourth step is to move forward on a decision regarding #2 in Mayfield Hollow.

We have nine firefighters and are still searching for more. There are multiple roles that volunteers play in our organization.

It has been brought to our attention that some residents may have the wrong Fire District assigned on their assessment sheets/Taxes. As residents of the Sedgewickville Fire District, we ask you please take a look to ensure the tax revenue is assigned to the proper district.

Assessment sheet:

**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.*

The board is very excited about all of the help we have received thus far and look forward to many successful years to come.

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*“A plan to build up our district”*

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## MEET THE CREW:

**Fire Chief:** Nelson Palmer - Is married to Erin for 20 years and they have 5 children. His education and training started in 2001 in the fire service and continues to include several updated certificates obtained in 2019 through the University of MO - Columbia. He enjoys helping friends, playing in the mud, fishing, and hiking with the family at different State Parks around Missouri.

**Safety and Training Officer/Firefighter:** Dana Craft - Is married to Brad for 26 years and they have 2 children. She has been in the Fire Service since January 2019 obtaining several certificates through the University of MO- Columbia and other vendors. She is a technical certified trainer via Comptia CTT+. She enjoys spending time with her family, friends and “knees in the wind” therapy (riding her motorcycle).

**Fire Fighters:** Wil Holt, Tate Kiefer, Jason Dauster, Jeff Woodard, Austin Watkins, Chris Seigel and Patricia (Tricia) Gurney.



## FROM THE DESK OF THE FIRE CHIEF

I have been a resident and tax payer of the Sedgewickville Fire Protection District (SFPD) since 1999. Some of you may know and remember me with my service to the Department during the years of 2000-2012. As we head into this new decade, 2020, we embrace what we've already accomplished. The accomplishments made in 2019 could not have been done without the help of our neighbor Biehle Community Fire Protection Association, the SFPD Firefighters, the SFPD Board of Directors and various community residents.

Since taking over as Chief, we have been able to get SFPD operating without any additional service agreements. The SFPD currently has two pumpers/engines, one tanker, and one brush truck. The SFPD has nine firefighters that have spent much of 2019 obtaining the necessary Missouri State training needed to safely and effectively provide firefighting and rescue operations for their residents. The training includes, but not limited to: Basic Fire Fighting Skills, Advanced Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Training and Emergency Vehicle Driver Training.

Our plans for the future are to continue to provide fire and rescue services for the residents. We will continue to grow and develop. The Firefighters and I have continued our education through trainings this first quarter and have several upcoming trainings already on the calendar.. The plan also includes increasing the staffing with volunteers.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to meeting every resident I serve and ask only to be given a chance to provide the residents of Sedgewickville Fire Protection District with the best service I can.

Thank you,



Nelson Palmer  
Fire Chief

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*“Embrace accomplishments and ready to serve.”*

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## MORE ABOUT OUR CORE VALUES

**Prepared for Duty**—means that our members will do everything possible to ensure that our organization is at an optimum state of readiness when called upon to respond at a moment’s notice. Our team members will be properly trained, equipped, supported, and focused on **safe immediate response and services**.

**Serving With Integrity**—this relates to how we do business. We acknowledge that truth and trust are the foundations of relationship building and delivery. Our members will work hard every day to maintain the highest professional standards and to earn the public trust through their actions.

**Responding With Compassion**—our organization is a people-oriented service organization focused on helping those in need. Our members will provide the highest level of fire and emergency services with utmost compassion and caring to anyone in need.

**Committed to Professional Excellence**—the Sedgewickville Fire Protection District will provide its members with the means, skills, and education to provide outstanding professional services. This organization will achieve this excellence through a commitment to quality, respect for each individual, and a workplace that is free of harassment, discrimination, and retaliation.



**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**.

What happens once I join the Sedgewickville Fire Protection District?

- The SFPD will provide you with all of your training and gear for free.
- You will attend a Basic Fire Fighting Skills class.
- You can go on to attend further classes and training that you may wish to pursue.
  - This is very rewarding, challenging and satisfying; you will be joining a great second family!
  - Being a volunteer firefighter for the SFPD is a great way to give back to the community!

**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.

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**Dan Friese**  
(573) 225-2493

**Chuck Schuessler**  
(573) 352 – 0586

**Chief Nelson Palmer**  
(573) 513-2846

**Safety and Training Officer**  
**Dana Craft**

(573) 513-2598

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE ON SATURDAY MARCH 28 FROM 10 AM – 4 PM AT HWY EE IN SEDGEWICKVILLE.**

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

<b>Air Evac</b>	<b>Bollinger County Ambulance Service</b>
<b>Masons for MOChip Program (Fingerprints, etc for kids)</b>	<b>All SFPD Board Candidates for the April election</b>
<b>All BOCO Coroner Candidates</b>	<b>All BOCO Sherriff Candidates</b>
<b>Representative of the State Fire Marshalls Office</b>	<b>All BOCO and Neighboring Fire Departments</b>