

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

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

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

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

Visit our Website at <https://Sedgewickvillefd.org/ready-to-volunteer-join-us>

For ages 16-18 we have a Junior Firefighter Program available. Use the same application above and details about the program can be found at <https://Sedgewickvillefd.org/junior-firefighter-program>

HOW TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY:

Dial - 911

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

Bollinger County Sheriff: 573-238-2633

MEET THE BOARD:

President: Charles (Chuck) Schuessler Vice President: Harold Cobb Jr.

Secretary: Cindy Mungle

Treasurer: Meredith Devenport

Member: Brad Craft

More details at: <https://www.sedgewickvillefd.org/board-of-directors>

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.

Any variance to these meetings is posted on the Calendar of our Website.

FROM THE DESK OF THE BOARD AND OPERATIONS:

“THE END OF ANOTHER GREAT YEAR...THE BEGINNING OF A BETTER ONE”

The Sedgewickville Fire Protection District (SFPD) Board and Operations uses this motto every year. 2019 – current, what a busy and blessed 5 years it has been.

April of 2019, we held our Open House and debuted the 1993 E-One Pumper (Engine) the district purchased. Since then and as of current day, we have a 1992 E-One Pumper, a 2005 Suburban Medical Response Unit, a 2005 Tanker (from the Conservation program), a 2003 Chevy Brush truck, A 2003 GMC Brush truck and a 1975 Tanker (donation from Zell Fire Department). Current Active Firehouses are FULL!!

Our Volunteers remain level at 5-15 on the roster. We launched a Junior Firefighter Program October of 2023 with currently 5 Juniors on the department. Our Volunteers meet twice a month (Wednesday nights), a Saturday every other month, the 5th Wednesday of the month and attend external trainings. These meetings and time spent in and away from the firehouse keep our Volunteers and Equipment ready to Serve the District.

What type of Call Volume do we support:

- April 17 2019 to year end = 39 calls
- 2020 = 72 calls
- 2021 = 111 calls
- 2022 = 123 calls
- 2023 = 110 calls

Medical First Responder calls average 55% of our call volume. The remaining calls fall into categories such as Motor Vehicle Accidents, Fire (Structure and Wildland (Brush)), Search and Rescue/Other. What is Other you may ask... that can be tree removal from road, traffic control due to cows on the road, a combination of miscellaneous items that we may be asked to help or respond to.

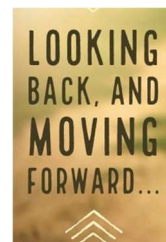
Our average response time is at 14 mins. For a volunteer department with responding from Home to Station to Scene, we are proud of that average; however, that does not keep us from working on making it better each year. As many know, our Volunteers hold full time jobs as well. This at times does leave availability to the minimum or could cause no availability. Over the years we have had some instances where we were not able to respond to the call. We work on plans and coordinate who is in and out of district to help minimize that risk, when we can. The plan is working, or maybe it was by God's grace, because in 2023 we responded to all 110 calls.

What else has occurred over the last 5 years....Board increased from 3 to 5 members, Launching of a Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/SedgewickvilleFD>), Launching of a Website (<https://www.sedgewickvillefd.org/>), clean up and painting of Firehouse 1 in Sedgewickville, Equipment and Gear updates with Grant awards, No Injuries or Department Incidents while responding to calls, andso on ...and...too much to list.

How is all this accomplished?

- By a great TEAM for the department
- Support of the family members for the time away from them
- Support from YOU, the District members.

Future goals are to maintain what we have, continue to grow and provide service for the needs of the District.



MEET THE CREW:

Visit our Webpage for more details: <https://www.sedgewickvillefd.org/volunteers>

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

"True courage is being afraid, and going ahead and doing your job anyhow. That's what courage is." - General Norman Schwarzkopf

Officers

- Nelson Palmer_7101
- Dana Craft _7102
- Rodney Bishop_7103
- Chris Seigel_7105

Firefighters

- Darin Crice_7107
- Zackery Whitener_7112
- Tyler Bishop_7114
- Brad Craft_7116
- Jason Dauster_7117

Former Volunteers

- Nathan Dauster_7110
- Jonny Kent _7104
- Nathan Yarbrough_7106
- Austin Dauster_7109
- Austin Watkins_7115

Not listed: Junior Firefighters Jesse Bishop, Alex Seigel, Wyatt Palmer, Lynzie McCrackin and Raina Manche. Please check back at our Website for updates on these New Firefighters.

IN OTHER NEWS:

In 2023 a Fundraising Committee provided additional support to the District on financial needs. The fundraiser was a Bake Sale held at Circle U Bar and Grill.

The District's income is tax based on Real Estate and Personal Property Tax with an estimated yearly income around \$52,000.00 +/- . Approximately 1/3 of the income is already dedicated to Insurance. The rest of the income is then spread over normal bills like fuel, maintenance of equipment, building utilities and maintenance, Personal Protection Equipment (gear), replacement of Medical Supplies, Hand Tools/Equipment and Grant Money Match Dollars.

The Committee Members were Sarah Noe, Jesse Bishop, Christy Bishop, Pam James, Deborah Hahs, Paul and Angel Davis.

This successful event was due to all involved, the committee, the donation of items, the venue and those of you that stopped by for a purchase.

If you have ideas or would like to develop another fund-raising event, please join us at a board meeting or reach out to anyone of the Board Members or Operations Officers.



"Embrace accomplishments and ready to serve."



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Website:

<https://www.Sedgewickvillefd.org>

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). Contact us or view the schedule on the Website calendar at <https://www.sedgewickvillefd.org/calendar>
- Donation of supplies or equipment for the Department (Firehouse or Firefighters). Contact us for our wish list. More information can also be seen at <https://www.sedgewickvillefd.org/donate-here>

Prices Vary by Region and Year:

