

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

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.

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>

What is offered once you join:

- In-House Training: Training will be provided in-house. Depending on availability and when feasible, the District may also seek outside speakers/trainers.
- Apparel: Custom District items like but not limited to, T-Shirts, Ball Cap, Polo Shirts, Station Wear Pants and Jackets will be provided, when possible, by available funding.
 - Districted issued PPE and items containing SFPD name will be turned in at time of resignation.
- Misc. Hand Tools and PPE: Items like webbing, flashlights, seat belt cutters, and similar equipment will be provided, when possible, subject to available funding.
- Accident and Sickness Coverage
- After 1 year of service and no longer a probationary firefighter enrollment into Fire Fighter Association of Missouri and National Volunteer Fire Council.
- After 5 years of service, enrollment into the Missouri Firefighter Critical Illness Pool.

FROM THE DESK OF THE BOARD AND OPERATIONS:

It is hard to believe another year has passed. The years seem to be flying by faster. 2025 was no exception, bringing a mix of challenging weather and important milestones for our District.

The year started with winter storms across Missouri, causing widespread precipitation, power outages, and stranded motorists. February and March brought brush and grass fires, while spring introduced severe weather risks, including tornadoes and flash flooding that damaged district roads. Summer flew by in the blink of an eye, and fall brought drought-like conditions, again increasing the risk of brush and grass fires.

Amid the challenges, we had many accomplishments and highlights throughout the year:

- **February** – Donated three car seats to the community.
- **March** – Participated in Region E Mutual Aid for Wayne County following a destructive tornado, providing coverage and assistance for Piedmont and Clearwater Fire. We also welcomed 7112, Zack Whitener, home safely from a 9-month deployment.
- **April** – Hosted the *Introduction to the Fire Service* course, helping new personnel learn the basics of fireground duties, fire behavior, safety, hose practices, ladder operations, SCBA use, and fire service hand tools. Volunteers from multiple districts participated in this two-weekend event. Additionally, we partnered with Readline Gear Cleaning (IL & MO, MEU8) for gear inspection, hydrotesting, and cleaning—keeping firefighter health and safety a top priority. First quarter call volume increased, setting a trend toward 140–145 calls for the year—the most since 2019 and roughly a 37% increase from last year.
- **May** – Updated our 1975 International 2250-gallon tanker to a 1993 International 2000-gallon tanker. Also received new ladders from a January 2024 grant, including two attic ladders, two roof ladders, and two extension ladders.
- **June** – Delivered the *Active Shooter Response – The Basics* course (rescheduled from March), providing emergency personnel from SFPD, Zalma, Kennet, and Woodland with enhanced knowledge and practical skills in trauma care and mass casualty response. This marked the third such class held in Bollinger County since August 2024, allowing local personnel to train together and be better prepared.
- **July** – Hosted the annual American Red Cross Blood Drive, collecting 15 units total (4 units Power Red Productive Products and 11 units Whole Blood). Keep an eye out for the next drive in July 2026.
- **August** – Conducted SCBA training.
- **October** – Held the *Structural Fire Fighting Techniques* course, covering ICS, size-up, search and rescue, ventilation, forcible entry, and hose stream management through demonstrations and hands-on skills training.
- **December** – Focused on EV/AFV Incident Management: Safety and Response Techniques.

In addition to these highlighted trainings, we maintained our regular schedule of meetings, Saturday trainings, and continued enrollment with Spartan Support Services LLC for additional hands-on training in Forcible Entry with Door Prop, Vehicle Extrication, and Rescue Drags & Carries.

Facility Updates

At Firehouse 1, we made several improvements to support longevity and efficiency, including removing ceiling fans, installing a metal ceiling, replacing lights, adding blown-in insulation, and upgrading overhead door stops and gaskets. These updates not only extend the life of the building but improve operational efficiency during winter months.

Stay connected! Follow us on our [Facebook Page \(https://facebook.com/sedgewickvile.FD\)](https://facebook.com/sedgewickvile.FD) and check out our [website \(https://www.sedgewickvillefd.org\)](https://www.sedgewickvillefd.org) to keep up with news, events, and training updates.



WE CAN'T HELP YOU IF WE CAN'T FIND YOU

Help Emergency Responders Find You- While none of us ever wants to find ourselves in an emergency, most people will experience an emergency at some point. The real question is whether we will be prepared and know what to do when it happens.

When a home emergency occurs and you need help, call 911 for assistance. The most important thing to keep in mind in any emergency is to stay calm. This is particularly important when calling 911, so that the appropriate information can be relayed. Many emergency calls are placed from cell phones, and in this case, the call could go to a neighboring 911 dispatch center (say Perry, Cape or Madison County).

Two key pieces of information that you will need to give the emergency dispatcher are what kind of an emergency you have and where you are located -- including the county. The dispatcher may ask you to provide additional information, if needed, and follow their directions as to what to do next.

Sometimes, emergency personnel lose precious time getting to the location where they are needed because they can't locate the home or business due to address numbers not easily visible. Similarly, if you know a bridge is out or a road is impassable, suggest an alternate route to the dispatcher. Heavy fire equipment may not be able to reach you in time if the responders have to turn around.

Here are a few important things to consider when choosing house numbers or an address sign for your home and on your mailbox:

- Use large numbers. Every single-family house should use numbers that are at least 3 inches high or a mailbox or sign. Multiple dwelling units such as apartments and duplexes, as well as non-residential buildings, should use numbers that are at least 6 inches high. The numbers should face the correct street.
- Be visible in the dark. Put the numbers on your house under a light. Numbers on a mailbox or post should be reflective or on a highly contrasting background.
- Be visible from both directions. Numbers on your mailbox should be posted on both sides. Emergency vehicles may not arrive from the same direction as your mail carrier or delivery.
- Locate your house numbers near the road or at the end of your lane/driveway. If your house is not visible from the street/road, post numbers so that they are clearly visible from the road either on a pole, sign or post. If your house is across the street from a mailbox, post the number along the driveway.
- Has your address been updated to include a drive/lane name? The County will be responsible for the driveway/lane sign and install. If the driveway leads to more than one address, post the correct number on each building. All in all – if your mailbox, lane, driveway is not clearly associated with a visible home, mark the end of the lane.
- Some people may believe posting the drive/lane name is an invasion of privacy. Posting the name will only help emergency responders find you when you need them. If you want to keep unwanted drivers out of your lane, it is your right to post a sign declaring the drive is private and through traffic is not encouraged.
- Bollinger County has had instances of road sign theft. This is not merely a prank; this is dangerous as it can delay emergency response. Please do your part to reinforce signs on your property, and report any suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Department.
- Uncover the numbers. Several times per year, trim the bushes, vines, flowers and weeds so all numbers are clearly visible. Move flower baskets, flags and other items that may obstruct a clear view.

Please help protect your family and your property. If you need 9-1-1 services - fire, law enforcement and EMS will be able to find you faster when they can easily locate your residence. Seconds count in an emergency!

HOW TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY: Dial - 911

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_7108
- Jesse Bishop_7109
- Wyatt Palmer_7110
- Colton Layton_7111
- Tyler Bishop_7114
- Tyler Esselman_7115
- Brad Craft_7116
- Jason Dauster_7117

Junior Firefighters

- Alex Seigel_7121
- CJ Bishop_7122

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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>



Structural Firefighting Techniques

October 2025

Introduction to
Firefighting Service
April 2025



Vehicle Extrication
Spartan Support Services LLC
October 2025 ----->

Water Stream and Air Control
<----- August 2025
"Play is the most effective kind
Of Education" – Plato





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[“Sedgewickville Fire Protection District.”](#)

Website:

<https://www.Sedgewickvillefd.org>

“Embrace accomplishments and ready to serve.”

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 been seen at <https://www.sedgewickvillefd.org/donate-here>



A Firefighters Wife

*She stands as tall as any man,
hiding her fears as only she can.*

*She lays awake, long nights alone,
dreading to hear the ring of the phone.*

*She understands his wants and needs,
to talk of work and heroic deeds.*

*She's the single constant in his life,
She's one of a kind...A Firefighter's Wife.*

AMEN

In Dedication to Spouses and Significant Others. Thank you for your understanding and support!