

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 Board of Directors was increased from 3 to 5.
- SFPD doubled their call volume from 2019 to 2021.
- 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: Charles (Chuck) Schuessler

Vice President: Harold Cobb Jr.

Secretary: Cindy Mungle

Treasurer: Meredith Devenport

Member: Brad Craft

April 2023 SFPD will have two positions open. These terms are currently held by Cindy and Meredith. Upon election these terms will be a 6 year-term. If interested in joining the Board of Directors, watch for more notifications in December 2022 or contact Cindy Mungle at 573-275-0102.

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 would like to recognize that 2021 continued with challenges 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:

- We added a newer Tanker via the MO Department of Conservation Program to Firehouse #1 and added a Suburban (Medical Response Vehicle) to the fleet. Currently we have 2-Engines, 1-Tanker, 2-Brush Trucks and 1-Medical Response in service to support the Community.
- 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 implemented a strategic planning with 70-month forecast and Quarterly milestones. This is available for viewing at Firehouse #1.



“A plan to build up our district”

MEET THE CREW:

Remaining the same since last year is: Fire Chief Nelson Palmer, Medical and Training Officer Dana Craft, Captain Robert Cahoon, Engineer Chris Seigel and Firefighters: Jason Dauster, Brad Craft, Austin Dauster

New in 2021: Nathan Dauster, Jonathan Kent, Austin Ford and Ty Korando; **New in 2022:** Shell Boland

FROM THE DESK OF THE FIRE CHIEF

2021, what a year! We answered 103 calls/alarms, which is 32 calls/alarms more than 2020 and 54 calls/alarms more than 2019. The accomplishments made in 2021 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.

SFPD continues operating without any additional service agreements. The SFPD has eleven (11) firefighters and a Chaplain that have spent much of 2021 obtaining the necessary external and internal training, working on getting both Firehouses organized, and keeping the equipment maintained.

Education tips and resources:

- **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.
- **Don't forget the Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms.**
- **Ready Emergency Kits** – Not Limited too: Flashlight, Batteries, Water, Emergency Broad Cast Radio. Practice shelter plans for severe weather with the family. [Build A Kit | Ready.gov \(www.ready.gov/kit\)](#)
- **Home Escape Plans** - Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors. Also, mark the location of each smoke alarm. [How to make a home fire escape plan | NFPA \(www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Preparedness/Escape-planning\)](#)
- **Chimney/Flu Fires:** [Preventing Chimney Fires - FamilyEducation \(www.familyeducation.com/life/fire-prevention/preventing-chimney-fires\)](#) Remember to get the Chimney/Flu cleaned and inspected prior to use. There are some Chimney Sweep services in Cape Girardeau found via Google: Flame Masters Chimney Service, Best Clean Chimney Sweeper and Sirvent STL Chimney & Venting.

Our plans for the future are to continue to provide fire and rescue services for the residents. As the fires 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,



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“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](mailto:Nelson.Palmer@sedgewickvillefd.com) 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)
- Donation of supplies for the fire house: 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.

Flag Exchange and Replacement Program: Join us at Open House to sign up for this opportunity and more information about the program.

You must live in the district and must have a flag to exchange/replace.

Can't make open house, questions can be directed to Captain Robert Cahoon via call or text at (573) 513-3353 or via email at SedgewickvilleFD@gmail.com.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE ON SATURDAY APRIL 23, 2022 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)	Missouri State Highway Patrol
Representative of the State Fire Marshalls Office	Marmic Fire & Safety Co.
Around the Clock Medical Alarms	Bollinger County Commissioners
Banner Press Representative	CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) – James Watkins