

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month at the Sedgewickville Firehouse on Hwy EE.

**SFPD Fire Meetings/Trainings:** Held at 7:00 PM the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at Sedgewickville (Hwy EE) Firehouse and 4<sup>th</sup> 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:

For 2024 we took the year to maintain all the changes and improvements from the last 5 years. We took time to reflect and level set for longevity of the Department.

We retained our equipment at having a 1992 E-One Pumper, a 2005 Suburban Medical Response Unit, a 2005 Tanker, a 2003 Chevy Brush truck, A 2003 GMC Brush truck and a 1975 Tanker. The Firehouses are FULL!!

Our Volunteers remain steady on the roster. We had Volunteers come and go in 2024 with one recruit remaining as a Probationary Firefighter into this year. We launched a Junior Firefighter Program October of 2023, two of those Junior Firefighters have graduated on to Probationary Fire Fighters.

Our average response time remains at 15 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.

We worked with Little Whitewater Baptist Church this year in regards to Firehouse 2. The Church leased the Firehouse for years to provide the Community Food Pantry. After much thought and discussion, we moved forward to sell the building to the Church. This provides many benefits to the Department, Church, and Community by making this transition.

For training growth, we continued with our standard schedule of meetings, Saturday trainings, enrollment with Spartan Support Services LLC and we submitted requests for various classes to the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety. These classes are funded by the Division of Fire Safety and various grant funding. We were awarded 3 Active Shooter/Killer classes and Solar Panel Hazards for First Responders. That was \$12,250.00 in cost that was Free to us. The Active Shooter/Killer classes were coordinated across the County with classes being held at Meadow Heights School, Woodland School, and Zalma School.

We received a donation in Memory of Mrs. Sherri McMillian this year. In honor of her memory this donation was used to purchase items for Responder Safety. Those items include Stop/Slow traffic signs, HiVis traffic vest, Medical Gloves, Fireman's Hatchets, and Critical Illness Insurance. Our prayers and thoughts remain with Sherri's family.

Regarding longevity of the Department, we looked at large dollar expenses that will be needed for the department such as but not limited to; additional recruits does mean additional gear, radios, and additional maintenance needs on Firehouse 1 and Firehouse 2. What did this mean for us? We tightened the belt on must have needs and was able to end the year with additional reserve money for General funds that can be used to meet the goals for retaining the Sedgewickville Fire Protection District and providing the Services required of our District.

How is all this accomplished and how do we continue?

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

If you have not followed us, please join our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/SedgewickvilleFD> ). Take time and view our website (<https://www.sedgewickvillefd.org/> ).



## 2019 – 2024 CALL VOLUME – LOOKING BACK AND MOVING FORWARD!!

2019	MVA	Fire	Medical	SAR/Water Rescue/Other	Unavail/NR
Apr. 17, 19	1		2		
May	1		2	1	
June		1	2		
July			3		
Aug	1		3		
Sept		2	3		
Oct	1	2	2		
Nov			3	1	
Dec	1				
Total	5	5	20	2	0
Grand Total	32				

2020	MVA	Fire	Medical	SAR/Water Rescue	Unavail/NR
Jan		4	1		
Feb		6			
Mar	1		4		
Apr	1		3		
May	2	1	5		
June	1	1	1		2
July	2	2	8		
Aug	1	1	2		2
Sept			1		1
Oct		1	5		
Nov	1	4	3		
Dec			4		1
Total	9	20	37	0	6
Grand Total	72				

2021	MVA	Fire	Medical	SAR/Water Rescue/Other	Unavail/NR
Jan	2	1	3		3
Feb	1	1	1	1	1
Mar		5	4		
Apr	1	2	10		1
May	1	1	7		1
June	1		8	1	
July	1		2	2	
Aug	2	1	6		2
Sept			2	1	
Oct	1		7	1	
Nov	4	1	4		
Dec	2	3	11	2	
Total	15	15	65	8	8
Grand Total	111				

2022	MVA	Fire	Medical	SAR/Water Rescue/Other	Unavail/NR
Jan		2	3		2
Feb		4	6		
Mar	1	7	6		1
Apr.	1	3	7		
May	4		3		
June	1	2	4		
July	2	2	3	1	1
Aug	2	4	2		2
Sept	1	2	3	1	1
Oct	2	7	9		
Nov	3	6		1	
Dec	5		6		
Total	22	39	52	3	7
Grand Total	123				

2023	MVA	Fire	Medical	SAR/Water Rescue/Other	Unavail/NR
Jan	1		6		
Feb	1	1	2		
Mar	2	6	3	1	
Apr.	2	3	3	1	
May	1	1	5		
June		2	6		
July	1	4	6	2	
Aug	2	2	5	1	
Sept	1	2	7		
Oct		1	8		
Nov	2	2	9		
Dec	3	1	4		
Total	16	25	64	5	0
Grand Total	110				

2024	MVA	Fire	Medical	SAR/Water Rescue/Other	Unavail/NR
Jan	2		2	1	
Feb	2	5	8		
Mar		4	3		
Apr.	1	3	2	1	1
May	1		2	3	
June	3	1	11		
July	1	1	5		
Aug	2	5	3	1	
Sept	1	2	1		
Oct		3	3		
Nov	2	2	6		
Dec		3	5	1	
Total	15	29	51	7	1
Grand Total	103				



## 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*

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### 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
- Brad Craft\_7116
- Jason Dauster\_7117

### Junior Firefighters

- Alex Seigel\_7121

## IN OTHER NEWS:

April 2024, one of our Firefighters, Zackery Whitener, and the Cape Girardeau National Guard 1140th FSC unit departed for training with a deployment to follow.



Firefighter Whitener and his Unit continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. We are eagerly awaiting his return, safe and sound.



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*"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>



### *A Fire Departments Prayer*

*When we are called to duty, God, wherever fear may rage, give us the strength to save some life, whatever be its age.*

*Help us embrace a little child before it is too late, or save an older person from the horror of the fate.*

*Enable us to be alert and hear the weakest shout, and quickly and efficiently to put the fear out.*

*We want to fill our calling and to give the best in us, to guard our every neighbor and protect their property and life.*

*And if according to your will we have to lose a life, Please BLESS with your protecting hand those of us left behind.*

AMEN

In Memory of: Bollinger County Sheriff Deputy, Communications (Dispatch) Leader and Our Brother Firefighter – Rylan Meek, Last Call 10/22/2024. Godspeed our friend!