

# Sedgewickville Fire Protection District



# FIRE / RESCUE

Fire suppression and rescue activities for the Sedgewickville Fire Protection District include response to several types of fire related conditions. In addition to responding to structural related fires, the fire department responds to fires involving vehicles, brush or grass; refuse containers, and other fires that occur. Fire suppression activities also include investigating situations that are fire related such as automatic fire alarm activations, smoke or odor investigations, power line or transformer problems, and flammable fuel spills or leaks. Also included in this area would be calls for emergency situations like vehicle extrication, activated carbon monoxide detectors, miscellaneous rescue calls and service related calls to check on hazards.

The fire department through out the community assist one another through mutual aid requests. This additional assistance is a valuable tool in both rescuing endangered occupants and controlling a fire early.





# Emergency Medical Services

The majority of emergency calls that the Sedgewickville Fire Protection District respond to are calls requiring medical attention.

As a result, the fire district is dedicated to expanding and elevating its level of emergency medical care. With a highly trained staff of Emergency Medical Responders, Emergency Medical Technicians, and Paramedics we are committed to providing basic/advanced life support capabilities to the residence of the district.

EMS is an essential component of the services provided by the fire department and service is strategically positioned to deliver time critical response and effective patient care rapidly. As such, we are some of the first-line medical responders for critical illnesses and injuries in the community. Utilizing non transport apparatus to respond to calls, the department in cooperation with the county's ambulance service is able to provide not only patient care, but because our staff is trained in multiple disciplines we can also mitigate hazardous material events, perform technical and complicated rescues, as well as perform fire prevention and education services.



# We are committed to broaden our skills and abilities to serve and protect our communities

Proudly serving our community since 1980.

## • 2024 Incidents

| <u>2024</u> | <u>MVA</u> | <u>Fire</u> | <u>Medical</u> | <u>SAR/Water Rescue/Other</u> | <u>Unavail/NR</u> |
|-------------|------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 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        |             |                |                               |                   |

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| Jan         |            | 4           | 7              |                               | 1                 |
| Feb         | 1          | 2           | 7              | 1                             |                   |
| Mar         | 1          | 9           | 8              | 3                             |                   |
| Apr.        | 2          | 2           | 5              | 3                             |                   |
| May         | 3          | 1           | 9              | 1                             |                   |
| June        | 3          |             | 8              | 1                             |                   |
| July        | 1          | 1           | 3              | 1                             |                   |
| Aug         | 2          | 1           | 4              | 2                             |                   |
| Sept        |            | 6           | 7              |                               |                   |
| Oct         | 3          | 2           | 4              | 2                             |                   |
| Nov         | 1          | 3           | 3              | 2                             |                   |
| Dec         | 3          | 7           | 3              | 2                             |                   |
| Total       | 20         | 38          | 68             | 18                            | 1                 |
| Grand Total | 145        |             |                |                               |                   |



# ISO Rating

- **The Sedgewickville Fire Protection District's Insurance Services Office (ISO) last known rating is a 9.**
- **What is an ISO fire rating?**
- An ISO fire rating is a score provided to fire departments and insurance companies by the Insurance Services Office. The score reflects how prepared a community and area is for fires. While it mainly focuses on the local fire departments and water supply, there are other factors that contribute to an area's score.
- An ISO score has the power to affect the insurance premium of every homeowner in the area and can even cause an insurer to deny you coverage in some circumstances.
- For further information concerning ISO Rating and how the can impact our home owners insurance reference the following link. <https://www.bankrate.com/insurance/homeowners-insurance/iso-fire-ratings/>

# How is an ISO Rating Determined

There are 4 categories that account for the scoring model

- Overall Health - includes staffing needs. **Ask about Volunteering.**
- Water Supply - Rural area we rely on creeks, ponds, dry hydrants. **Have a pond we can access?**
- Emergency Communications System - We work closely with Bollinger County Sheriff office for updates/training and improvements.
- Community Risk Reduction - We are always looking at new approaches, programs, etc.

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| 50 percent  | Fire department: The overall health of a fire department is assessed in this category, based on the number of departments in the area. In addition, the ISO looks at firefighter training, number of firefighters and volunteers, and maintenance and testing of pumps and other crucial equipment.                                                           |
| 40 percent  | Water supply: ISO evaluates each community based on its water supply. During the rating process, the organization looks at certain factors, like the number of fire hydrants in the area, the amount of water available after daily consumption and whether the community has enough water and water access for fire departments to use for fire suppression. |
| 10 percent  | Emergency communications systems: This evaluates how well a fire department receives and responds to emergency calls. Some of the specific factors that contribute to PPC ratings include the number of agents in the emergency call center and the number of computer-aided dispatch (CAD) facilities in the community.                                      |
| 5.5 percent | Community risk reduction: Any extra practices a community develops toward fire prevention and response are recognized in this category. It includes fire safety education, fire prevention techniques and fire investigation (ISO considers these points to be bonus points).                                                                                 |



# Fire Station Overview

- Fire Station 1

- 18645 State Hwy EE,  
Sedgewickville, MO 63781
- Mailing: P.O. Box 278,  
Sedgewickville MO 63781
- Phone: 573-513-2598
- Apparatuses: Engine, Brush Truck  
and Tanker.

- Fire Station 3

- 16599 State Hwy KK,  
Sedgewickville, MO 63781
- Mailing: P.O. Box 278,  
Sedgewickville, MO 63781
- Phone: 573-513-2598
- Apparatuses: Engine, Brush Truck  
and Tanker.

- Email: [SedgewickvilleFD@Gmail.com](mailto:SedgewickvilleFD@Gmail.com)

# Become a Fire Fighter/First Responder

- We accept applications all year round. The volunteer firefighters of the Sedgewickville Fire Protection District answer the call of our families, friends, and neighbors who need assistance. Volunteer Firefighters/First Responders are a special type of people, with many different reasons for answering the call of duty.

Serving the community as a volunteer firefighter provides our residence with a valuable service and can bring you the opportunities for personal growth, the development of leadership skills, and a tremendous sense of accomplishment.

- We are available at the Fire Houses the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month
- Call/Text Chief Nelson Palmer at 573-513-2846 or Asst Chief Dana Craft at 573-513-2598.
- Online Application: <https://sedgewickvillefiremo.gov/application>
- Email: [SedgewickvilleFD@gmail.com](mailto:SedgewickvilleFD@gmail.com)



## After You Apply

- All Applicants submitted to the Fire Chief will be reviewed for his/her consideration and recommendation to the Board of Directors at the next scheduled Monthly meeting.
- Approval by the Board of Directors shall constitute acceptance of the new member.
- Upon request of the Fire Chief or Board of Directors, an applicant may be subject to a background check and/or medical exam.

# Membership Requirements

- All new Members shall be subject to a 12-month probationary period, which may be extended by a Chief Officer as may be necessary or desirable. Each probationary member will be required to successfully complete, within the probationary period, all entry level firefighter courses (basic firefighting) as provided in the Standard Operations Guidelines' training orientation program.
- At all times Members shall follow the District's Oath, Code of Ethics, and Standard Operating Guidelines



## Membership Requirements Continued

- All Members (Officers and Firefighters) shall **meet bi-monthly** at a date and time specified by the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief may also call special meetings for just cause such as training or other department business whenever it is deemed necessary or desirable. Meetings and training may be cancelled by the Fire Chief, or under his direction, due to storms, natural conditions, federal holidays and other reasons. However, there will be at least one meeting each month. Members shall notify the Fire Chief or other presiding Officer of any anticipated absence from a monthly meeting.

# Membership Requirements Continued

- When members are located within or in near proximity to the District's boundaries and are available for duty, it is their responsibility to respond to all District alarms and calls for fire or medical emergencies. Members must use due diligence, caution, and sound judgment in responding to the scene of an emergency.
- Any Member responding to a call in a privately-owned vehicle shall do so with caution and shall observe all state and local traffic laws. With the approval of the Fire Chief, Members may display an emergency-colored blue-light and audible siren, which shall only be used when in route to an emergency.



## Membership Requirements Continued

- If the Member is an Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic, he or she must maintain their Missouri certification as long as they are members of the Department.
- Any equipment or PPE issued to Members is exclusively property of the District and shall be treated with utmost care while in the Member's possession. This equipment is only to be utilized by Members in support of the Department's duties and activities.
- Any equipment or PPE issued shall be returned to the Fire Chief or Officer at time of departure from the department.

# Membership Requirements

- Members are expected to attend meetings, training sessions, and emergency calls when available to do so. **At minimum**, Members are required to attend, annually, **12 training/working sessions, not less than 1 training/working session a month, 3 monthly board meetings, and 20% of all emergency calls.** The Fire Chief or Officer may excuse any absences in case of emergency, employment or undue hardship.