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Sedgwick County Department on Aging/Central Plains Area Agency on Aging Awarded Kansas Injury and Fire Prevention Program Grant

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – The Sedgwick County Department on Aging/Central Plains Area Agency on Aging (SCDOA/CPAAA) Minor Home Repair Program has been awarded the Kansas Injury and Fire Prevention Program Grant. This Grant will allow for 10-year lithium battery-operated Smoke Alarms, and hard wired hearing impaired smoke alarms to be provided and installed for free in homes of adults who are 65 years and older and residing in Wichita.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, fire death risk among seniors over 65 is more than double; over age 75 triple; and over age 85, 3 and one half times the average population.

SCDOA has partnered with the City of Wichita and volunteers to provide installation of smoke detectors, to educate seniors of potential fire hazards in the homes and to provide them with adequate smoke alarm coverage.

“We are pleased the Department on Aging has been awarded this grant,” said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Dave Unruh. “Working smoke alarms are a necessity for everyone.”

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If you or someone you know has smoke alarms that are 10 years and older, or the home is not adequately covered (having a working smoke alarm on every level of their home and outside each sleeping area) contact Sedgwick County Department on Aging to inquire about the availability of the smoke detectors.

If you are interested in a smoke detector, or know of individuals that may benefit please visit your local Neighborhood City Hall (Evergreen, Atwater, Colvin, or Stanley/Aley) or contact the Sedgwick County Department on Aging, Minor Home Program at 660-5128 for an application to be mailed to you. For other answers on aging, contact Sedgwick County Department on Aging at 660-5120 or visit the Sedgwick County website at www.sedgwickcounty.org.

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