

Emergency Management

Mission: Build, sustain, and improve Sedgwick County’s capabilities in disaster preparation, mitigation, response, and recovery through whole community collaboration, innovative planning, training, and exercise activities.

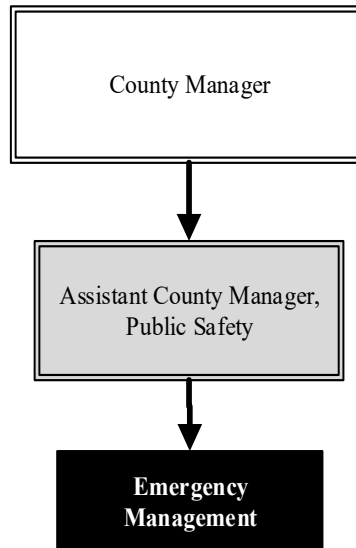
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Overview

Emergency Management (EM) is an essential managerial role of government and specified by Kansas Statutes. The Sedgwick County Emergency Management Department works closely with community leaders and citizens to reduce hazard vulnerability and to coordinate activities that build, sustain, and improve capabilities to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from threatened or actual natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters.



Strategic Goals:

- Serve as Sedgwick County’s leading expert in contemporary emergency management strategies and practices
- Inspire whole-community, all-hazard disaster preparedness and resilience through active volunteer programs, community outreach, and education efforts
- Ensure optimal disaster prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery through active stakeholder participation in emergency plan development, training, and exercising, as well as multi-agency coordination of response and recovery efforts through a ready-state Emergency Operations Center

Highlights

- Active community outreach by participating in four parades, Open Streets ICT, Derby Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Camp, Cheney 7th grade government day, and multiple city fall festivals
- Conducted four basic Community Emergency Response Team basic training classes; trained an additional 90 volunteers on basic disaster response expanded community capabilities



Accomplishments and Strategic Results

Accomplishments

Emergency Management has had the following accomplishments:

- kicked off the annual Severe Weather Preparedness Week by commemorating the 70 year anniversary of the oldest operating Federal Signal Thunderbolt air raid/tornado siren in the world located at Sedgwick County Fire District 1 (SCFD1) Fire Station 32 in Park City;
- partnered with all cities and first responder agencies in Sedgwick County to launch subscription-based emergency alerts through Civic Ready. Residents can now sign up to receive public alerts of their choosing by method of choice (text, e-mail, and phone message). This additional layer of emergency alerting joins the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA), Emergency Alert System (EAS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radios, and the outdoor warning system; and
- as part of the six-year \$3.8 million approved Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the outdoor warning system, 15 sirens were purchased and installed in the west side of the County in 2023. Thirty are scheduled to be replaced in the eastern part of the County in 2024. This upgrade is essential to a robust, more reliable outdoor warning system that will expand coverage from 93.0 to 98.0 percent of residents.

Strategic Results

A strategic goal is to create, at a minimum, one public outreach event per quarter and promote emergency preparedness through multiple platforms. EM conducted several outreach activities and trainings in 2023 that included media interviews, social media postings, and in-person classes and demonstrations. Nineteen Storm Fury on the Plains storm safety classes were held for first responders and the general public and a newly developed Storm Safety class for school bus drivers, attended by 200 drivers. The Local Emergency Planning Committee helped coordinate eight first-responder classes totaling nearly 1,400 hours of continuing education. Topics included electric vehicle battery hazardous material (HAZMAT) response, crisis management for school-based incidents, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) orientation, and more.

Another strategic goal is to engage active stakeholder participation in one planning and training exercise. EM developed three full-scale exercises. In July, United States Army North and EM created a suspicious package with hazardous materials scenario at the Sedgwick County Zoo and a second at the Hartman Arena. Both exercises identified several strengths and some areas for improvement before local, State, and Federal agencies. In September, EM and local first responder agencies participated in an exercise at Eisenhower National Airport. A simulated plane crash with live fire and moulage “victims” created a realistic response scenario that continued into the recovery phase of such a disaster.

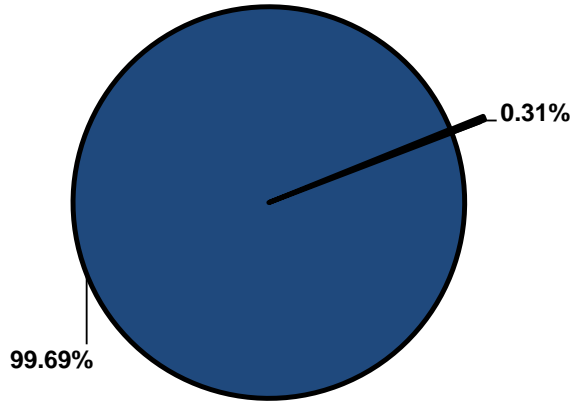


Significant Budget Adjustments

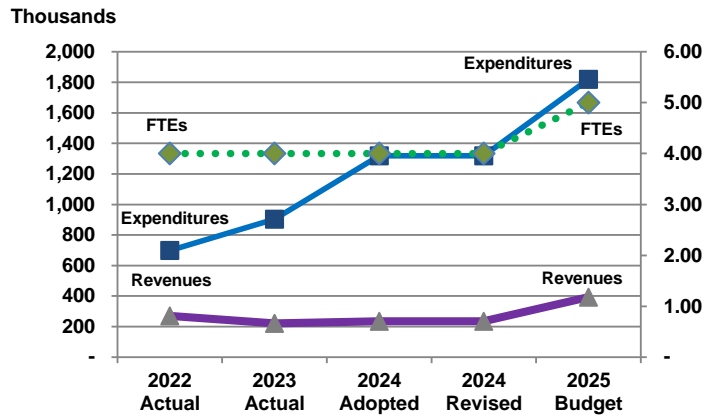
Significant adjustments to Emergency Management’s 2025 budget include an increase in capital improvements (\$656,833) due to a 2025 CIP project to replace outdoor warning devices, a decrease in interfund transfers (\$656,833) due to a 2024 CIP project to replace outdoor warning devices, an increase in transfers out (\$162,390) due to a 2025 grant match, an increase in revenue and expenditures (\$162,300) due to an increase in grant funding, an increase in commodities (\$125,000) for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) sustainability, an increase in contractals (\$107,899) to bring in-line with actuals, and an increase in personnel (\$52,703) due to 1.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) moving from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded to grant funded.

Departmental Graphical Summary

Emergency Management
Percent of Total County Operating Budget



Expenditures, Program Revenue & FTEs
All Operating Funds



Budget Summary by Category

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2024 Revised	2025 Budget	Amount Chg '24 Rev.-'25	% Chg '24 Rev.-'25
Expenditures							
Personnel	347,074	332,212	431,538	431,538	524,289	92,751	21.49%
Contractual Services	182,751	168,750	179,868	164,868	272,767	107,899	65.45%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	34,731	55,234	50,000	65,000	203,432	138,432	212.97%
Capital Improvements	-	-	656,833	-	656,833	656,833	-
Capital Equipment	-	19,098	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	133,750	328,417	-	656,833	162,390	(494,443)	-75.28%
Total Expenditures	698,306	903,711	1,318,239	1,318,239	1,819,711	501,472	38.04%
Revenues							
Tax Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	226,316	221,465	235,921	235,921	230,864	(5,057)	-2.14%
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Revenue	44,155	3	93	93	162,393	162,300	174384.93%
Total Revenues	270,471	221,468	236,014	236,014	393,257	157,243	66.62%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)							
Property Tax Funded	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	1.75	(1.25)	-41.67%
Non-Property Tax Funded	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.25	2.25	225.00%
Total FTEs	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	1.00	25.00%

Budget Summary by Fund

Fund	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2024 Revised	2025 Budget	Amount Chg '24 Rev.-'25	% Chg '24 Rev.-'25
General Fund	579,710	803,527	1,184,334	1,184,334	1,391,974	207,640	17.53%
Em. Management Grants	118,596	100,185	133,905	133,905	427,737	293,832	219.43%
Total Expenditures	698,306	903,711	1,318,239	1,318,239	1,819,711	501,472	38.04%

Significant Budget Adjustments from Prior Year Revised Budget

	Expenditures	Revenues	FTEs
Increase in capital improvements due to a 2025 CIP project to replace outdoor warning devices	656,833		
Decrease in interfund transfers due to a 2024 CIP project to replace outdoor warning devices	(656,833)		
Increase in transfers out due to a 2025 grant match	162,390		
Increase in revenues and expenditure due to an increase in grant funding	162,300	162,300	
Increase in commodities for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) sustainability	125,000		
Increase in contractals to to bring in-line with actuals	107,899		
Increase in personnel due to 1.00 FTE moving from ARPA funding to grant funding	52,703		1.00
Total	610,292	162,300	1.00

Budget Summary by Program

Program	Fund	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2024 Revised	2025 Budget	% Chg '24 Rev.-'25	24-'25' FTEs
Emergency Management	110	579,710	803,527	1,184,334	1,184,334	1,391,974	17.53%	1.75
Em. Management Grants	257	118,596	100,185	133,905	133,905	427,737	219.43%	3.25
Total		698,306	903,711	1,318,239	1,318,239	1,819,711	38.04%	5.00

Personnel Summary by Fund

Position Titles	Fund	Grade	Budgeted Compensation Comparison			FTE Comparison		
			2024 Adopted	2024 Revised	2025 Budget	2024 Adopted	2024 Revised	2025 Budget
Emergency Management Director	110	GRADE 70	100,303	103,312	77,484	1.00	1.00	0.75
Deputy Dir. of Emergency Mgmt.	110	GRADE 65	68,717	72,617	36,308	1.00	1.00	0.50
Senior Administrative Officer	110	GRADE 59	67,790	48,399	24,200	1.00	1.00	0.50
Emergency Management Director	257	GRADE 70	-	-	25,828	-	-	0.25
Deputy Dir. of Emergency Mgmt.	257	GRADE 65	-	-	36,308	-	-	0.50
Management Analyst I	257	GRADE 59	-	-	52,703	-	-	1.00
Emergency Management Planner	257	GRADE 59	50,822	50,216	50,216	1.00	1.00	1.00
Senior Administrative Officer	257	GRADE 59	-	-	24,200	-	-	0.50
Subtotal					327,246			
Add:								
Budgeted Personnel Savings					-			
Compensation Adjustments					20,703			
Overtime/On Call/Holiday Pay					-			
Benefits					176,340			
Total Personnel Budget					524,289	4.00	4.00	5.00

• Emergency Management

Emergency Management Administration provides general management and support to the Emergency Management Department. Major programs operated under this fund center include the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the Outdoor Warning Device (Siren) program. The volunteer programs, which include the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), Community Emergency Response Team, and the County Canine Search and Rescue Team, are also funded in this program.

Fund(s): 110 - County general

Expenditures	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2024 Revised	2025 Budget	Amnt. Chg. '24 - '25	% Chg. '24 - '25
Personnel	286,317	307,794	347,633	347,633	215,552	(132,081)	-38.0%
Contractual Services	124,912	111,588	134,868	134,868	173,767	38,899	28.8%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Commodities	34,731	36,630	45,000	45,000	183,432	138,432	307.6%
Capital Improvements	-	-	656,833	-	656,833	656,833	0.0%
Capital Equipment	-	19,098	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	133,750	328,417	-	656,833	162,390	(494,443)	-75.3%
Total Expenditures	579,710	803,527	1,184,334	1,184,334	1,391,974	207,640	17.5%
Revenues							
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Intergovernmental	87,746	98,029	91,471	91,471	102,189	10,718	11.7%
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
All Other Revenue	89	3	93	93	3	(90)	-96.6%
Total Revenues	87,836	98,032	91,564	91,564	102,192	10,629	11.6%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	1.75	(1.25)	-41.7%

• Emergency Management Grants

Emergency Management grants have typically been provided by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Kansas Division of Emergency Management to enhance preparedness in Sedgwick County. Grants awarded include the Emergency Management Performance Grant and the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant. Major programs supported through these grants include emergency planning, training, and exercise activities.

Fund(s): 257 - Emergency Management - Grants

Expenditures	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2024 Revised	2025 Budget	Amnt. Chg. '24 - '25	% Chg. '24 - '25
Personnel	60,756	24,418	83,905	83,905	308,737	224,832	268.0%
Contractual Services	57,840	57,162	45,000	30,000	99,000	69,000	230.0%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Commodities	-	18,604	5,000	20,000	20,000	-	0.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Expenditures	118,596	100,185	133,905	133,905	427,737	293,832	219.4%
Revenues							
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Intergovernmental	138,570	123,436	144,451	144,451	128,675	(15,775)	-10.9%
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
All Other Revenue	44,065	-	-	-	162,390	162,390	0.0%
Total Revenues	182,635	123,436	144,451	144,451	291,065	146,615	101.5%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.25	2.25	225.0%