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## **Outdoor Warning Devices Being Installed in Sedgwick County**

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) -- It's severe weather season and outdoor warning devices are one tool to help alert citizens of dangerous weather in our community. Today and Wednesday, outdoor warning devices will be installed in five local communities, through a partnership with Sedgwick County's Project Impact.

The five communities include: Kechi, Bel Aire, Bentley, Valley Center and Mulvane. Sedgwick County's Project Impact funds paid for 75% of the cost of the outdoor warning devices, with the respective communities paying the remaining 25%. Each siren cost \$12,730, which includes installation. Project Impact was a federal funded program to help communities identify projects to mitigate disasters.

"It is important for every citizen to be prepared in case of a tornado or severe weather," said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Tom Winters. "We encourage citizens to

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pay close attention to weather forecasts and tune in to local media if weather conditions appear bad,” Winter said. “But the outdoor warning devices help to alert citizens who are outdoors that severe weather is present.”

If you would like additional information about preparing for any type of emergency, and how to respond to disasters, contact Sedgwick County Emergency Management at 660-5959 or visit the Sedgwick County website at [www.sedgwickcounty.org](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org). (Ready to Respond information).

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