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FIRE DISTRICT #1 ACCREDITATION

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – Sedgwick County Fire District #1 was unanimously awarded Accredited Agency Status by the Commission of Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) at the Commission hearings in Denver, Colorado on August 13, 2008. This is the second time Sedgwick County Fire District #1 has been awarded accreditation status by the commission.

CFAI, an entity of the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc., is the only accrediting agency for fire and emergency medical services.

Sedgwick County Fire District #1 is one of only 128 agencies worldwide to obtain CFAI Accredited Agency Status. CFAI accreditation caps a rigorous five-year process that includes performance evaluation of 45 criteria in 10 categories.

“This is an elite rating that represents the highest standards of excellence,” Fire Chief Gary Curmode said. “Our fire department staff, past and present, has worked together for many years to bring our services to this point of excellence. The self-assessment component has launched us in a new direction that will enhance the services our community receives in the future.”

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Six fire district employees were awarded professional designations on August 14, 2008.

Captain Tavis Leake and Captain Dave Edwards were awarded Chief Fire Officer (CFO) designation. Division Chief Terry Mauldin was re-awarded the CFO designation for his third term. Division Chief Doug Williams was re-awarded the CFO designation for his second term. Division Chief Alfred (Buddy) Pressnell and Captain Don Paget were awarded Chief Medical Officer (CMO) designation.

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