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Sedgwick County continues to assist communities in disaster declared areas

Voluntary evacuations of flood prone areas encouraged

(Sedgwick County, Kan.) – Due to the potential weather and flooding conditions, Sedgwick County continues to actively monitor, assess, and respond to weather conditions.

Sedgwick County Chairman Jim Howell signed a proclamation declaring a state of local disaster for the area affected by the flooding which occurred the evening of Thursday, September 8 and morning of Friday, September 9.

From 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, Sedgwick County has responded to six submersion calls and 16 calls reporting flooding. There were no new road closures. Voluntary evacuations are encouraged for those in flood prone areas.

Residents are reminded to dial United Way's information line 2 -1-1 for information and assistance with nonemergency needs related to their person or pets. Citizens who need sand bags may obtain them from the Sedgwick County Public Works yards (4701 S. West St. Building C) until 8 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. until noon tomorrow (Saturday). If sand bags are needed after hours, they should alert an emergency responder or dial 2-1-1.

"Sedgwick County is working closely with area cities affected by the storms and floods including Wichita, Derby, Haysville, Clearwater, and Mulvane," said Tom Stolz, Assistant County Manager for Public Safety and Code Enforcement, "Our number one priority is the safety and security of the citizens of Sedgwick County. I'm grateful for the first responders and agencies involved in the flooding response. They work hard for the people of this area."

For continued updates, follow Sedgwick County on Twitter (@SedgwickCounty) or download the free Sedgwick County app (available through the App Store and Google Play). In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1. Do not drive onto flooded roadways. #TurnAroundDon'tDrown.

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