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Severe Weather Awareness Week – Be Informed

(Sedgwick County, Kan.) – This year Severe Weather Awareness Week in Kansas is March 4 through 10. The statewide tornado drill is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6 at 10 a.m. Please note, Sedgwick County Emergency Management will not test sirens at noon today rather they will be tested at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, weather permitting.

Today, the National Weather Service in Wichita issued an extreme to catastrophic grassland fire danger for our area. They are encouraging residents to not have any outdoor burning today or tomorrow; residents need to be careful with any types of fires as they may be difficult to control.

To help the community prepare for severe weather, Emergency Management is holding free severe weather safety classes throughout Sedgwick County. The presentations are designed to teach attendees the about severe weather and ways to stay safe. A list of classes can be found online (www.sedgwickcounty.org) and in the attached poster.

As with any emergency, preparedness can make the difference. As severe weather season approaches, remember to:

- **Get a Kit** – Gather necessary items and information for your family's emergency preparedness kit.
- **Make a Plan** – A thorough and practiced plan can help you keep track of family members in any emergency.
- **Be Informed** – Stay tuned to sources of information before, during and after an emergency.
- **Get Involved** – We all have a role to play in keeping our hometowns safe. Contact local volunteer organizations to find out how you can contribute.

More information about each of these preparedness steps may be found at www.sedgwickcounty.org.

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SEVERE WEATHER SAFETY PROGRAM

SEVERE WEATHER SOON WILL BE UPON US

Are you prepared? Sedgwick County Emergency Management presents a program developed by the National Weather Service to help educate Sedgwick County citizens about severe weather and ways to stay safe. The following severe weather safety classes are **FREE** of charge for Sedgwick County residents.

As an added bonus, Emergency Management will be giving away a **starter disaster preparedness kit** like the one pictured to the right at each class.

All classes begin at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted, and last two hours.

PROGRAM DATES AND LOCATIONS

Monday, February 26

Valley Center City Hall
121 S. Meridian

Tuesday, February 27

Viola City Building
Main St. & Wilson St.

Wednesday, February 28

Bentley City Building
150 S. Wichita St.

Thursday, March 1 - 10 a.m.

McConnell AFB, Upstairs Auditorium,
Bldg 1185
Open to Military Personnel ONLY

Thursday, March 1

Mount Hope Community Building
105 S. Ohio St., Mt. Hope
Combined class for Andale & Mt. Hope

Saturday, March 3 - 10 a.m.

Mulvane Fire Station
910 E. Main St.

Monday, March 5

Clearwater Community Center
921 Janet Ave.

Tuesday, March 6

Wichita Central Community Church
Activity Center - 6100 W. Maple
Use the NE entrance and parking lot
Presented by Chance Hayes, NWS - Wichita

Wednesday, March 7

Colwich City Building
310 S. Second St.

Thursday, March 8

City of Sedgwick, Senior Center
107 W. 5th



Monday, March 12

Maize City Hall
10100 W. Grady

Wednesday, March 14

Goddard City Building
118 N. Main St., Goddard
Combined class for Garden Plain & Goddard

Tuesday, March 20

Derby Public Library
1600 Walnut Grove

Monday, March 26

Cheney Fire Department
525 N. Main St.

Tuesday, March 27

Bel Aire City Building
7651 E. Central Park Ave.

Wednesday, March 28

Oaklawn Community Center
2937 E. Oaklawn Dr.

Thursday, March 29

Kechi City Hall
220 W. Kechi Rd.

Thursday, April 5

Haysville Police Department
200 W. Grand Ave.

Thursday, April 12

Park City City Hall
1941 E. 61st N.

Saturday, April 21 - 10 a.m.

Exploration Place
300 N. McLean Blvd.



Presenter: Cody Charvat, Training & Exercise Officer, SCEM



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