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Reminder: Severe weather safety classes offered through Emergency Management

(Sedgwick County, Kan.) –Severe Weather Awareness Week in Kansas is March 3 through 9. The statewide tornado drill is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5. Please note, Sedgwick County Emergency Management will not test sirens at noon on Monday rather they test them at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, weather permitting.

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

As with any emergency, preparedness can make the difference. With severe weather season approaching, 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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About Sedgwick County

Established in 1867 and located in south-central Kansas, Sedgwick County is home to more than 500,000 residents and occupies 1,008 square miles of land. The county holds 21 municipalities including the county seat, Wichita, the largest city in Kansas and known as the Air Capital of the World as a global leader in aviation manufacturing services. Sedgwick County's 2019 Adopted Budget of \$439,530,621 focuses on its key priorities (Safe and Secure Communities, Public Services and Cultural Experiences, Effective Government Organization, and Communications and Engagement). Sedgwick County, which will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2020, bears the name of a Civil War hero, Major General John Sedgwick of the Union Army.

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 25**
NEW LOCATION
Valley Center Community Center
314 E. Clay
- Tuesday, February 26**
Viola City Building
Main St. & Wilson St.
- Thursday, February 28**
Mount Hope Community Building
105 S. Ohio St., Mt. Hope
Combined class for Andale & Mt. Hope
- Saturday, March 2 - 10 a.m.**
Mulvane Fire Station
910 E. Main St.
- Monday, March 4**
NEW LOCATION
Clearwater Fire Station
319 W. Ross
- Tuesday, March 5**
Wichita Central Community Church
Activity Center - 6100 W. Maple
Use the NE entrance and parking lot
Presented by Chance Hayes, NWS - Wichita
- Wednesday, March 6 - 10 a.m.**
McConnell AFB, Emergency Operations
Center, Bldg 643
Open to Military Personnel ONLY
- Wednesday, March 6**
Colwich City Building
310 S. Second St.
Combined class for Bentley & Colwich
- Thursday, March 7**
City of Sedgwick, Senior Center
107 W. 5th



Presenter: Cody Charvat, Training & Exercise Officer, SCEM



- Monday, March 11**
Maize City Hall
10100 W. Grady
- Wednesday, March 13**
Goddard City Building
118 N. Main St., Goddard
Combined class for Garden Plain & Goddard
- Tuesday, March 19**
Derby Public Library Community RM
1600 Walnut Grove
- Monday, March 25**
Cheney Fire Department
525 N. Main St.
- Tuesday, March 26**
Bel Aire City Building
7651 E. Central Park Ave.
- Wednesday, March 27**
Oaklawn Community Center
2937 E. Oaklawn Dr.
- Tuesday, April 2**
Kechi City Hall
220 W. Kechi Rd.
- Thursday, April 4**
*** ADVANCED * SPOTTER CLASS**
Wilbur Middle School Auditorium
340 N. Tyler
Presented by Chance Hayes, NWS - Wichita
- Wednesday, April 10**
Park City City Hall
1941 E. 61st N.
- Thursday, April 11**
Haysville Police Department
200 W. Grand Ave.



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FLOODING FROM STORMS CAN OCCUR WITHOUT WARNING



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