# Emergency Management

***Mission**: Build, sustain, and improve Sedgwick County's capabilities in disaster preparation, mitigation, response, and recovery through whole community collaboration, innovative planning, training, and exercise activities.*

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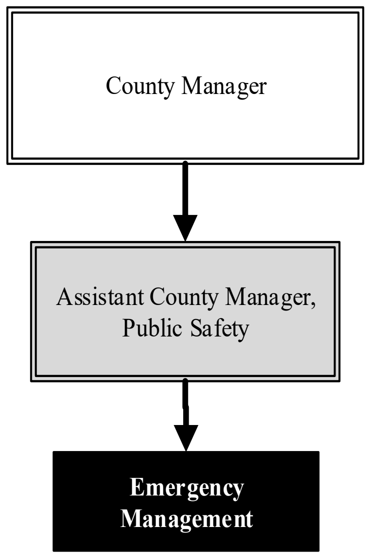
## Overview

Emergency Management (EM) is an essential managerial role of government and specified by Kansas statutes. The Sedgwick County Emergency Management Department works closely with community leaders and citizens to reduce hazard vulnerability and to coordinate activities that build, sustain, and improve capabilities to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from threatened or actual natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters.




**Strategic Goals:**

- *Serve as Sedgwick County's leading expert in contemporary emergency management strategies and practices*
- *Inspire whole-community, all -hazard disaster preparedness and resilience through active volunteer programs, community outreach, and education efforts*
- *Ensure optimal disaster prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery through active stakeholder participation in emergency plan development, training, and exercising, as well as multi-agency coordination of response and recovery efforts through a ready-state Emergency Operations Center*

## Highlights

- Implemented a series of active shooter incident management classes and exercises for multiple first responder agencies. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Exercise Division facilitated multiple workshops and table top exercises leading to a full-scale exercise in March 2025
- Volunteer teams collectively provided 5,659 community service hours equating to over $180,000 in value to disaster preparedness, response, and recovery efforts throughout the county

# Accomplishments and Strategic Results

## Accomplishments

Emergency Management has had the following accomplishments:

- Facilitated the delivery of seven external classes on various topics for first responder agencies. Over 3,700 in continuing education hours were provided to first responders across the county. This helps Emergency Management meet the objectives set in the County Local Emergency Operations Plan; and

- As part of the six-year, $3.8 million outdoor warning system Capital Improvement Project (CIP), 30 sirens were either newly installed or upgraded to solar power in the eastern part of the County. This upgrade is essential to a more reliable outdoor warning system and will save an estimated $40,000 in annual utility and reactive maintenance costs.

## Strategic Results

A strategic goal is to create a progressive, professional development training plan for new and current employees to ensure the most current State and Federal competency standards are met. The Director attended the annual International Association of Emergency Managers Conference and completed the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Liaison Officer Course. The Deputy Director attended the annual Community Emergency Response Team Conference and Program Manager Course. The Emergency Planner and Logistics Chief both completed the National Emergency Management Basic Academy comprising of five classroom courses equal to 120 hours of continuing education hours. The Operations Manager completed the National Qualifications System Position Task Book for the position of Type III Logistics Section Chief. All staff attended the annual Kansas Emergency Management Association Conference.

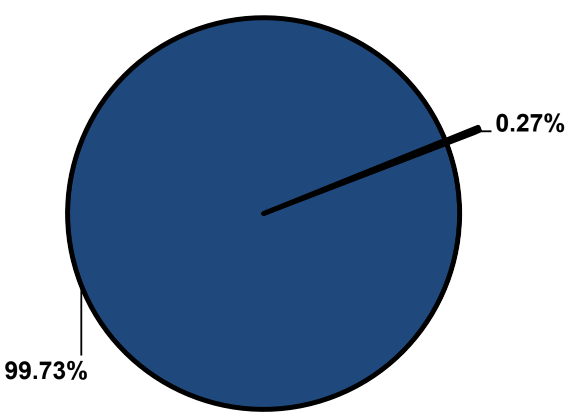
Another strategic goal is to promote emergency preparedness through multiple platforms. EM conducted several outreach activities and trainings in 2024 that included media interviews, social media postings, in-person classes, and public outreach activities. The advanced community emergency response team (CERT) volunteers had a busy year coordinating and attending several public events. Some of the events included the McConnell AFB Air Show, Riverfest, Wichita Area Builders Association show, Derby National Night Out, Haysville parade, Open Streets ICT, and many more events throughout the county.

## Significant Budget Adjustments

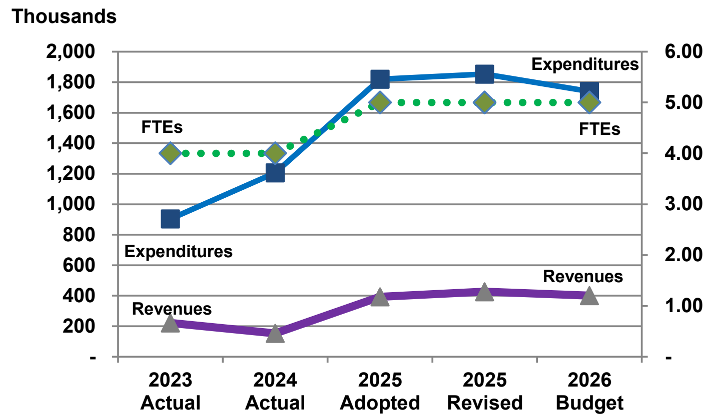
Significant adjustments to Emergency Management's 2026 budget include a decrease in interfund transfers ($656,833) due to a 2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project to replace outdoor warning devices, an increase capital improvements ($656,833) due to a 2026 CIP project to replace outdoor warning devices, a decrease in intergovernmental revenue ($181,636) due to a decrease in Federal funding, an increase in revenues ($155,698) due to an increase in grant funding, and a decrease in contractuals ($67,462) due to a decrease in grant funding.

## Departmental Graphical Summary

**Emergency Management**
Percent of Total County Operating Budget




**Expenditures, Program Revenue & FTEs**
All Operating Funds




## Budget Summary by Category

| Expenditures | 2023 Actual | 2024 Actual | 2025 Adopted | 2025 Revised | 2026 Budget | Amount Chg '25 Rev.-'26 | % Chg '25 Rev.-'26 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Personnel | 332,212 | 349,817 | 524,289 | 524,289 | 468,984 | (55,306) | -10.55% |
| Contractual Services | 168,750 | 99,938 | 272,767 | 306,229 | 233,091 | (73,138) | -23.88% |
| Debt Service | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Commodities | 55,234 | 50,204 | 203,432 | 203,271 | 217,432 | 14,162 | 6.97% |
| Capital Improvements | - | - | 656,833 | - | 656,833 | 656,833 | |
| Capital Equipment | 19,098 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Interfund Transfers | 328,417 | 705,833 | 162,390 | 819,385 | 162,390 | (656,995) | -80.18% |
| **Total Expenditures** | **903,711** | **1,205,792** | **1,819,711** | **1,853,173** | **1,738,730** | **(114,443)** | **-6.18%** |
| **Revenues** | | | | | | | |
| Tax Revenues | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Licenses and Permits | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Intergovernmental | 221,465 | 153,248 | 230,864 | 257,634 | 75,999 | (181,636) | -70.50% |
| Charges for Services | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| All Other Revenue | 3 | - | 162,393 | 169,086 | 324,780 | 155,694 | 92.08% |
| **Total Revenues** | **221,468** | **153,248** | **393,257** | **426,720** | **400,779** | **(25,941)** | **-6.08%** |
| **Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)** | | | | | | | |
| Property Tax Funded | 3.00 | 3.00 | 1.75 | 1.75 | 1.75 | - | 0.00% |
| Non-Property Tax Funded | 1.00 | 1.00 | 3.25 | 3.25 | 3.25 | - | 0.00% |
| **Total FTEs** | **4.00** | **4.00** | **5.00** | **5.00** | **5.00** | **-** | **0.00%** |

## Budget Summary by Fund

| Fund | 2023 Actual | 2024 Actual | 2025 Adopted | 2025 Revised | 2026 Budget | Amount Chg '25 Rev.-'26 | % Chg '25 Rev.-'26 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General Fund | 803,527 | 1,101,946 | 1,391,974 | 1,391,974 | 1,373,723 | (18,251) | -1.31% |
| Em. Management Grants | 100,185 | 103,846 | 427,737 | 461,199 | 365,006 | (96,193) | -20.86% |
| **Total Expenditures** | **903,711** | **1,205,792** | **1,819,711** | **1,853,173** | **1,738,730** | **(114,443)** | **-6.18%** |

## Significant Budget Adjustments from Prior Year Revised Budget

| | Expenditures | Revenues | FTEs |
|---|---|---|---|
| Decrease in interfund transfers due to a 2025 CIP project to replace outdoor warning devices | (656,833) | | |
| Increase in capital improvements due to a 2026 CIP project to replace outdoor warning devices | 656,833 | | |
| Decrease in intergovernmental revenue due to a decrease in Federal funding | | (181,636) | |
| Increase in revenues due to an increase in grant funding | | 155,698 | |
| Decrease in contractuals due to a decrease in grant funding | (67,462) | | |
| **Total** | (67,462) | (25,938) | - |

## Budget Summary by Program

| Program | Fund | 2023 Actual | 2024 Actual | 2025 Adopted | 2025 Revised | 2026 Budget | % Chg '25 Rev.-'26 | 25'-26' FTEs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emergency Management | 110 | 803,527 | 1,101,946 | 1,391,974 | 1,391,974 | 1,373,723 | -1.31% | 1.75 |
| Em. Management Grants | 257 | 100,185 | 103,846 | 427,737 | 461,199 | 365,006 | -20.86% | 3.25 |
| **Total** | | **903,711** | **1,205,792** | **1,819,711** | **1,853,173** | **1,738,730** | **-6.18%** | **5.00** |

## Personnel Summary by Fund

| Position Titles | Fund | Grade | Budgeted Compensation Comparison 2025 Adopted | 2025 Revised | 2026 Budget | FTE Comparison 2025 Adopted | 2025 Revised | 2026 Budget |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emergency Management Director | 110 | GRADE 70 | 103,312 | 108,477 | 108,477 | 0.75 | 0.75 | 0.75 |
| Deputy Dir. of Emergency Mgmt. | 110 | GRADE 64 | 72,617 | 79,297 | 79,297 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Senior Administrative Officer | 110 | GRADE 59 | 48,399 | 50,819 | 50,819 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Emergency Management Director | 257 | GRADE 70 | 103,312 | 108,477 | 108,477 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 |
| Deputy Dir. of Emergency Mgmt. | 257 | GRADE 64 | 72,617 | 79,297 | 79,297 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Management Analyst I | 257 | GRADE 59 | 52,703 | 55,349 | 55,349 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Emergency Management Planner | 257 | GRADE 60 | 50,216 | 52,726 | 52,726 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Senior Administrative Officer | 257 | GRADE 59 | 48,399 | 50,819 | 50,819 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| **Subtotal** | | | | | **346,669** | | | |
| Add: | | | | | | | | |
| Budgeted Personnel Savings | | | | | - | | | |
| Compensation Adjustments | | | | | 20,869 | | | |
| Overtime/On Call/Holiday Pay | | | | | - | | | |
| Benefits | | | | | 101,445 | | | |
| **Total Personnel Budget** | | | | | **468,984** | **5.00** | **5.00** | **5.00** |

## ● Emergency Management

Major programs operated under this fund center include the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), the outdoor warning system, disaster response personal protective equipment (PPE), volunteer programs which include the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), Sedgwick County K-9 Search Team, and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

**Fund(s): 110 - County general**

| Expenditures | 2023 Actual | 2024 Actual | 2025 Adopted | 2025 Revised | 2026 Budget | Amnt. Chg. '25 - '26 | % Chg. '25 - '26 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Personnel | 307,794 | 287,829 | 215,552 | 215,552 | 202,977 | (12,575) | -5.8% |
| Contractual Services | 111,588 | 72,783 | 173,767 | 173,767 | 168,091 | (5,676) | -3.3% |
| Debt Service | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0% |
| Commodities | 36,630 | 35,501 | 183,432 | 183,271 | 183,432 | 162 | 0.1% |
| Capital Improvements | - | - | 656,833 | - | 656,833 | 656,833 | 0.0% |
| Capital Equipment | 19,098 | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0% |
| Interfund Transfers | 328,417 | 705,833 | 162,390 | 819,385 | 162,390 | (656,995) | -80.2% |
| **Total Expenditures** | **803,527** | **1,101,946** | **1,391,974** | **1,391,974** | **1,373,723** | **(18,251)** | **-1.3%** |
| **Revenues** | | | | | | | |
| Taxes | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0% |
| Intergovernmental | 98,029 | 80,343 | 102,189 | 102,189 | - | (102,189) | -100.0% |
| Charges For Service | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0% |
| All Other Revenue | 3 | - | 3 | 3 | 162,390 | 162,387 | 5204707.7% |
| **Total Revenues** | **98,032** | **80,343** | **102,192** | **102,192** | **162,390** | **60,198** | **58.9%** |
| **Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)** | **3.00** | **3.00** | **1.75** | **1.75** | **1.75** | **-** | **0.0%** |

## ● Emergency Management Grants

Emergency Management grants have typically been provided by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Kansas Division of Emergency Management to enhance preparedness in Sedgwick County. Grants awarded include the Emergency Management Performance Grant and the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant. Major programs supported through these grants include emergency planning, training, and exercise activities.

**Fund(s): 257 - Emergency Management - Grants**

| Expenditures | 2023 Actual | 2024 Actual | 2025 Adopted | 2025 Revised | 2026 Budget | Amnt. Chg. '25 - '26 | % Chg. '25 - '26 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Personnel | 24,418 | 61,987 | 308,737 | 308,737 | 266,006 | (42,731) | -13.8% |
| Contractual Services | 57,162 | 27,156 | 99,000 | 132,462 | 65,000 | (67,462) | -50.9% |
| Debt Service | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0% |
| Commodities | 18,604 | 14,703 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 34,000 | 14,000 | 70.0% |
| Capital Improvements | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0% |
| Capital Equipment | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0% |
| Interfund Transfers | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0% |
| **Total Expenditures** | **100,185** | **103,846** | **427,737** | **461,199** | **365,006** | **(96,193)** | **-20.9%** |
| **Revenues** | | | | | | | |
| Taxes | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0% |
| Intergovernmental | 123,436 | 72,905 | 128,675 | 155,445 | 75,999 | (79,447) | -51.1% |
| Charges For Service | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0% |
| All Other Revenue | - | - | 162,390 | 169,082 | 162,390 | (6,692) | -4.0% |
| **Total Revenues** | **123,436** | **72,905** | **291,065** | **324,528** | **238,389** | **(86,139)** | **-26.5%** |
| **Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)** | **1.00** | **1.00** | **3.25** | **3.25** | **3.25** | **-** | **0.0%** |