



## Fire District 1 Steering Council Meeting

7750 N. Wyandotte Way  
Park City, KS 67147  
316-660-3473

**December 04, 2025**

**Fire District 1 Attendees:** Chief Doug Williams, Deputy Chief Ray Hensley, and Clerk Janelle Davey

**Fire District 1 Steering Council Expected Attendees:** Jesse Miller/Bel Aire, Russ Lowen/Goddard, Susie Sutton/Haysville, **Vacant**/Maize, Katie Bowen/Park City, Jeff Witherspoon/Member at Large #2 SCAC, BJ Bryant/Member at Large #4 Aircraft Manufacturing, **Vacant**/Member at Large #1 Unincorporated Area, Katy Jackman Tyndell/Member at Large #3 Unincorporated Area

### **Special Guests:**

### **Overview of Discussions:**

The Sedgwick County Fire District One steering council meeting began with roll call and approval of previous meeting minutes.

Chief Williams provided updates on aid agreements with volunteer departments. He also highlighted the creation of booklets detailing aid agreements, call numbers, and issues found during calls. The fire district is planning to meet with individual cities and the fire district communities to discuss costs and benefits of joining the district. The district is also addressing the impact of ISO ratings on insurance costs and the need for better mutual aid agreements. Chief Williams emphasizes the financial and safety risks of maintaining understaffed volunteer departments. also discussed the fire district updates on its fleet and its strategic plan.

There was a discussion of the January meeting which is scheduled for January 8, 2026. The meeting concluded with a motion to adjourn.

#### **I. Call to Order: Chairman Katy Jackman Tyndell at 1800**

#### **II. Roll Call**

<b><u>Steering Council</u></b>	<b><u>Roll Call</u></b>
Katy Jackman Tyndell	Present
Jeff Witherspoon	Present
Katie Bowen	Absent
BJ Bryant	Present
Russ Lowen	Absent

Jesse Miller	Present
Susie Sutton	Present
<i>Vacant</i>	
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**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes**

Event:	Previous Meeting Minutes
Motion:	Katy Jackman Tyndell
Second:	Jeff Witherspoon
Katy Jackman Tyndell	Aye
Jeff Witherspoon	Aye
Katie Bowen	Absent
BJ Bryant	Aye
Russ Lowen	Absent
Jesse Miller	Aye
Susie Sutton	Aye
<i>Vacant</i>	
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**V. Fire Chief Update**

- i. Project for Aid Agreements/Consolidation of Fire District
- ii. Training Officer Position
- iii. SCFD1 Strategic Plan Update
- iv. Fire deployment of apparatus and staff vehicles

**VI. Meeting Adjournment**

Event:	Meeting Adjournment
Motion:	Jeff Witherspoon
Second:	Jesse Miller
Katy Jackman Tyndell	Aye
Jeff Witherspoon	Aye
Katie Bowen	Absent
BJ Bryant	Aye
Russ Lowen	Absent

Jesse Miller	Aye
Susie Sutton	Aye
<b><i>Vacant</i></b>	
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Meeting adjourned at 1913

## Valley Center

### Financials

- 2025 Estimated Value of one mill = \$87,761
- 2025 Fire budget of \$563,950 = 6.426 mills
- Valley Center Budget document indicates all employee benefits are paid from the Employee Benefit Fund. Estimated employee benefits (KP&F, health insurance, payroll taxes) of 35%.
- 2025 Employee benefit cost estimate of \$197,382.50 = 2.249 mills
- Internet search shows in 2024 \$574,231.40 paid in Fire Department Pay for all members listed on the Valley Center website (govsalaries.com).

Fire Engine purchased with CIP bond. Value of \$775,212 in 2022. Estimated annual impact is approximately one mill.

Emergency Equipment Fund receives approximately one mill annually.

Total mill levy for Fire Department estimate = 10.675

Cost of one mill per \$100,000 of appraised home value = \$11.50 per Year.

Cost of the 2025 Fire District Mill Levy per \$100,000 of appraised home value = \$192.63.

Median home value in Valley Center is estimated at \$250,000. This would be \$481.56 per year at 2025 SCFD1 mill levy.

Estimated cost for Valley Center Fire Department Mill Levy per \$250,000 of appraised home value = \$306.91

- Consolidating with the Fire District would result in an increase in cost of \$174.65 per year, or \$14.55 per month for a median value home.

\*\*\* If VCFD went to 24-hour schedule the estimated mill levy would be 17.35 mills. The only increased cost included is all personnel cost X 2.

## **ISO Ratings**

### **Current ISO Rating:**

- ISO Class 4
- Cancellation of agreement would have major impact on ISO in city of Valley Center
- Cancellation of agreement would have no impact on SCFD1 as VCFD has agreement to respond into those SCFD1 townships where it would have impact.

**Current ISO Rating in the Fire District: ISO class 2**

## **Cheney**

### **Financials**

2025 Estimated Value of one mill = \$23,033

Fire Budget of \$176,115 = 7.646 mills

Fire Reserve budget of \$50,000 = 2.171 mills

Joint Fire expense of \$57,101 = 2.48 mills

Estimated Total Mill levy = 12.296 mills

Also \$40,000 in Fire CIP

Rural Fire Contract offsets mill levy by \$81,000

Mill levy relief = 3.517 mills

Remaining mill levy = 8.779

Cost of one mill per \$100,000 of appraised value = \$11.50 per year

Median home value in Cheney is estimated at \$190,000. This would be \$365.99

per year at 2025 SCFD1 mill levy.

Estimated cost for Cheney Fire Department mill levy per \$190,000 of appraised home value = \$267.67.

- Consolidating with the Fire District would result in an increase in cost of \$174.65 per year, or \$14.55 per month for a median value home.

### **ISO Ratings**

Current ISO Rating: ISO class 4

- Cancellation of agreement will not affect ISO in Cheney
- Cancellation of agreement will not affect ISO in SCFD1

Current ISO Rating in the Fire District: ISO class 2

## **Clearwater**

### **Financials**

2025 Estimated Value of one mill = \$27,198

Fire Budget of \$294,830 = 10.840 mills

CIP for Fire Truck (180 Month Lease) of \$39,364 annually = 1.447 mills

Estimated Total Mill Levy = 12.287

Rural Fire Contract offsets mill levy by \$83,000

Mill levy relief = 3.052 mills

Remaining mill levy = 9.236 mills

Cost of one mill per \$100,000 of appraised value = \$11.50 per year

Median home value in Clearwater is estimated at \$190,000. This would be \$365.99 per year with 2025 SCFD1 mill levy.

Estimated current cost of Clearwater Fire Department per \$190,000 of appraised home value = \$268.47.

- Consolidating with the Fire District would result in an increase in cost of \$97.52 per year, or \$9.12 per month for a median value home.

Employee costs were not estimated due to unknown benefits status.

### **ISO Ratings**

Current ISO Rating: ISO class 4

- Cancellation of agreement will have no effect on ISO in Clearwater city but may on some properties in western Ninnescaw Township.
- Cancellation of agreement may have an effect on a few property owners in 4 mile section of SCFD1 between 103<sup>rd</sup> W and 119<sup>th</sup> W, from 93<sup>rd</sup> S to 119<sup>th</sup> S.

• Current ISO Rating in the Fire District: ISO class 2

## **Colwich**

### **Financials**

2025 Estimated value of one mill = \$19,532

Fire Budget of \$313,500 = 16.051 mills

Rural Fire Contract offsets mill levy by \$93,000

Mill levy relief = 4.76 mills

Remaining mill levy = 11.289

Cost of one mill per \$100,000 of appraised value = \$11.50 per year

Median home value in Colwich is estimated at \$215,000. This would be \$414.14 per year at 2025 SCFD1 mill levy

Estimated cost of Colwich Fire Department mill levy per \$215,000 of appraised home value = \$279.12

- Consolidating with the Fire District would result in an increase in cost of \$135.32 per year, or \$11.28 per month for a median value home.

### **ISO Ratings**

Current ISO Rating:

- ISO Class 4
- Cancellation of agreement will have an effect on Colwich ISO rating and Water Haul rating in Union Township
- Cancellation of agreement will have no effect on SCFD

Current ISO Rating in the Fire District: ISO class 2

## **Mount Hope**

### **Financials**

2025 Estimated value of one mill = \$8,010

Fire Budget of \$93,500 = 11.673 mills

Harvey County Contract of \$3,000  
Township Payments of \$17,700

Mill levy relief of 2.584 mills

CIP Fire Truck payment of \$14,119 = 1.763 mills

Total Estimated mill levy = 10.851

Cost of one mill per \$100,000 of appraised value = \$11.50 per year

Median home value in Mount Hope is estimated at \$140,000. This would be \$269.68 per year at 2025 SCFD1 mill levy

Estimated cost of Mount Hope Fire Department mill levy per \$140,000 of appraised home value = \$174.70

- Consolidating with the Fire District would result in an increase in cost of \$94.98 per year, or \$7.92 per month for a median value home.

### **ISO Ratings**

Current ISO Rating: ISO class 4

- Cancellation of agreement will have no effect on ISO rating in Mt. Hope
- Cancellation of agreement will have no effect on ISO rating in SCFD1

Current ISO Rating in the Fire District: ISO class 2