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Re: Fire Aid Agreement Terminations

To Whom It May Concern:

As a premise, the Governing Body of Sedgwick County Fire District No. 1 took action earlier this year on May 6 and May 20 to provide notice to terminate various existing mutual and automatic aid agreements with multiple municipalities.

Upon further review and discussion, the Governing Body of Sedgwick County Fire District No. 1 believes it is in the best interests of both Sedgwick County Fire District No. 1 and the City of Mt. Hope ("City") to continue temporarily operating under the existing mutual and automatic aid agreements. As such, Sedgwick County is extending the notice period and all existing fire aid arrangements with the City until September 23, 2026. In effect, this course of action provides the City with an extended termination notice period, roughly one hundred and twenty days, that exceeds the contractual requirements. On September 23, 2026, without further action from Sedgwick County Fire District No. 1, the referenced aid agreements shall terminate.

The purpose of this extension is to allow the City additional time to evaluate, plan, work through budget processes, adopt a 2027 budget, and execute new mutual aid agreements with Sedgwick County Fire District 1 if needed.

Please let us know in writing if you object to this action or do not desire to further extend the existing aid agreements. Sedgwick County Fire District No. 1 is dedicated to providing optimum, efficient fire protection services to the citizens of Sedgwick County, both inside and outside of Fire District No. 1. We look forward to discussing potential new arrangements and agreements with you to achieve such a purpose.

We appreciate having worked with you and look forward to working with you in the future. Further communications may occur through Sedgwick County Chief Doug Williams, who can be reached at (316) 660-3490.

Sincerely,

Jeff Blubaugh, Chairman
Sedgwick County Fire District No. 1