



Fire District 1 **Steering Council Meeting**

7750 N. Wyandotte Way
Park City, KS 67147
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April 02, 2026

Fire District 1 Attendees: Fire Marshal Brad Crisp, Deputy Chief Ray Hensley, and Clerk Janelle Davey

Fire District 1 Steering Council Expected Attendees: Kent Koehler/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, **Vacant**/Member at Large #3 Unincorporated Area

Overview of Discussions:

The Sedgwick County Fire District One Steering Council meeting was called to order with roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice Chairman Jeff Witherspoon asked for approval of previous meeting minutes which passed unanimously.

The meeting covered several key points with discussions on monthly updates and reports from the fire district administration.

Kent Koehler emphasized the need for detailed reports on goals, response times, budget, and operational metrics.

Ben Adolphson from the IAFF Union Leadership spoke about the need for stakeholder input in the fire district governance. Ben encouraged the committee to push for a transaction to a Board of Trustees.

Fire Marshal Brad Crisp highlighted the strategic plan's focus on better communication with member cities and the potential for Board of Trustees governance. The meeting also discussed the impact of the April burn ban, the potential veto of the property tax bill (2745), and the challenges of maintaining pay parity with Wichita Fire Department. Recruitment efforts are strong, with 23 highly qualified candidates recently interviewed. The possibility of council members visiting the 911 center for a better understanding of fire dispatch operations was also suggested. Kent Koehler and Jeff Witherspoon discussed the educational value of visiting the Fire Stations to participate in a ride out program and visit the 911 Call Center to understand the new system, while Fire Marshal Brad Crisp offered to arrange visits to fire stations for hands-on experience. Brad mentioned that participants could choose the duration of their visit, from a few hours to a full shift, and emphasized the flexibility and involvement level they could have.

The meeting concluded with a motion to adjourn, which was seconded and approved by all participants.

I. **Call to Order: Vice Chairman Jeff Witherspoon at 1801**

II. **Roll Call**

Steering Council	Roll Call
Jeff Witherspoon	Present
Katie Bowen	Present
BJ Bryant	Present
Russ Lowen	Absent
Kent Koehler	Present
Susie Sutton	Present
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III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. **Approval of previous meeting minutes**

Event:	Previous Meeting Minutes
Motion:	Susie Sutton
Second:	Kent Koehler
Jeff Witherspoon	Aye
Katie Bowen	Aye
BJ Bryant	Aye
Russ Lowen	Absent
Kent Koehler	Aye
Susie Sutton	Aye
<i>Vacant</i>	
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V. Steering Council discussion on monthly updates/reports from Fire District Admin

VI. IAFF 2612 Leadership

VII. Fire Chief Update

- i. Project for Aid Agreements/Consolidation of Fire District

- ii. En Banc meeting with Wichita
- iii. April Burn Ban
- iv. Property Tax Bill 2745 update
- v. Recruitment and vacancies

VII. Meeting Adjournment

Event:	Meeting Adjournment
Motion:	Kent Koehler
Second:	Susie Sutton
Jeff Witherspoon	Aye
Katie Bowen	Aye
BJ Bryant	Aye
Russ Lowen	Absent
Kent Koehler	Aye
Susie Sutton	Aye
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Meeting adjourned at 1917