



# MOVING FORWARD



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## Looking Out for Others

Most people when away from work choose to spend time relaxing, pursuing a favorite hobby or travelling. Other people, like Sedalia Firefighter Jeremy Pepin, sign up for more opportunities to help others.

Jeremy has been with the Sedalia Fire Department for two years. "I left a job with a Fortune 500 company to become a Firefighter," Pepin said, "because I wanted to make a difference."

In January 2016, Jeremy also joined Missouri Task Force 1, a FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Team based out of Boone County. The Boone County Fire Protection District is the sponsoring agency of Missouri Task Force 1 or MO-TF1. MO-TF1 is comprised of 210 members from all over the State of Missouri and it is one of 28 task forces in the United States. "There's no way I could be part of Missouri Task Force 1 without the support of the Sedalia Fire Department," Jeremy stated, "they encouraged me during the application process and they're prepared to cover any of my shifts if I'm called out."

On October 3, 2016, the governors of Florida and North Carolina declared a state of emergency due to Hurricane Matthew, a Category 5 Hurricane which started as a tropical wave just off the African coast on September 22, 2016. In the following days, Florida and South Carolina governors would recommend evacuations while North Carolina and Georgia governors ordered mandatory evacuations of coastal areas destined to be affected by the hurricane.

By the time Hurricane Matthew finally diminished, more than 1,600 people perished; 49 in the United States. The storm caused estimated economic losses of at least \$4-6 billion in the southeastern United States. It was one of the costliest Atlantic hurricanes since Hurricane Sandy in 2012.\*

On October 6, 2016, Missouri Task Force 1 deployed a Type III team to Dobbins Air Force Base in Marietta, Georgia. Jeremy was part of this team.

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**VISION STATEMENT**

Dynamic life and Comfortable living in Greater Missouri

**MISSION**

The City of Sedalia is committed to meeting the needs of our community through professional leadership and operational excellence.

We deliver efficient, quality municipal services, create opportunities for growth and protect the quality of life that makes our community a desirable place to live.

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While a Type 1 team consists of 70 members with 10 ground support personnel and over 100,000 pounds of equipment with a normal convoy of 12 transport vehicles including buses, a Type III Team is exactly half the personnel with 35 members and 10 ground support personnel. They still carry the full cache of equipment, but they are organized with an emphasis on water rescue capabilities.



Jeremy said, “Our lanes were completely clear as we started getting closer to our destination. We thought we might have a little delay with getting stopped when we got closer to Georgia, but emergency personnel recognized our vehicles and waved us on. As a group, we were of course driving together with our lights on. I’ll never forget the relieved looks on peoples’ faces within vehicles leaving the area as we passed by.”

MO-TF1 would arrive at Dobbins Air Force Base on October 7, 2016, then they would be relocated to the towns of Metter and Forsyth, Georgia before travelling on to Hunter Army Air Base near Savannah on October 8, 2016. The team was then directed to Fort Bragg, North Carolina on October 10, 2016. Within two hours of reaching Fort Bragg, MO-TF1 was on the road again; this time to Lumberton, North Carolina to engage in active water rescues.



MO-TF1 established six boat crews and immediately joined water rescues with teams from Ohio, New York



and New Jersey. Missouri was well represented that day as MO-TF1 checked 171 addresses, removed ten citizens and assisted six people who were shelter in place (meaning the people were comfortable and wanted to stay in their homes).

On the evening of October 11, 2016, MO-TF1 moved to Nakina, North Carolina for staging. Here, the Missouri crew would pitch their tents on a church parking lot. It’s important to note that these teams are prepared to provide everything needed to their members while on duty, much like a mobile city. While the meals might be MREs (meals ready-to-eat), anything the crews need, they can find within their group. That still did not prevent the minister of the church whose parking lot the MO-TF1 was staying in to return with a full southern style meal! “Everyone is just so grateful that you’re there,” Pepin stated. “While we didn’t anticipate a home-cooked meal, it was definitely appreciated.”



MO-TF1 would move to Whiteville, North Carolina on October 12, 2016 then to Kinston, North Carolina that same day in anticipation of flooding within the next 12-24 hours. No other mission assignments were received and MO-TF1 was able to return home to Columbia, Missouri on October 17, 2016.

What impact did this rescue make on Jeremy? He answered, “When people are experiencing one of the most stressful events in their lives and they’re starting to wonder if anyone cares, it’s amazing to see the amount of joy and relief on their faces when your team arrives.”

Sometimes all it takes is knowing someone is looking out for you. Thanks for making a difference, Jeremy.

*Photos courtesy of the Boone County Fire Protection District*

\*[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hurricane\\_Matthew](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hurricane_Matthew)

## Sedalia Police Department Hosts Demonstration for City Council



During the October 24, 2016 City Council Work Session, the Sedalia Police Department held a demonstration for the City Council on techniques they train for and utilize when faced with a force on force situation. Force on force means that the police have been notified there is high likelihood that one or more suspects are believed to be in possession of firearms.

The City Council was able to participate in the training techniques and was very impressed with the procedures used in order to protect both the public and police personnel.

### SEDALIA ANIMAL SHELTER STAFF PIC



For the month of November, the Sedalia Animal Shelter staff picked Porky to highlight as their pet of the month. Porky is a 6 year old male domestic shorthair/mix who has already been neutered.

This sweet guy is all about cuddling and wants you to know that he is already snowflake-watching certified. All he needs a comfy spot, preferably in your arms and your home will automatically start to feel even more warm and inviting than before Porky came home.

### November Holiday & Trash Pick-up Schedule

City offices will be closed on **Friday, November 11, 2016 for Veterans Day**. All trash routes will be picked up one day early.

City offices will also be closed on **Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25** for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Please see the revised trash collection schedule below for the week of November 21, 2016.

Tuesday trash pickup will occur on Monday, Wednesday trash pickup will occur on Tuesday, Thursday trash pickup will occur on Wednesday, Friday trash pickup for residents north of 16th Street will occur on Tuesday, November 22 and Friday trash pickup for residents south of 16th Street will occur on Wednesday, November 23.

**An additional pick-up of Friday's route will occur on Monday, November 28.** All routes, including Friday's, will then follow the normal collection schedule for the balance of the week.

## PLAYIN' AT THE PARK

### TINY TOTS PLAY PARK

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
 Convention Hall Gym  
 \$2.00 per child per class  
 Or purchase a \$15 Punch Pass (10 visits)  
 Parents must supervise their own children during this special play group.  
 Open to children who have not yet entered school (age 5 and younger).  
 Participants MUST pay (or show their punch pass) in office before entering the gym.  
**\*We will not meet November 8 & 23\***

### POLAR EXPRESS PAJAMA PARTY

Friday, December 2  
 6:00-10:00 p.m.  
 \$5 per child  
**Register by Nov. 23**  
 Age group: 4 & up  
 Drop your child off with their PJ's and favorite pillow if you need to do some Christmas shopping!  
 We will watch *The Polar Express*, enjoy crafts, hot chocolate, and holiday snacks.

### CANDY CANE HUNT (flashlight)

Friday, December 9  
 6:00 p.m. sharp  
 Ages 7 -12  
 \$5 per child  
 Register by December 6

### BREAKFAST WITH THE CLAUSES

Saturday, December 10  
 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 \$5 per person  
 Register by December 6

### WINTER ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES

Early Bird Registration: November 14 – December 2, \$120 per team  
 Open Registration: December 5 – 9, \$140 per team  
 Tuesday Women's Intermediate and Recreation  
 Thursday Co-Ed Intermediate and Recreation  
*Teams that donate 12 or more non-perishable food items at the time of registration will be given a \$20 discount!*  
*(Must sign up during registration dates posted above).*  
*All items collected will be donated to Open Door Services.*

## November 2016 Meetings

**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**  
 November 2

**Rental Inspection Committee Meeting**  
 November 2

**Park Board Meeting**  
 November 3

**Public Library Board Meeting**  
 November 7

**Public Works Board Meeting**  
 November 10

**City Council Work Session**  
 November 14

**Sedalia Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**  
 November 15

**Citizens Traffic Advisory Commission Meeting**  
 November 16

**Citizens Committee for Smart Growth Meeting**  
 November 17

**CBCD Board Meeting**  
 November 17

**City Council Meeting**  
 November 21

**Bothwell Regional Health Center  
 Board of Trustees Meeting**  
 November 22



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### Council Members

**1st Ward** - Jeff Leeman.....553-0192  
**1st Ward** - Jo Lynn Turley.....287-0094  
**2nd Ward** - Russell Driskell.....530-7218  
**2nd Ward** - Bonita Nash .....829-0433  
**3rd Ward** - Bob Cross.....826-8140  
**3rd Ward** - Don Meier .....827-1173  
**4th Ward** - Tolbert Rowe .....827-6654  
**4th Ward** - Mary Merritt.....826-2793

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## Citizen's City Services Guide

**Airport**.....(660) 826-4128  
**Cemetery**.....(660) 826-1562  
**City Hall**.....(660) 827-3000  
 City Administrator.....ext 1104  
 Street Light Repairs  
 City Clerk.....ext 1110  
 Garage Sale Permits  
 Community Development.....ext 1117  
 Permits • Dangerous Buildings  
 Finance Dept.....ext 1129  
 Business License • Animal License  
 Public Works..... ext 1166  
 Litter • Tree Limbs • Potholes • Recycling  
**Fire Dept.** (non emergency).....(660) 826-8044  
**Hospital**.....(660) 826-8833  
**Parks & Recreation**.....(660) 826-4930  
**Police Dept.** (non emergency).....(660) 826-8100  
 Public Safety • Animal Control  
 Special Event Permits  
**Public Library** ..... (600) 826-1314  
**Sedalia Animal Shelter**..... (660) 826-5816  
**Water Dept**.....(660) 826-1234

**For all Emergencies call 911**

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