

Charlie Keeton
South Central Kansas Hospital Preparedness Coordinator
Representing Hospitals

Since 2008, Charlie has served as the South Central Kansas Hospital Preparedness Coordinator. Based out of Wesley Medical Center, Charlie is responsible for assisting hospitals in the 19 county South Central Hospital Preparedness Region; prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters.

Charlie is also responsible for coordinating the South Central Health Care Coalition. The purpose of the SCKPHCC is to bring together a multiagency and multidisciplinary group of entities and individuals working together to promote, consolidate and collaborate in a unified response to health care emergencies affecting the Region.

Charlie is currently a member of the Governor's Commission on Emergency Planning and Response, Chair of the South Central Preparedness Health Care Coalition as well as Chair of the Kansas Preparedness Health Care Coalition Steering Committee.

Prior to becoming the South Central Coordinator, Charlie spent over 33 years with the Wichita Fire Department where he rose through the ranks to Chief Training Officer. During his career Charlie has been presented with the J. Faherty Casey Award for his activities in the National Fire Academy's Training Resource and Data Exchange (TRADE) program as well as the Insurance Women of Wichita "Firefighter of the Year" award.