

Annual report for Western District Conference  
Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service Unit 2022/2023  
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The past year has been relatively quiet regarding disasters in the state of Kansas.

The MDS Kansas Unit has responded in September of 2022 and June of 2023 clearing trees for two residents who suffered damage in the 2022 Andover tornado. These were shelter belts that took direct hits from the tornado so there was not a rush to clear these trees.

In April of 2023 the MDS Kansas Unit responded by cleaning up the remains of a house destroyed by fire in Newton Kansas.

In February of 2022 the Kansas MDS Unit purchased a cabinet shop in Goessel Kansas. One of the goals was to engage more local persons in MDS related work. There have been approximately 25 volunteers working in this response effort. During the past year the MDS Cabinet Shop has shipped 60 cabinet sets to long term MDS rebuilding projects in Maryland, California, Texas, Minnesota, Virginia, Kentucky, and Louisiana. We have appreciated to strong support of this ministry from Western District Congregations through donations and volunteers.