



## Emergency Service Corps Monthly Activities Report: March 2023

### Summary

- **Medic Training** - Curriculum and schedule prepared for the entire Greater Colorado Council.
  - **Brad is late getting Plan/Curriculum, Schedule and Costs out to Schedule**
  - Mock Disaster Training in development
- **Scouting Amateur Radio Program** – In progress with new antennas and equipment pending installation
- **ESC Trailers** - MOC is still pending final licensing, Re-Stocking in process.

### Upcoming ESC Activities & Events Support

#### **March Meeting: Wednesday, March 1st, 7pm, In-Person ONLY**

1<sup>st</sup> Aid, CPR, AED Certification training at Hamilton Scout Center. Hands-on exercises required in-person participation.

#### **Rocky Mountain Train Show: Friday-Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>. National Stock Show Complex**

The annual Model Train Show is ramping up. They are a strong supporter of the Scouting program, Scouts and Scouters in uniform free entry. The Train Show hosts the Railroading Merit Badge and a Scouting Information Booth. The information booth will highlight the Scouting STEM program with Ham Radio and other STEM and ESC related displays. Volunteer Scouts and Scouters are being requested to help with Set-Up, Take-Down and Operations including Ticket Sales and operating some of the displays, like the Kiddie Train. Please come spend a few hours and help out. (*Flyer Attached*)

#### **April Meeting & Training Session: Wednesday, April 5th, 7pm, In-Person ONLY**

Stop the Bleed Trauma Certification training at Hamilton Scout Center. Hands-on exercises required in-person participation. (*Flyer Attached*)

#### **Earth Day: April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

ESC is in discussions to support various Earth Day activities throughout the Council by providing Medics as well as setting up Field Radio stations. Details have not been defined by the Earth Day team.

### ESC Programs

- **ESC Steering Committee:** The ESC schedule is being modified to include four Steering Committee meetings each year. February, June, August and October. These quarterly meetings will be held to review ESC progress, activities, and needs. Next meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **Other Schedule Changes:** The ESC schedule is being modified to combine and provide the Winter Outdoor Cold Weather Training and Outdoor Essentials Gift Ideas Training into a single course in October. This change was requested to allow units to get this information early to better prepare for winter activities and the gift giving season.

#### **ESC Training/Information (*We Need a Lead*)**

Planned Emergency Service Corps training events are all on the Council Calendar.



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- **Training Tracking:** A tracking program needs to be revived. This will lead to award of the BSA Emergency Preparedness pin.
- **FEMA Incident Command / Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):** We would like to initiate a training program to offer courses to Scouts, Scouters and the general public.
- **ESC Website:** We need a website and *webmaster* to help coordinate information and activities. We have collected a significant amount of information available in a Dropbox file and we are in the information loop of several other ESC related organizations but have no efficient way to distribute to the general Scouting Public.
- **Safety Moments:** Scouting USA is again asking all Scouting to perform a Safety Moment at the beginning of each meeting, event and activity. ESC has been asked to provide reference materials and Safety Moment training availability. We have a number of Safety Moment training available, from 10minute briefs to longer training sessions.

### Medic Support & Training (*Cristian Joya*)

- **Medic Training:** Medical First Responder program with a broad curriculum has established. Certification courses running from First Aid/CPR/AED to Advanced Wilderness First Aid and First Responder courses, Aquatics and other related programs are being made available with much more to come. Programs are offered throughout the Council and not just in the Denver Metro area.
- **Medic Call List:** We currently have 47 people identified on the Medic Call list with training/skills ranging from Basic 1<sup>st</sup> Aid to Doctors. With this list of volunteers, we have fulfilled every GCC event request we have received. **THANK YOU ALL.**
- **Medic Kits Inventory Standardization:** We continue working with a variety of sources to establish a set of standard Medic Kit inventories and then stock those kits appropriately.
- **Mock Exercise Training:** GCC participation in a Mock Disaster training exercise is being proposed.

### Amateur Radio (*George Weber*)

- The High Frequency radio antenna at MSR is off-line. We are working to find and install a new antenna mast. Similar to the one being used at the Hamilton Scout Center.
- The Hamilton Scout Center Commercial Repeater continues to be out of service due to strong frequency interference. Testing and resolution pending. This is a GCC activity but ESC Amateur Radio team can assist.
- A new High Frequency radio and another dual band (VHF/UHF) radio have been donated to the program. They are both planned to be installed in the Mobile Operations Center trailer.
- We need to get an article on the GCC Amateur Radio Program to submit to various publications including Scouting For Boys, QST, Bryan on Scouting, etc. *Do we have any writers out there looking for a topic?*

### Event Support Trailers (*Dan Rasco*)

- **Mobile Operations Center:** Phase II development continues. We have several new items to install and stock in the trailer including Medic gear, another radio, A-V and IT network and a heater.
- **Evacuation Support:** A set of Evacuation Support Kits are being developed along with an updated Evacuation Plan for McNeil Scout Ranch  
***We are looking for a Laptop donation to support the in-trailer network and radio programming.***

### Incident and Emergency Procedures (*John Braselton*):

- Working to create or update and enhance Incident/Emergency protocols and procedures.

### Prior Month Activities

- **Winter Camping Skills presentations**> A final presentation was provided to Troop 628.



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- **Kansas City SkyHub Link Event**> The Heart of America Council Three Trails District Merit Badge Academy held a Radio Merit Badge Class on Saturday, February 4th, 2023. They requested other Scouting/Amateur Radio groups be available to participate with contacts. Greg Ostravich coordinated with the Rocky Mountain Radio League/SkyHub Link to open a Fusion/WiresX room (internet enabled radio) for this event, allowing broad participation from around the world.
- **GCC KISC JOTI; Friday, February 24 – Saturday, February 25th, 2023 @ Hamilton Scout Center**> The Greater Colorado Council participated in the Kandersteg Switzerland International Scout Centre Jamboree on the Internet event. Leisl Athen and her two sons arranged and hosted the GCC participation. George Weber and Brad Johnston participated by activating the GCC Hamilton Scout Center Ham Shack. Several interested Scouts and Scouters participated. They were able to make international contacts through the internet and a few made local radio contacts as well.
- **Cristian Joya Silver Beaver**> Please join me in congratulating Cristian Joya for his Silver Beaver award. Well Deserved!