

DAC Emergency Service Corps Monthly Update

Denver Area Council Emergency Service Corps

Emergency Service Corps Monthly Activities Report: June 2023

Summary

- **ESC Steering Committee** – Committee meeting held on June 7th. Reviewed on-going activities, programs, and planning for events.
- **Medic Training** - Curriculum and schedule prepared for the entire Greater Colorado Council.
 - **We are delayed getting Curriculum, Schedule and Costs out to GCC Double Knot**
- **Scouting Amateur Radio Program** – PV Amateur Repeater and Ham Shack HF radio in service.
- **ESC Trailers** - MOC is still pending final licensing, Re-stocking in process.

Upcoming Activities & Events Support

- July 7, 7pm ESC Meeting – Ham Radio, Emergency Communications
- July 10-28, National Jamboree
- August 2, 7pm ESC Committee Meeting – Forward Planning for the New Year
- September 6, 7pm Aid / CPR / AED Training at Hamilton Scout Center
- October 4, 7pm Stop the Bleed at Hamilton Scout Center
- October 19-20, Jamboree on the Air / Jamboree on the Internet at Hamilton Scout Center
- October 20, Radio Communications Merit Badge at Hamilton Scout Center
- November 1, 7pm Winter Camping

Check the Greater Colorado Council Activities Calendar for details.

ESC Meetings Video Call Information:

- Dial into the conference: Dial-in Number: (607) 374-1189 - United States Access Code: 626966
- Join the online meeting: Online Meeting Link: https://join.freeconferencecall.com/johnston_brad Meeting ID: johnston_brad

ESC Programs

- **ESC Steering Committee:** The ESC annual schedule includes four Steering Committee meetings each year in February, June, August and October. These quarterly meetings are held to review ESC Programs progress, activities, and needs. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 2nd, Wednesday.
- **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 November. 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.

- **Training Curriculum:** We need to review the current list of training offered and the schedule. What works, what's popular, what's needed? Shall we do a survey?
- **Training Tracking:** A tracking program needs to be revived. This will lead to the 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.
- **Mock Disaster:** we need to either find a set of community mock disaster training courses or develop our own.

- **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 it to the general Scouting Public.

Medic Support & Training (*Cristian Joya*)

- **Medic Training:** Medical First Responder program with a broad curriculum has been 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. ***We have suffered delays in getting the schedule established and posted to Double-Knot. Once we get the schedule locked down and posted, we will send out a general announcement.***
- **Medic Call List:** We currently 47 people identified on the Medic Call list with training/skills ranging from Basic 1st Aid to Doctors. With this list of volunteers, we have fulfilled every GCC event request we have received.
- **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. We have several components to build a Jump kit from supplies provided by the recent salvaging of the Spanish Peaks Scout Camp. Bob Fager is a part of this effort.

Amateur Radio (*George Weber*)

- The Amateur Radio Repeater at McNeil Scout Ranch is in service.
We are excited to let you know that there is an FM, Ham Radio repeater available for any amateur radio licensed guests while on campus. KBØBSA is the callsign and the frequency information is: Rx 447.3250 / Tx 442.3250 (-5 khz offset) and 151.4 Hz tone (CTCSS) required. This repeater also requires *spoken audio*, it will not respond to a "kerchunk."
- MSR Ham Shack High Frequency Radio is back in service. We have installed a new antenna mast. We are planning to install some sort of security gate in front of the Ham Shack like what is in place in front of the Ham Shack at the Hamilton Scout Center. This is to prevent unauthorized use of the equipment.
- The downtown Denver Hamilton Scout Center GCC commercial repeater is in service.
- The National Jamboree (July 19-28, 2023) will have a Ham Radio Station in operation [K2BSA Operation at National Jamboree 2023 | K2BSA Amateur Radio Association](#)
- Jamboree on the Air / Jamboree on the Internet event (October 20-22) planning is starting. We have an initial planning meeting scheduled. If you would like to participate in the planning or execution, please let us know. Once we have a plan together we will send out Flyers to interested parties.
- Packet / Emergency Communications Training is being planned for July or August. If you are interested in participating in this training, please let us know.
- Installation of a VHF/UHF antenna at the Camp Tahosa Barn is pending good weather. I have purchased a steel J-Pole antenna to mount on the Wi-Fi mast on the barn roof. We will then run coaxial antenna down to a lock box in the barn interior.
- 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?*
- Check Out K2BSA Amateur Radio for Scouting [K2BSA Amateur Radio Association | Amateur Radio and Scouting](#)

Event Support Trailers (*Dan Rasco*)

- **Mobile Operations Center:** Phase II development of the trailer continues.
- Installation of a High Frequency radio and another dual band (VHF/UHF) radio installation in the Mobile Operations Center trailer is pending good weather.
 - Licensing> Unfortunately we missed our window to have the trailer licensed for street travel and need to start the documentation process over again.
 - The trailer has been moved to its permanent storage location at the new MSR Maintenance yard.
 - Install new HF and VHF/UHF dual band radios and 4 video monitors.

- Complete shopping list of equipment and supplies, including electrical generator.
- Set up computer and video system with Raspberry Pi computer.

We are looking for a laptop donation to support in-trailer networking and radio programming.

- **Support Operations Trailer:**
 - Need to straighten frame and weather seal shell.
 - Add solar panels, batteries and lighting

Incident and Emergency Procedures (John Braselton):

- Camp Summer Staff Scenario training is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8th during and after dinner. This is annual training with a series of emergency scenarios are presented for senior summer camp staff including Summer Camp management, health staff, quartermasters, rangers, office manager to run through as a table-top exercise with a moderator. UPDATE: This training session went very well
- A set of Evacuation Support Kits are being prepared to support an updated Evacuation Plan for McNeil Scout Ranch. Purchases are in progress and will be completed shortly.

Needs

- **Training Lead**
- **Website / Webmaster**
- **Network Expert to set up Network/video in MOC Trailer**
- **Laptop for programming radios, running video system**