



Emergency Service Corps Monthly Activities Report: October 2023

Summary

ESC supported of Denver Area Camporees' I & II
1st Aid, CPR & AED Course completed.
JOTA/JOTI & Radio MB is about to happen.
Stop the Bleed Class pending for November.
Winter Camping and Gift Ideas pending for December.
New Medic Training Program pending start in February.
New radio equipment now available
New portable generators now available

Prior Month Activities

- **1st Aid, CPR & AED Certification Training:** The biannual (Spring/Fall) 1st Aid, CPR & AED Certification course was successfully held on Wednesday, October 4th with 15 participants. We had a last minute change in Instructors and Certification Authority which caused a few hiccups, but with the very able assistance of Cristian Joya, our Medic Training Team Lead, Jack Huggard and DJ Rassco we held a very successful class. David Short donated 8 Rescue Anne manikins, DJ was able to borrow Crew 911 training equipment and Jack also was able to borrow Training AED units from his work. As a result, we had a very good training. We have now moved from the Emergency Care & Safety Institute (ECSI) to Red Cross certification protocols. Thank you everyone for another successful training.
- **Denver Area Camporee I & II Support:** The ESC Team supported both Camporees with Planning & Logistics, Radio Communications and event presentations. The team operated out of the MOC trailer with full power from the new generators. Dan Rassco provided Radio Comms Support and Dispatch as well as back-up Medic support. Bill Vanhorne provided Traffic Management and supported 1st Aid presentations, Greg Orstravich did Outdoor Essential and Radio Communications demonstrations. We also had the support of several young new members of the ESC team Joey Dressel, Nathan K and Ryan Ausherman. DJ Rassco did a significant amount of technical work on the trailer and George Weber completed some work on the upgrades to the Ham Radio Shack in Gilwell hall.
- **2024 Klondoree I&II Support:** Planning has begun for the 2024 Denver Area Klondorees and ESC has been asked to support Klondoree II. I attended their kickoff planning session this week.
- **FEMA:** I am pleased to note that Jeff Mosal has returned to the ESC Committee after working with FEMA outside of Colorado. Jeff will bring a fresh FEMA perspective to the Committee.

Upcoming Activities & Events Support

- **ESC Committee Meeting / Training: Wednesday, November 1st, 2023, 7pm In-Person & Video Call**
 - Stop The Bleed 1st Aid Certification Training
- **ESC Committee Mtg / Training: Wednesday, December 4th, 2023, 7pm In Person Only**
 - Winter Camping Tips & Tricks/Gift Ideas
- **ESC Committee Meeting: Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024, 7pm In-Person & Video Call**
 - Review of the GCC Denver Area Camporees I and II
 - Review of Jamboree on the Air & Internet
 - Review of Medic Training Program
 - General Discussions, Old and New Business



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- **ESC Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 7th, 2023, 7pm In-Person & Video Call**
 - Upcoming Klondoree Support
 - On-Going Projects and Initiatives Status
- **Denver Area Klondoree II (North), February 9-11, 2024**
 - ESC Support of Planning & Logistics, Radio Communications and Emergency Planning & Response

For More information on upcoming ESC Activities & Events

- ScoutingColorado.org/activities
- Brad Johnston: Johnston.Scouters@gmail.com

To Attend ESC Meetings

In-Person: 7pm @ Hamilton Scout Center

- 10455 W 6th Avenue, Suite 100, Denver, CO 80215

Video Attendance:

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

ESC Programs

Medic Training & Support Program (*Cristian Joya*) UPDATES

- **Stop the Bleed Trauma 1st Aid Training:** The training is open to anyone 14+. You do not need to be a Scout or Scouter to attend. The training is FREE, Trauma kits are available for \$25. This is excellent training for everyone – Be Prepared!
- **General 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.
Schedule of Training starting in February 2024 is attached and in process of being uploaded to Council Calendar.
- **Medic Call List:** We have 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.
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 researched.

Amateur Radio Program (*George Weber*)

- **Amateur Radio Operator uniform patches:** Patches are available to licensed operators, contact Brad Johnston for more information.
- **Jamboree on the Air / Jamboree on the Internet:** This year's JOTA/JOTI will be held October 20-22, 2023. We currently have 14 JOTA/JOTI participants signed up with 21 additional expected. An additional 12 are signed up for the Radio Merit Badge.
The Team is planning several activities and we need Scouts to participate and Scouters / licensed Ham Radio operators' support. Flyers have been distributed with information on what we are planning. ***If you would like to participate, please let us know.***
 - The Rotary Club is sponsoring a World Scouting Alumni Open House with food and drink on Friday, October 20th. Past Jamboree participants and Scouts interested in attending the next World Jamboree are invited to attend.



- The Waterton Amateur Radio Society (WARS) has volunteered Radio Operators, their Ham Shack and classroom. We can hold a 2nd Radio Merit Badge class at their facility if we can identify an instructor and have enough Scouts interested.
- ARRL has also provided a large set of Ham Radio related STEM games and activities for Scouts. If you would like a copy of these items contact Brad Johnston.
- **Camp Tahosa Emergency Radio:** A recently donated Yeasu FT4700RH VHF/UHF radio is being prepared to be installed in the Camp Tahosa Barn. With the previously installed J-Pole antenna, radio communications with several Ham Radio Repeater systems, including both the Colorado Connection (CC) and Rocky Mountain Radio League (RMRL) will always be available. The radio is being installed into a weather-proof cabinet with a battery and charger system, pre-programmed stations and a simple instruction set being included.
- **McNeil Scout Ranch Radio Shack:** Due to a very generous donation of equipment, the station has been refreshed w/new equipment. A new procedure to authorize Scouts and Scouters to operate the station is being prepared.
- **McNeil Scout Ranch Ham Radio Repeater:** The KB0BSA repeater at camp (PV) is on 447.325 with a MINUS offset and a 151.4 Hz tone - required. The big thing is that the repeater will not respond to a "quick klick" or "kerchunk". You must provide audio (your ID!) Then it will give a vice ID.
- **Radion Library:** We now have a library of radios that can be checked out to Scout Units to support activities and events. This includes a significant number for FRS Walkie-Talkie Radios that do not require a license to operate. A pair of Dual-Band VHF/UHF "Ham in a Can" radios that require the basic Technician License to use as well as a full portable "Ham Shack" with a HF Radio, VHF/UHF Dual Band Radio, Power Supply, Buddy Pole Antenna and dual band antenna available to General Licensed operators.
- **Packet / Emergency Communications Training:** Training is being planned. If you are interested in participating in this training, please let us know.
- We are working on getting an article on the GCC Amateur Radio Program to be submitted to various publications including Scouting for Boys, QST, Bryan on Scouting, etc.
- 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 is Complete.
 - Licensing documentation remains in process.
 - Installation of new VHF/UHF dual band radios and 4 video monitors has been completed. The trailer now has two VHF/UHF radios for open use, one radio is DMR capable. In addition, there are now a set of radios, one VHF and one UHF dedicated to only GCC Commercial Frequencies.
 - A set of 24 Motorola FRS radios are now available in the trailer for event use. These complement the 24 Bendix-King HT radios programed with the GCC Commercial Radio frequencies.
 - A set of 2 newly refurbished Furman Dual Fuel (gasoline/Propane) 4000W Inverter Generators have been purchased with all the necessary auxiliary equipment and cables. They were rigorously tested over two weekends and performed very well.
 - Phase III with upgraded Audio Visual and Network support is in Process, this includes setting up a Raspberry Pi computer and video system is being researched.
- **Support Operations Trailer:**
 - We have inherited a new enclosed 4'x8' utility trailer to use to store evacuation and program support equipment. The trailer needs to be surveyed to determine how we want to proceed with refurbishments and enhancements.



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ESC Training/Information (*We Need a Lead*) No New Information

Training events are 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 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 trainings 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 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.

Incident and Emergency Procedures (John Braselton):

- A 20' storage container has been designated to store camping gear and related supplies. The equipment will be available for distribution if Campers are in need due to loss or damage of their own. Storage shelves, inventory and organization is needed. Work is planned to begin in September.
- Working to create or update and enhance Incident/Emergency protocols and procedures. Existing procedures will be reviewed in light of lessons learned from this camping season as well as from the recent National and World Jamborees.

Needs

- **Training Lead**
- **Website / Webmaster**
- **Network Expert to set up Network/video in MOC Trailer**