



## Emergency Service Corps Monthly Activities Report: November 2023

### Summary

The 2023 fall season has been very busy and productive for the ESC Team. We have held several training sessions and supported several Greater Colorado Council events and activities. We continue to have a busy time as we move into the winter months. A series of winter camping presentations are scheduled both at the Council level in person and via zoom and at the troop level. Our new Medic Training Program is rolling out with a range of classes scheduled to be held in the Denver area as well as on the Western Slope. The ESC team has also been requested to support both upcoming Klondike's as well as next year's Council Camporee/Jamboree. After Action Reports and copies of presentations from recent activities are available on request as noted in the Prior Months section of this report.

### Upcoming Activities & Events Support

- **ESC Committee Mtg / Training: Wednesday, December 4th, 2023, 7pm In Person & Video Call**
  - Winter Camping Tips & Tricks/Gift Ideas  
A presentation and demonstration of techniques to stay warm and safe during Scouting Activities in cold weather. Includes tips on proper winter activities planning, clothing, food and sleeping warm. Great preparation for Klondorees and Holiday gift planning. This presentation is available to Troops individually.
- **ESC Committee Meeting: Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, 7pm In-Person & Video Call**
  - Review of the GCC Denver Area Camporees I and II and Jamboree on the Air & Internet
  - Review of Medic Training Program
  - General Discussions, Old and New Business
- **ESC Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 7th, 2023, 7pm In-Person & Video Call**
  - Upcoming Klondoree Support
  - On-Going Projects and Initiatives Status
- **Denver Area Klondoree I & II, February 2-4 / 9-11, 2024**
  - Golden Gate State Park Reverends Ridge Campsite (313 Reverends Ridge Road, Black Hawk, CO)
  - ESC Support of Planning & Logistics, Radio Communications and Emergency Planning & Response
- **Council Jamboree (Camporee), September 27-29, 2024**
  - ESC has now been requested to support Logistics, Radio Communications and Emergency Response
  - Support requirements similar to recent Denver Area Camporees 2023 I&II
- **For More information or to attend upcoming ESC Activities & Events**
  - GCC Calendar: [ScoutingColorado.org/activities](https://scoutingcolorado.org/activities)
  - Brad Johnston: [Johnston.Scouter@gmail.com](mailto:Johnston.Scouter@gmail.com)
  - ESC Meetings Teleconference Call:  
Dial into the conference: Dial-in Number: (607) 374-1189 - United States Access Code: 626966  
Online Meeting Link: [https://join.freeconferencecall.com/johnston\\_brad](https://join.freeconferencecall.com/johnston_brad) Meeting ID: johnston\_brad

### Current Needs

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



### Prior Month Activities

- **“Stop the Bleed” Trauma 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Training:** The biannual (Spring/Fall) “Stop the Bleed” Certification course was successfully held on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> with 14 participants.
- **Jamboree on the Air / Jamboree on the Internet:** The annual JOTA/JOTI program was a great success for the Greater Colorado Council this year. ESC had a couple of new activities and a much larger level of participation. On Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> between 25-30 Scouts and Scouters with family members attended an International Scouting Open House hosted at the Hamilton Scout Center Colorado Adventure Point (CAP) center sponsored by the Rotary Club, serving South Korean and Polish food, and made connections over the internet with Scouts around the world and a zoom connection was also made. On Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> ESC hosted approximately 20 Scouts and Scouters with family members for a day of JOTA/JOTI activities including Internet connections and activities with the international JOTI community and Radio contacts. Thanks to Leisl Athen and her two sons who lead the Jamboree on the Internet and Roy Crosthwaite (KB0RFF) for operating the CAP Ham Radio Shack. This was a great event with several participants saying they got a lot out of the opportunity. An After-Action report is being drafted.
- **Radio Merit Badge:** As a part of the annual Jamboree on the Air event on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> we held two Radio Merit Badge classes, one at the Hamilton Scout Center Ham Shack at CAP and the other sponsored and hosted by the Waterton Amateur Radio Society (WARS), the Lockheed-Martin Ham Radio Club. We had Scouts from the South Denver area (Highlands Ranch, Parker, Castle Rock, Elizabeth, etc) go to the Waterton Canyon location and those from the North go to CAP. George Weber (KB0BSA) taught the class at CAP, Greg Ostravich (KB0YZY) taught at the WARS Ham Shack with support from Bill Vanhorne (KD0KGE) as well as Mark J. Proulx, President of the Waterton Amateur Radio Society (WARS), N0LM/W0NT, Desiree M. Baccus, N3DEZ, ARRL - The National Association for Amateur Radio® Public Relations Committee Member and the rest of the WARS team who participated. Thanks to all these folks 17 Scouts earned the Radio Merit Badge at CAP and 14 Scouts earned it at the Waterton Facility. The Scouts reported having a great time at both venues. An After-Action Report is planned.
- **GCC Program Forum Presentation:** Based on our successful Jamboree on the Air and Internet event ESC was asked to give a brief presentation titled “Success in Marketing in a Niche Program” at the GCC Program Forum on November 6<sup>th</sup>. The basic points made were: Start Early, Market Often / Use as Many Different Venues as Possible / Keep Marketing Simple and Direct / Make it Audience Specific Whenever Possible / Bottom Line: Persistence - Tell as many people as possible as often as possible. Engagement - Make it interesting for them. Enthusiasm – A Force Multiplier. The presentation is available on request.
- **The CELL Tour and Presentation:** The ESC Team was requested to help market and support the Scout specific Tour and Presentation of the newly redesigned Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab (CELL) exhibit on Tuesday, November 14. The presentation “Champion Change: What Can We Do To Thwart Violent Extremism” was well attended by Scouters in person and was offered via Zoom as well. GCC is planning an on-going series of Safety & Security related presentations in association with the CELL on a quarterly basis.
- **Denver Area Camporee I & II Support AAR:** An ESC specific After-Action Report (AAR) has been completed. It reviews the team participation and support of both Camporees with Risk Planning & Logistics, Medic and Radio Communications support and event presentations. The AAR will be distributed to interested parties and added to the ESC Reference Library.
- **2024 Klondoree I&II Support:** Planning for the 2024 Denver Area Klondorees continues. ESC has been asked to support both Klondorees II with the same activities as the recent Camporees, with Risk Planning & Logistics, Medic and Radio Communications support and event presentations.
- **2024 GCC Council Jamboree/Camporee Support:** In October the role of the ESC Team to support the 2024 GCC Council Camporee was greatly expanded to include ... *“radio/dispatch/communications. We need the MOC trailer and whatever other resources you have/need. You are evac team. If something goes wrong you and your team are key to any success.”*



## ESC Programs

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

- **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 to be offered throughout the Council including the Denver Metro area, Motrose and Basalt. Training dates are now available on the Council Calendar.
- **Medic Call List:** We 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 researched.

### **Amateur Radio Program (*George Weber*)**

- **Amateur Radio Operator uniform patches:** Patches are available to licensed operators, contact Brad Johnston for more information.
- **Ham Radio Activities for Scouts:** ARRL has 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 40Watt VHF/UHF radio is 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. We are pending a Battery Power Supply and Charger. A much smaller 5watt radio with both battery and landline power capability in a weather-proof case is available and will be installed in December. Another antenna is also being prepared to replace the J-Pole in case the camp sale goes through. A White Paper entitled: Camp Tahosa Emergency Communications Alternatives – Ham Radio has been prepared explaining this plan and is attached for reference.
- **McNeil Scout Ranch Radio Shack:** A procedure to authorize Scouts and Scouters to operate the station is still in process of being prepared. A security gate like the one used at the CAP Ham Shack is being planned to prevent unauthorized manipulation of the equipment. There have been several occasions where it has been found that radio setting have been improperly adjusted rendering the radios out of service until they have been re-adjusted properly.
- **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.
- **Radio Library:** A library of radios that can be checked out to Scout Units to support activities and events is available. 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 III with upgraded Audio Visual and Network support is pending. Requires setting up a network w/video capability includes setting up a Raspberry Pi or similar computer.
  - Updates to the MOC Operations Manual and supporting documentation including a supply of blank forms are in process.
- **Support Operations Trailer:**

We have a new enclosed 4'x8' utility trailer to use for evacuation and program support. The trailer needs to be surveyed to determine how we want to proceed with refurbishments and enhancements.
- **Support Operations Storage:**

A 20' shipping container has been set up at McNeil Scout Ranch to store camping gear available for use in an emergency or support to those at camp in need. The container needs to be surveyed and the gear available inventoried. Additional donated camping gear is pending to be placed in the container. Just pending availability of ESC Team and Camp personnel.

### 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*):

Working to create or update and enhance Incident/Emergency protocols and procedures. Existing procedures will be reviewed considering lessons learned from this camping season as well as from the recent National and World Jamborees.