



## Emergency Service Corps Monthly Activities Report: March 2024

### Summary

A Celebration of Life for Tonia Lyman has been scheduled for Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1pm at the Ralstons Crossing Event Center, 7400 Indiana St. Arvada, CO. As most of you have probably heard by now, Tonia lost her long battle with cancer on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Tonia's husband Marc was the Camp Tahosa Ranger and Tonia herself held many roles including Camp Nurse, Activities Director and Instructor. Toni volunteered her time as the ESC Team 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, CPR & AED Certification Course Trainer for several years. We will miss her. See Flyer

A consolidated After-Action Report for ESC participation at the February Denver Area Klondores and available on request and in the ESC Camporees Archive Dropbox file.

New training opportunities are being developed. These include in-house and outside training available at ESC Monthly mtgs, on weekends and on request. New training include:

- Introduction to Radios in Scouting (See Attached Flyer)
- FEMA Incident Management Training (See Attached Information)
- Mental Health Training

Several ESC related projects at McNeil Scout Ranch are pending Spring thaw:

- MOC Trailer computer network installation.
- 4'x8' Event Support Trailer refurbishment and reconfiguration.
- PV Ham Shack security gate installation.
- Camping Gear Storage Container shelving.

Train Show: The annual Rocky Mountain Train Show is coming up the first weekend in April (6-7). This is a great opportunity for Scouts to earn volunteer hours and have some fun. We are looking for Scout and Adult volunteers to help the Train Show get set up on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and then support several activities during the show on Saturday (4/6) and Sunday (4/7). We will have a Scouting Information Booth as well as working the ticket booth and Kid's Zone. A sign-up website with 2-hour shift rotations is available, see the attached flyer or email Brad at [Johnston.Brad@outlook.com](mailto:Johnston.Brad@outlook.com) for more information and sign up. As always the Railroading Merit Badge will be offered both days and ALL Scouts and Scouters get into the event for free!

### Upcoming ESC Activities & Events Support

- **ESC Meeting: Wednesday, April 3, 2023, 7pm In-Person & Video Call @ Hamilton Scout Center**
  - Stop the Bleed Course> In-Person Only
  - Upcoming Events Planning> Rocky Mountain Train Show, Conservation/Ham Radio Field Day
- **Rocky Mountain Train Show: Saturday/Sunday, April 6-7, 2024 @ National Western Stock Show**
- **Conservation Field Day / Ham Radio Field Event: Saturday, April 20, 2024 @ Sloan Lake**
- **Red Cross Adult & Pediatric 1<sup>st</sup> Aid / CPR / AED Training: Saturday/Sunday, April 20-21, 2024 In-Person ONLY @ Hamilton Scout Center**
- **ESC Meeting: Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 7pm In-Person & Video Call @ Hamilton Scout Center**
  - Scenario Training
  - Ham Radio
- **Colorado DHS Office of Emergency Management Mock Disaster: May 22, 2024 @ Coors Field**
- **ESC Meeting: Wednesday, June 5, 2024, 7pm In-Person & Video Call @ Hamilton Scout Center**
  - Introduction to Radios in Scouting



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**NOTE:** For More information on upcoming ESC Activities & Events

- GCC Calendar: [ScoutingColorado.org/activities](https://ScoutingColorado.org/activities)
- Brad Johnston: [Johnston.Scouters@gmail.com](mailto:Johnston.Scouters@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 Staffing Needs

- Training Program Lead
- Website / Webmaster

### Prior Month ESC Activities

- **Campout Planning for Troops**> Troop 870 invited Brad Johnston to their Troop Meeting to discuss how to plan Scouting events. It was a great evening and I hope the Troop members got as much out of it as I did.

### ESC Programs

#### **Medic Training & Support Program – Bryan Faulkner**

- **Medic Training Program:** Bryan is in the process of reviewing and updating the Medic Training program and schedule. He has added an Adult/Pediatric Wilderness 1<sup>st</sup> Aid / CPR/AED course at GCC HQ in April and will be re-introducing other courses both in Denver and on the Western Slope.
- **American Red Cross online 90-minute course for "immediate responder" orientation**  
<https://www.hmpgloballearningnetwork.com/site/emsworld/news/red-cross-releases-new-course-immediate-responders>  
American Red Cross and ACEP have released a 90-minute online orientation course for "immediate responders" at trauma or medical emergency scenes so that they know what to do and what not to do until trained responders arrive. Only a very small percentage of the public have any concept of appropriate steps to take to help victims of medical emergencies or trauma until trained first responders arrive to render care. This also would be very good for "**safety moments**" introductions on the website and to open meetings with to encourage participation by Scouts and Scouters.
- **Mental Health 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Support:** John Selstrom, Bob Fager and Leisl Athen are working to develop a Mental Health support program for Scout leaders. The team is working on finding classes and other support resources for Scouters dealing with Scouts that need support.
- **Calling 911:** We have been promoting a protocol at Scouting events that emergency response teams, primarily Medical First Responders are available on-site and so NOT to call 911 in an emergency. Contacting on-site resources first can increase response time and prevent potential confusion and delays. Dave Whitner made the point at our last ESC meeting that we cannot say not to call 911 but need to use language in planning and event guides that encourage contacting on-site resources first. Bob Fager, John Selstrom and others are working on this to apply to the upcoming Fall Council Jamboree planning and Leaders Guide.
- **Standardized GCC Medic 1<sup>st</sup> Response Kits:** DJ Rasco, Bob Fager and Taylor Yexley have been requested to develop an standardization of Medic 1<sup>st</sup> Response kits to be stocked and distributed at the McNeil Scout Ranch and deployed to GCC events off-site.
- **Medic Call List:** The Medic Call list ranges from Basic 1<sup>st</sup> Aid to Doctors. With this list of volunteers, we have fulfilled every GCC event request for Medic Support we have received. **THANK YOU ALL.**
- **Medic Kits Inventory Standardization:** PENDING We are assisting to establish a set of standard Medic Kit inventories and then stock those kits appropriately.



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- **Mock Exercise Training:** Colorado DHS Office of Emergency Management will conduct a mock disaster full scale exercise at Coors Field on May 22nd. They are looking for actors who **MUST be at least age 18 or above**. For more information go to:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oHqY5BXbbZRRWI7eNmqujunpEy-3fakK/edit>

**LET'S GET THE WORD OUT!**

### Amateur Radio Program George Weber

- **Radios in Scouting:** We are planning an **"Introduction to Radios for Scouting"** class for the June ESC Meeting. The presentation will be based on the package provided by Ray Dzek (N6DZK) a Scouter/Ham Operator from the Quicksilver District/Silicon Valley Monterey Bay California Council. We will also cover the use of Family Radio Service (FRS) commonly known as Walkie-Talkie radios that do not require a license.  
*The ESC Committee has "Walkie-Talkies available for Units to check-out.*
- **ESC Ham Radio Field Day:** We are planning a Ham Radio Field Day @ Sloan Lake on April 20<sup>th</sup>. This will be done in conjunction with the Good Turn for Ecology Day the GCC Conservation Committee is holding at the lake from 8am to Noon. We will be supporting the Conservation Committee participants with FRS Radios as well as setting up the ESC Pop-Up with VHF/UHF Field Radios, portable power supplies and Ham Radio, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, Outdoor Essential and other related displays. Bring a picnic lunch and join us!  
**Ham Radio Activities for Scouts:** We are working with ARRL to develop a Scout/Scouter centric training program for gaining the Technician License. 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.
- **McNeil Scout Ranch Radio Shack:** A procedure to authorize Scouts and Scouters to operate the station is still in process. A security gate like the one used at the CAP Ham Shack to prevent unauthorized manipulation of the equipment has been delivered. We will be looking to set up an "Installation Party" this spring.
- **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 repeater will not respond to a "quick klick" or "kerchunk". You must provide audio (your ID!) Then it will give a voice ID response in reply.
- **GCC Amateur Radio Program Promotion:** We would like to get an article on the GCC Amateur Radio Program to be submitted to various publications including Scouting for Boys, QST, Bryan on Scouting, etc.
- **Radio Library:** The radios available in the Radio Library have been cataloged and packaged into convenient carry boxes with instructions. These radios are available for all Scouting Units to check out. Most of these radios do not require an Amateur Radio License to operate.

### Mobile Operations Center Trailer

- **Network & Audio/Visual Systems:** Bob Fager reports that he "has a laptop computer set up to serve as a router and file/web server. *The laptop has two wired network interfaces and a wireless network interface. One of the wired interfaces will always be connected to the network inside the trailer. Then, if we connect either the other wired interface or the wireless interface to the Internet, the network within the trailer will be connected to the Internet. So, connecting the trailer to the Internet is as simple as connecting a computer to a network, either wired or wireless. The laptop also serves as a Windows (SAMBA) file server and a web server, serving any files that are uploaded to it. I'll put together written instructions on how to use it. I also have a wireless access point configured for the trailer. It will give us WiFi in/around the trailer.*"  
Bob is also looking into replacing the Ethernet (wired network) switch. *"The switch that is in the trailer now was a very nice switch when it was produced about 20 years ago. But, it's dated and slower than modern switches. It's 100 megabits per second. For \$100 or less we can get a rack-mount switch that is 1 gigabit (1000 megabits) per second. A modern switch will also be silent while the switch we have has fans that will add to the noise in the trailer."* We are also considering the addition of a Cell Signal Boster, but this would be a later addition. He is also looking into the installation of a camera that can be placed on the extendable mast.



**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. We are waiting for better weather to begin refurbishment and reconfiguration.

**PV 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)**

Training events are on the Council Calendar.

- **FEMA Incident Command Training:** Jeff Mosel has gathered a list of FEMA Free Study courses available on-line that train participants in Event Emergency Planning and Response. *The Emergency Management Institute's (EMI) Curriculum Standards and Instructional Technology Branch provides the Independent Study Program (ISP). This is a distance learning program which offers training, online and free of charge, to the nation's emergency management network and the general public. It serves as both an alternative means to deliver valuable training to the professional and volunteer emergency management community as well as an opportunity to improve public awareness and promote disaster preparedness nationally. The Independent Study Program website offers over 200 training courses. There has been substantial growth in the program since 2004 due to the National Incident Management System training requirements.* Everyone in the Greater Colorado Council planning or executing events (Camporees/Klondorees, NYLT Bighorn and Woodbadge trainings, Cub Scout Day Camps and other activities should review and consider taking the basic 4 classes. The additional classes listed provide more detailed training for people responsible for specific roles. The list and associated flyers are attached.
- **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):** We would like to initiate a training program to offer courses to Scouts, Scouters and the general public.
- **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.
- **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.