



Emergency Service Corps Monthly Activities Report: April 2024

Summary

We had a very busy month of April:

- The April 3rd Stop the Bleed Course had 19 participants.
- The April 4/5 Rocky Mountain Train Show attendance total was 10,238, an 8.16% from last year but still below pre-COVID attendance. A total of 215 Scouts attended, 52 out of 70 of whom completed the Rail Roding Merit Badge. We had several Scouts and Scouters volunteer their time supporting the Show and earning Community Service hours; Friday> 2 Adults, 1 Scout, Saturday> 6 Adults, 7 Scouts, Sunday> 7 Adults and 6 Scouts.
- The MOC received a significant Network upgrade. The trailer now has a working wired and wireless network system. Thank You Bob Fager.
- A security gate has been installed across the McNeil Scout Ranch Ham Radio Shack alcove inside the Gilwell Hall Computer Lab. This gate was installed to stop curious people without the proper understanding of the equipment from making adjustments that throw the system off. The Ham Shack is available to all licensed Ham Radio Operators with prior approval. Contact George Weber (K0BSA) or Brad Johnston (KE0DCP).
- The April 20/21 Wilderness First Aid / CPR / AED Certification Course had 15 participants.

New training opportunities are available at ESC Monthly mtgs, on weekends and on request.

- Scenario Training for troop events and activities (See attached flyer)
- Introduction to Radios in Scouting (See attached flyer)
- FEMA Incident Management Training (See attached flyer)
- Mental Health Training

Several ESC related projects at McNeil Scout Ranch are pending or in progress:

- 4'x8' Event Support Trailer refurbishment and reconfiguration.
- Camping Gear Storage Container shelving.

Updates

The BSA Incident Reporting tool and requirements have been updated. All Scouters are responsible for properly reporting any Incidents, Accidents or "Near Misses" during Scout events and activities. The new website, form and instructions can be found on the BSA Incident Landing Page. <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/>

Upcoming ESC Activities & Events Support

- **ESC Meeting: Wednesday, May 1, 2023, 7pm In-Person & Video Call @ Hamilton Scout Center**
 - Scenario Training for Troop events and activities
 - Upcoming Events Planning> Rocky Mountain Train Show, Conservation/Ham Radio Field Day
- **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**
 - Radios in Scouting
- **ESC Meeting: Wednesday, July 3, 2024, 7pm In-Person & Video Call @ Hamilton Scout Center**
 - Annual Planning Session
 - NOTE:** This session has been advanced one month to allow for Colorado Council Jamboree discussions and planning at the August ESC meeting
- **ESC Meeting: Wednesday, August 7, 2024, 7pm In-Person & Video Call @ Hamilton Scout Center**
 - Colorado Council Jamboree ESC participation discussion.



NOTE: For More information on upcoming ESC Activities & Events

- GCC Calendar: [ScoutingColorado.org/activities](https://scoutingcolorado.org/activities)
- Brad Johnston: 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 Meeting ID: johnston.brad

Current Staffing Needs

- **Training Program Lead**
- **Website / Webmaster**

Prior Month ESC Activities

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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. An Adult/Pediatric Wilderness 1st Aid / CPR/AED course was held at GCC HQ in April and will be re-introducing other courses soon 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 1st Aid Support:** Training is available through the "Able Scouts" website - which leads to the Inclusion Toolbox, and in this case specifically, The Inclusion Toolbox, "J" which is Understanding Anxiety, Depression, and other Mental Health Concerns. The link is <https://ablescouts.org/toolbox/j/> Another section deals with recognizing and communicating with Scouts who have needs at <https://ablescouts.org/toolbox/c/>.
- **Calling 911:** We have been promoting a protocol at Scouting events that emergency response teams, including Medical First Responders are available on-site. Contacting on-site resources first can increase response time and prevent potential confusion and delays. While we should not say not to call 911 we can encourage language in planning and event guides to contact on-site resources first. Bob Fager, John Selstrom and others are working on language to apply to the upcoming Fall Council Jamboree planning and Leaders Guide.
- **Standardized GCC Medic 1st Response Kits:** DJ Rasco, Bob Fager and Taylor Yexley have been requested to develop an standardization of Medic 1st Response kits to be stocked and distributed at the McNeil Scout Ranch and deployed to GCC events off-site.



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- **Medic Call List:** The Medic Call list ranges from Basic 1st 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.
- **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>

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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.
- **McNeil Scout Ranch Radio Shack:** A procedure to authorize Scouts and Scouters to operate the station is available. A security gate like the one used at the CAP Ham Shack to prevent unauthorized manipulation of the equipment has been installed.
- **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. Provide audio (your call sign) and it will give a voice ID response in reply.
- **Radio Library:** The ESC/Radio Scouting team has several Amateur HF, VHF and UHF requiring Ham license to use and FRS radios that anyone can use available in the Radio Library. These radios are packaged into convenient carry boxes with instructions. The radios are available for all Scouting Units to check out. Most of these radios do not require an Amateur Radio License to operate. Email Brad at Johnston.Brad@outlook.com for more information.
- **Annual Jamboree on the Air / Jamboree on the Internet:** The annual JOTA/JOTI event is scheduled for October 18-20, 2024. Planning has begun and preliminary posters are in review. The ESC team and Radio Scouting folks are again planning an Open House at the Hamilton Scout Center on Friday evening as well as an Open House and Radio Merit Badge event on Saturday October 19, 2024.

Mobile Operations Center Trailer

- **Network & Audio/Visual Systems:** Bob Fager has completed installation of a wire and wireless network system within the MOC trailer. This includes a laptop computer to host the network and also provide other services within the MOC including Emergency Procedures, Operating Manuals, and radio software for updates.
- **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.