



Emergency Service Corps Monthly Activities Report: May 2024

Summary

The May meeting introduced Dylan Kilby as a new member of the Committee. Dylan is a Public Health professional with a background in FEMA Disaster Management, Epidemiology and Mountaineering. He led our May 1st session on Scenario Training.

The McNeil Scout Ranch at Peaceful Valley is adding Radio Repeaters to expand communication capabilities across the camp. As a result, we are looking for a new home for the Radio Repeaters we have located on the mesa next to the Water Pump house. We are looking to replace the gang box we are using for our Ham Radio repeaters at the McNeil Scout Ranch at Peaceful Valley. We are currently using a construction tools gang box, but it has become too small and too weather sensitive. A Traffic Signal control box as pictured would be ideal. These are purpose built for operating electronic equipment in an outdoor Colorado environment. I sent out an email regarding this and several people are looking for us. THANKS! If you have a contact where we might find this or a similar box available as a donation of at a reasonable price please let me know.

We have loaned out our first set of FRS (Walkie-Talkie) radios from the ESC Lending Library. Pack 462 has a weekend camping trip planned for Wellington Lake and they have checked out 27 radios to use at this activity.

The Black Feather District is looking for Medics to staff their Cub Scout Twilight Camp June 5th, 6th and 7th Camp runs from 4pm till 8pm each night at Englewood High School. I have sent out a request to those who are signed up on our Medics list looking for volunteers but unfortunately all I have received to date are regrets. This camp is being held in the metro area, so Medics only need to have a current Basic First Aid certificate to qualify. If you can staff one or more of these nights, please let me know.

Updates

REMINDER: 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, 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://www.scouting.org/activities)
- Brad Johnston: Johnston.Scout@gmail.com
- ESC Meetings Teleconference Call:



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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

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.
- **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.
- **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.

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.



- **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

- **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. 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 classes list with more detailed training information for people responsible for specific roles is available on request.
- **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?
- **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.