



Mesa County Safety Council (MCSC)

October 21, 2025, monthly meeting

President – Vacant; **Vice President** – Vee Edstrom; **Treasurer** – Derek Felix; **Secretary** – Jim Pringle; **Board Member At-Large** – Sanatam Khalsa; **Other Board Member At-Large** – Joshua Kirschner; **Past President** – Glenn Kiser

Members present – Rita Sanders (GVP), Derek Felix (Boise Cascade), Drene Stevens (Grand Valley Brain Injury/Epilepsy), Nicole Heil (WCAHEC), Vee Edstrom (St. Mary's Hospital), Shon Kiniston (GJ 911 Dispatch), Jordan Koos (WCCA), Jason Talley (SD51), Tara Flaharty (Mesa County RTPO), Bill Vavek (Hilltop Community Resources), Tyler Tobias (Hilltop Community Resources), Jim Pringle (NWS liaison & Mesa County LEPC)

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 AM MST, followed by introductions.

(Action items highlighted in yellow.)

Review 9/16/25 Meeting Minutes

Bill Vavek made a motion to approve the minutes. Vee Edstrom seconded the motion. Approval by members present was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

Bank Balance as of 9/16/25 **\$7013.50**

Deposits

- None \$0.00

Total Deposits **\$0.00**

Withdrawals

- 9/19/25 check #2071 – USPS (annual PO Box fee) \$188.00

Total Withdrawals **\$188.00**

Bank Balance as of 10/21/25 (verified with Bank of CO) **\$6825.50**

Pending Withdrawals:

Derek will reimburse Jim Pringle \$150.00 for the City Market gift cards he purchased as prizes based on pledged prize donations which came after the prizes were distributed.

Glenn Kiser contacted Jim Pringle prior to today's meeting to say that he is not seeking reimbursement for his out-of-pocket purchases for the MCSC prior to 2024, which is essentially a donation from Glenn to the MCSC of \$870.35!

Therefore, only the following remain as unreimbursed expenditures for Glenn.

Unreimbursed Expenditures by Glenn Kiser:

• 1-22-24 – 2 boxes of 1,000 T-shirt bags (for prefilled swag bags)	\$37.96
• 2-20-24 – Office Depot – 4 safety fair sponsor posters (20" X 30")	\$195.56
• 2-21-24 - USLI Director and Officers Liability Insurance	\$698.00
• 2-24-24 – Replacement easel	\$30.49
• 12-16-24 – Office Depot - Packaging tape	\$30.38
• 2-20-25 – Home Loan Ins. – Special Event Ins. required by Mesa Mall	\$544.00
• 2-29-25 – Office Depot – 4 safety fair sponsor posters (20" X 30")	\$195.56
• 3-19-25 – Elite Events – table (14) and chair (118) rental	\$480.15
• <u>Total reimbursement due for Glenn Kiser</u>	<u>\$2212.10</u>
<u>Projected Balance after pending withdrawals</u>	<u>\$4613.40</u>

Planning for the 2026 Mesa County Safety Fair (February 25-26 @ Mesa Mall)

- General information was presented by Jim Pringle, including the planned fair hours (9:30 AM to 3:00 PM, both days), expected locations for exhibits (e.g. law enforcement again in the Clock Court, GVP and Xcel Gas again in the mall entrance hallway adjacent to the former Cabela's, etc.), SD51 bus schedule times for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades, etc.
- Jim Pringle listed anticipated expenses (bussing, mall rental, tables/chairs rental, insurance, etc.) for the 2026 safety fair which are likely to total \$5500 to \$6000. The itemized list was also posted in the 9/16/25 MCSC meeting minutes.
- Since the 9/16/25 MCSC meeting, Jim Pringle said he sent a "Save-The-Date" message to SD51 administration to forward to the teachers and school principals, as well as private schools and homeschool groups.
- Jim Pringle said he sent the proposed (voluntary) scheduling of presentation times to the organizations which have presentations of 10-20 minutes, including Xcel Energy Electric, Xcel Energy Natural Gas, and MARS for their consideration. It was mentioned again that GVP and St. Mary's Hospital is planning to have scheduled safety presentations starting with the 2026 safety fair when they will plan on having signage (i.e. white board) at their booths stating the presentation times (i.e. Top of the hour, 15 minutes after the hour, 30 minutes after..., etc.)

- Assuming a similar attendance of children as last year, there was unanimous support among today's meeting attendees for pre-filling 1300 swag bags. So that is how many handout items organizations should plan on providing, either at their booths and/or for the prefilled swag bags.
- Any leftover prefilled swag bags can be used at other events (e.g. annual Plateau Valley Safety Fair in Collbran) to further spread organization's safety messaging.
- Vee Edstrom said that St. Mary's Hospital will again provide the deluxe unfilled swag bags for children as they enter the safety fair. Children will use those bags for items handed out at booths, and those bags will also accommodate holding prefilled bags that will be given to the children as they leave the safety fair.
- Jim Pringle said that he plans to distribute the SD51 teacher registrations and exhibitor applications within a few days after the 12/16/25 MCSC monthly meeting. The teacher registration forms (all online) and exhibitor application forms (available online or pdf version) will be accompanied by an invitation, instructions, and general information.
- Vee Edstrom reiterated that she will take responsibility for processing the SD51 teacher registrations with assistance from Glenn Kiser. Jim Pringle said that he will again be responsible for processing the exhibitor applications, as well as determining the exhibitor booth/display locations at Mesa Mall.

MCSC IT Team Updates

- Jim Pringle said he sent an email to Brian Wiley at KKCO requesting a time to meet with him and include Derek Felix, at a time convenient for Brian, to work together on updates to the MCSC's website. Jim said he had not yet heard back from Brian, but that is probably because of Brian's current workload.
- Rita said she posted a "Save-The-Date" message for the 2026 safety fair on the MCSC's Facebook page. Rita will be posting additional information related to the safety fair as we get closer to the dates of the event.

2025 MCSC Board Member Elections

- The nomination process for the vacant MCSC President position was tabled until the November meeting.

Donation Resources and Prospects

- Vee Edstrom said that IHC St. Mary's Hospital will likely be the main sponsor for the 2026 safety fair, and hope to donate about the same amount as was done for the 2025 safety fair.
- Vee said that she and C.J. Voigt have requested a CDOT grant with the hope of using some of that grant funding to pay for SD51's safety fair bus transportation.
- Jim Pringle said that the MCSC still plans to have a donation button (using Square) on the MCSC website. It was suggested that the donation button link be located at least on the MCSC's home page.

Other Upcoming Events

- Thanks to Rita Sanders, Jim Pringle said that he received information from the City of Fruita to invite organizations on the MCSC's email list to participate in the 10/25/25 Fruita Truck-N-Treat event. About 2000 children are expected to attend the event. In addition to handing out candy to the children, this event provides a great opportunity for organizations to promote themselves with display signage, as well as stickers and other items that the parents will see.

Jim Pringle stated that the next monthly MCSC meeting is scheduled for November 18.

At 11:25 AM MDT Drene Stevens made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Rita Sanders seconded the motion, with all attendees in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Pringle, MCSC Secretary