



## Mesa County Safety Council (MCSC)

April 15, 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** – Vacant at the beginning of the meeting, but filled by Glenn Kiser later in the meeting.

**Members present** – Carrie Capra (WCCA), Derek Felix (Boise Cascade), Travis Holder (Lower Valley Fire Dept.), Drene Stevens (Grand Valley Brain Injury/Epilepsy), Rita Sanders (GVP), Shon Kiniston (GJ 911 Dispatch), Sanatam Khalsa (Colorado 811), Joshua Kirschner (Valor Tactical), Vee Edstrom (IHC St. Mary's Hospital), Glenn Kiser (MCSC advisor), Paul Jamison (MCSO Citizens on Patrol), Jim Pringle (NWS liaison & Mesa County LEPC)

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 AM MST, followed by introductions.

(Action items highlighted in yellow.)

### **Review 3/18/25 Meeting Minutes**

Glenn Kiser made a motion to approve the minutes.

Drene Stevens seconded the motion.

Approval by members present was unanimous.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT –**

**Bank Balance as of 1/21/25**

**\$6531.42**

Derek Felix said that the MCSC has received \$1008.37 in checks and \$185.00 paid through Square since the last treasurer's report. He said that Mesa Mall has been paid \$1100 for the 2025 safety fair mall rental.

Glenn Kiser said that we should soon receive an invoice for the 2025 safety fair bussing.

Vee said that IHC St. Mary's Hospital has paid the \$3000.00 MCSC sponsorship, and it could be in the MCSC's P.O. box by now.

## **Pending Withdrawals:**

Unreimbursed Expenditures by Glenn Kiser:

• 10-14-22 – 3rd and last 2022 board liability insurance payment	\$214.40
• 10-29-22 – Annual P.O. Box fee	\$156.00
• 2-15-23 – 1 <sup>st</sup> installment for insurance this year	\$279.20
• 2-15-23 – Office Depot to print 4 safety fair posters	\$78.95
• 8-28-23 – Last liability insurance payment	\$41.80
• 9-12-23 – Colorado Secretary of State (cert. of good standing)	\$100.00
• 10-2-23 – P.O. Box annual fee	\$166.00
• 1-22-24 – 2 boxes of 1,000 T-shirt bags (for prefilled swag bags)	\$37.96
• 2-20-24 – Office Depot – Four 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
<b>Total reimbursement due for Glenn Kiser</b>	<b>\$1998.36</b>

## **Preplanning for the 2026 Mesa County Safety Fair & 2025 Fair Follow-up**

- Jim Pringle said that the dates which could potentially work for the 2026 Mesa County Safety Fair are February 26-27 and March 4-5, which are Wednesday-Thursday combinations. Jim asked members to discuss with their organizations which dates might work best for them and provide that information for the May 20<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting. Jim said he will then coordinate with Mesa Mall and SD51 this summer on the two possible safety fair dates.
- There was some discussion on what might be done to increase attendance by SD51 students for the 2026 safety fair. This began with some comments on why there was a significant reduction in SD51 student attendance for the 2025 safety fair versus the 2024 safety fair.

Paul Jamison said that the Mesa County S.O. conducts school checks every week on Wednesdays and Fridays, and during some school checks several teachers said they did not attend the safety fair because they did not want to interrupt their curriculum.

Jim Pringle said he requested comments from all SD51 elementary school teachers to hopefully find out why some teachers attended and others did not. Eight teachers responded. Seven of those teachers brought their classes to the safety fair. One teacher chose to have their class only participate in the virtual safety fair, but did not give a reason why they did not attend the in-person event. Incidentally, all eight of the respondents rated the 2025 safety fair as a "10" on a scale from 1 to 10, with 10 being the best. They provided multiple reasons why they rated the safety fair so highly.

- The topic of scheduled (every 20 minutes starting at the top of the hour) exhibitor presentations for the electricity & natural gas utilities and St. Mary's Hospital was discussed. Rita Sanders from Grand Valley Power and Vee Edstrom from St. Mary's Hospital said that they would like their organizations to have scheduled presentations. Jim Pringle said he will coordinate the proposal with Xcel Energy Electric and Natural Gas, as well as MARS.

It was suggested that booths with scheduled presentations should have signs stating the start times of each presentation. (i.e. "Top of the hour, 20 minutes after, and 40 minutes after").

- Jim Pringle said he distributed safety fair prizes to 12 of the 13 winning SD51 classes on March 11th and 12th. He also brought the prizes for the 14 homeschool family winners to the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce for pickup by those families. Jim plans on distributing the 2026 safety fair prizes again within a week after the virtual safety fair.

Vee Edstrom said she is coordinating with the teacher of the winning class at Orchard Avenue Elementary School for a day that she can give them their bicycle helmets.

- Vee Edstrom said that we need to have a discussion on delegating the 2026 safety fair duties, to relieve Glenn Kiser from those responsibilities.

### **MCSC IT Team Updates**

- Jim Pringle said he recently spoke with Brian Wiley at KKCO about assisting him with updating the MCSC's website.
- Rita Sanders said that she and Tara Flaherty (RTPO) are planning to coordinate management of the MCSC's Facebook page after they get in contact with Matt Johnson who set up the MCSC's Facebook account.

### **2025 MCSC Board Member Elections in May**

- Jim Pringle said there are only two board positions that need to be up for a vote at the May 15th MCSC meeting: the position of president and the at-large position currently held by Sanatam Khalsa. Nominations will still be accepted at the May MCSC meeting. Sanatam nominated himself to serve another two years as an at-large board member.
- Jim also said that the vice president and treasurer's positions are normally elected in odd years per the bylaws. But since those positions were just filled in May of last year, he suggested that we could wait until next year.
- Glenn Kiser said that since he already served as a MCSC president and "past president", and since the position of "past president" is currently vacant, he said that he will volunteer to serve as past president for now.

### **Donation Resources and Prospects**

- Regarding the MCSC's Square account for receiving donation payments via credit card, Derek Felix said that the process has been working nicely.
- It was recommended that a donation button be added to the MCSC's website the next time that the website gets updated.
- Jim Pringle said that the MCSC should soon receive a donation from the Grand Junction Rotary Club for participation in the [2025 Snowball Sweepstakes](#).
- Joshua Kirschner said he is still working on the Walmart Spark Program grant.

### **Other Upcoming Events**

- Jim Pringle provided an update on the scheduled 2025 **Plateau Valley Safety Fair**; that the date has been moved to **MAY 5th**, and that it will be an outdoor event at Terrell Park since the Plateau Valley School building remains under construction. For more information, please see the exhibitor invitation that was sent from the MCSC's email account on April 5th.
- Jim mentioned the **2025 Hilltop Safety and Well-Being Fair**, scheduled for **May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10 AM to 2 PM, at The Commons (627 27.5 Road)**. For information, please [contact Bill Vavek at billv@htop.org](mailto:billv@htop.org).

At 11:34 AM MDT Glenn Kiser made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Drene Stevens seconded the motion, with all attendees in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Pringle, MCSC Secretary