



Mesa County Safety Council (MCSC)

September 16, 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), Sanatam Khalsa (CO 811), Joshua Kirschner (Valor Tactical), Bill Vavek (Hilltop Community Resources), Glenn Kiser (MCSC past president), CJ Voigt (Community Hospital), Ben Hoffman (Ute Water), Sanatam Khalsa (Colorado 811), Vee Edstrom (St. Mary’s Hospital), Jim Pringle (NWS liaison & Mesa County LEPC)

The meeting was called to order at 10:34 AM MST, followed by introductions.

(Action items highlighted in yellow.)

Review 5/20/25 Meeting Minutes

Glenn Kiser 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 5/20/25 **\$5898.75**

Deposits

- Check from KKCO TV \$200.00
- Check from David and Diane Bailey \$50.00
- Intermountain Health/St. Mary’s Hospital \$3000.00

Total Deposits **\$3250.00**

Withdrawals

- 6/9/25 check #2027 – Mesa Co. SD51 (safety fair student bussing) \$2135.25

Total Withdrawals **\$2135.25**

Bank Balance as of 9/16/25 (verified with Bank of CO) **\$7013.50**

Pending Withdrawals:

Derek Felix said that the annual P.O. Box renewal for \$188.00 is due later this month.

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.

Unreimbursed Expenditures by Glenn Kiser:

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| • 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 st 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 |
| • 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>\$3248.45</u> |

Projected Balance after pending withdrawals **\$3586.45**

6/7/25 Kiwanis Pancake Day and Fun Fest @ Mesa County Fairgrounds

Jim Pringle said that there were about 20 organizations that participated in the Fun Fest portion of the Kiwanis Pancake Day event, including law enforcement and the Mesa County LEPC. About 100 swag bags (leftover from the 2025 Mesa County Safety Fair) were handed out to children who visited the LEPC shelter-in-place exhibit tent.

Preplanning for the 2026 Mesa County Safety Fair

- Jim Pringle coordinated with SD51 administration and with Mesa Mall management this summer regarding the proposed 2026 safety fair date options. The February 25-26 dates were preferred by SD51 administration, and those dates also worked for Mesa Mall. The response by today's MCSC meeting attendees was unanimous to confirm February 25-26 for the 2026 safety fair.
- Jim said he would send SD51, private schools, and homeschool groups a "Save-The-Date" message for the 2026 safety fair prior to the October MCSC meeting.
- Rita Sanders said she would also create a "Save-The-Date" event on the MCSC's Facebook account, and she requested that we share it with others.
- There was unanimous agreement during today's meeting to keep the same hours for the 2026 safety fair as in recent years: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM, both days.

- Glenn Kiser coordinated with Karen Harris at SD51 the dates of February 25-26 for the 2026 safety fair which she has reserved on SD51's calendar for bussing.
- Jim Pringle said that Jay Greenberg was the mall's general manager during recent safety fairs, but he has moved on. Sarah Colvin (Mesa Mall Leasing Manager) is our primary contact at Mesa Mall in the absence of a general manager. As of this summer, Mesa Mall is owned by CBL Properties.
- Projected expenses for the 2026 Mesa County Safety Fair were discussed:
 - Great News: Sarah Colvin told Jim that the **mall rental fee for the 2026 safety fair will be \$1,100**, the same rate as the 2025 safety fair!
 - Expect the bussing cost to be around \$2500
 - Expect insurance for special event & MCSC board liability to be ~ \$1200
 - Table and chair rentals to be around \$500
 - Miscellaneous expenses (sponsor posters, tape, etc.) to be about \$300

Total estimated cost for operating the 2026 safety fair: \$5500-6000.
- There was discussion on the proposal for scheduling exhibitor presentation times for those that are more lengthy (between 10 and 20 minutes). This proposal was done at the request of teachers to help them to better utilize the time for their students since they only have about 2-2.5 hours at the safety fair (due to bussing schedules) to visit as many as possible of the 30-35 safety fair exhibits.
- Rita Sanders from Grand Valley Power and Vee Edstrom from IHC St. Mary's Hospital said that they will plan on implementing scheduled presentations for their booths starting with the 2026 safety fair. **Additionally, scheduled presentations were recommended for the following exhibitors, for which Jim Pringle said that he would contact them with this request from teachers:**
 - Xcel Energy – electric
 - Xcel Energy – natural gas
 - Martial Arts Resource Systems (MARS)

2025-2026 MCSC Monthly Meeting Dates

Jim Pringle coordinated the following monthly MCSC meeting dates with Shari at the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce for the 2025-2026 school year.

- October 21
- November 18
- December 16
- January 20
- February 17
- March 17
- April 21
- May 19

MCSC IT Team Updates

- Jim Pringle said he will try to coordinate a meeting with Brian Wiley at KKCO for the purpose of meeting with him to work on some updates for the MCSC's website. Derek Felix requested that he also be at that meeting. One of the items for inclusion on the website is to add a donation button, using Square.
- Rita Sanders is keeping the MCSC's Facebook page up to date!

Donation Resources and Prospects

- Joshua Kirschner said the grant application for a Spark grant at Walmart had been denied. Joshua said he will move forward with another application for the Spark grant, for which we can reapply every quarter, and he plans to meet with the Rim Rock Walmart's general manager. Sanatam Khalsa said that if we get approved for the Spark grant, then we can set up a table at the front of the Walmart store that approves the Spark grant.
- Vee Edstrom said she will be in a meeting today that will likely discuss IHC St. Mary's Hospital's sponsorship of the 2026 safety fair. She should know in about a month whether or not their sponsorship will continue for the safety fair.
- Glenn Kiser said that the Lion's Club is open for grant requests until mid-October.

2025 MCSC Board Member Election – Nominations for President

- Glenn Kiser suggested that we should ask Brian Wright if he is interested in being the next MCSC president.

Upcoming Events

- Jim Pringle reminded everyone about Ariel's Fall Resource Fair on Sept. 26 which he had already forwarded the announcement/invitation to the MCSC email list.
- Rita Sanders said the 2025 Truck and Treat event is scheduled for 10/25/25 from 10 AM to noon at the Civic Center Park in Fruita. She told Jim Pringle that she would send him the information with the invitation which he can share with those on the MCSC's email list.

At 11:31 AM MDT Glenn Kiser made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Derek Felix seconded the motion, with all attendees in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Pringle, MCSC Secretary