



Mesa County Safety Council (MCSC)

November 18, 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), Jordan Koos (WCCA), Dan Huisjen (SD51 Security), Tara Flaharty (Mesa County RTPO), Rachel Peterson (Mesa County RTPO), Bonita Covana (Hilltop Resources), Derek Felix (Boise Cascade), Nicole Heil (WCAHEC), Travis Holder (Lower Valley Fire), Drene Stevens (Grand Valley Brain Injury/Epilepsy), Glenn Kiser, Dena Corona (CMU Nursing), Joshua Kirschner (Valor Tactical), Vee Edstrom (St. Mary’s Hospital), Marcie Cooper (CO Parks & Wildlife), 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 10/21/25 Meeting Minutes

Derek Felix 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 10/21/25	\$6825.50
<u>Deposits</u>	
• King Soopers (City Market) Community Rewards	\$34.91
Total Deposits	\$34.91
<u>Withdrawals</u>	
• None	\$0.00
Total Withdrawals	\$0.00
Bank Balance as of 11/18/25 (verified with Bank of CO)	\$6860.41

Pending Withdrawals:

Derek Felix wrote a check of reimbursement last week to Jim Pringle of \$150.00 for the City Market gift cards he purchased as prizes based on pledged prize donations which came after the prizes were distributed. As of today the check had not yet been cashed.

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>\$4498.31</u>

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

- Jim Pringle gave a review of fair hours (9:30 AM to 3:00 PM both days), SD51 bus schedules, general locations for exhibits and display vehicles, as well as exhibit setup times (evening of the 24th mainly for all indoor display vehicles, and the mornings of the 25th and 26th beginning at 8:00 AM).
- Jim again mentioned the request for scheduled presentations which was sent to organizations that have presentations of 10-20 minutes, including Xcel Energy Electric, Xcel Energy Natural Gas, and MARS for their consideration. Rita Sanders (GVP) and Vee Edstrom (St. Mary's Hospital) again confirmed that their exhibits will have signage (i.e. white board) showing their presentation times.
- Jim Pringle said he will send the safety fair invitations to potential exhibitors, as well as the schools and homeschool family groups within a few days after the 12/16/25 MCSC meeting. The invitations will include the exhibitor application (Google form and pdf version) and the SD51 teacher registration (Google form).
- 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.
- Jim Pringle said that he will invite John Pennington at Central High School and his JROTC cadets to assist the MCSC on both days of the safety fair.

- Vee Edstrom suggested that the MCSC look into having an organization at the safety fair with a gun safety exhibit. Nicole Heil said she will check on a guy from the VA who might be able to provide a gun safety exhibit.
- Jim Pringle mentioned that up until about 10 years ago there was a person from the Colorado Farm Bureau who had a farm and ranch safety exhibit, and that it would be beneficial to have a farm and ranch safety exhibit again. Jordan Koos said that she would contact the Cattlemen's Association about this request.
- Jim Pringle said he would start sending out safety fair PSAs to the local news media beginning in early January. Rita Sanders said that she began posting a "save-the-date" message on the MCSC's Facebook page last month, and that she will provide additional posts as new information becomes available. Derek Felix said he has made some updates to the MCSC's website which include the 2026 Mesa County Safety Fair.
- Jim mentioned that he will promote the 2026 virtual Mesa County Safety Fair and request organizations to consider providing a short (~5-10 minute) safety video presenting safety guidelines pertinent to their organization. New or updated videos, as well as related safety quizzes, can be sent to Sanatam Khalsa for posting on the MCSC website's Virtual Safety Fair page.
- Jim Pringle briefly mentioned the anticipated expenses for the 2026 safety fair which will likely cost the MCSC between \$5500 and \$6000. He also mentioned the optional \$50 exhibitor fee. Derek Felix said the fee payments can be sent to the MCSC's PO Box or handed to Derek, or they can be paid online using Square.
- It was stated that the MCSC is planning to have 1300 prefilled swag bags for the 2026 in-person safety fair at Mesa Mall. 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 IHC St. Mary's Hospital will provide the empty bags for children upon arrival at the mall.
- Jim Pringle said he will be sending out a request for donations for safety fair prizes prior to the December MCSC meeting. The prizes are used as an incentive for teachers and parents to bring their children to the safety fair.
- Glenn Kiser said that his wife Sue can get the MCSC a discount for printing of the four large "sponsor posters", and that he and Sue will be responsible for printing. Jim Pringle will design the poster and have it ready for Glenn and Sue in mid-February 2026 after all sponsors/donors and volunteers have been determined.

2025 MCSC Board Member Elections

- Nominations for the vacant MCSC President position were tabled until 12/16/25.

MCSC IT Team Updates

- As the new MCSC's webmaster, Derek Felix said he began updating the MCSC's website a couple of weeks ago, including a donation button. He will provide updates as needed, particularly those items related to the 2026 safety fair such as a link to the exhibitor application.
- Rita Sanders and Tara Flaharty said they will be keeping the MCSC's Facebook page updated as new information about the safety fair becomes available.

Donation Resources and Prospects

- Vee Edstrom said that IHC St. Mary's Hospital is still in the process of determining the amount of sponsorship for the 2026 safety fair.
- Vee Edstrom said the CDOT grant which she and C.J. Voigt requested is not going to happen this year.
- Derek Felix said the new donation button (using Square) is ready for use.
- Vee recommended that we should be seeking grant opportunities as the situation for future sponsorships by IHC St. Mary's Hospital remains uncertain.
 - Glenn Kiser said he would contact Bank of Colorado which has donated every year between \$500 and \$1000 for many years.
 - Glenn also suggested getting in contact with Red Rock Auto Group.
 - Glenn said the MCSC will receive a 20% discount from Elite Events Rentals
 - Jordan Koos said we should ask SD51 Foundation about the possibility of a discount for safety fair bussing of SD51 students.
 - Joshua Kirschner plans to reapply for the Walmart Spark Program grant.
 - Jim Pringle said he will soon register the MCSC for the GJ Rotary's 2026 Snowball Sweepstakes where 80% of ticket purchases on behalf of the MCSC will go to the MCSC.

Other Upcoming Events

- Regarding a recent event, Jim Pringle said he helped staff the Mesa County LEPC booth at the Fruita Truck N' Treat where about 1200 children received candy and a Mesa County LEPC sticker helping promote the existence of the LEPC.
- Jim Pringle mentioned the need for exhibitors at the Plateau Valley Safety Fair in April 2026 and the GJ Kiwanis Fun Fest at their Pancake Day event on 6/6/26.

Jim Pringle stated that the next monthly MCSC meeting is scheduled for December 16.

At 11:28 AM MDT Drene Stevens made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Glenn Kiser seconded the motion, with all attendees in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Pringle, MCSC Secretary