



Mesa County Safety Council (MCSC)

December 16, 2026, 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 – Jordan Koos (WCCA), Ben Hoffman (Ute Water and MC LEPC), Tara Flaharty (Mesa County RTPO), Glenn Kiser, Joshua Kirschner (Valor Tactical), Drene Stevens (Grand Valley Brain Injury/Epilepsy), Vee Edstrom (St. Mary’s Hospital), Bill Vavak (Hilltop Community Resources), Tyler Tobias (Hilltop Community Resources), Nicole Heil (WCAHEC), Jim Pringle (NWS liaison & Mesa County LEPC)

The meeting was called to order at 10:36 AM MST, followed by introductions.

(Action items highlighted in yellow.)

Review 11/18/25 Meeting Minutes

Joshua Kirschner 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 11/18/25 **\$6860.41**

Deposits

- None \$0.00

Total Deposits **\$0.00**

Withdrawals

- None \$0.00

Total Withdrawals **\$0.00**

Bank Balance as of 12/16/25 (verified with Bank of CO) **\$6860.41**

Pending Withdrawals:

Jim Pringle said he will process the check of reimbursement (for City Market gift cards he purchased as 2025 safety fair prizes to SD51 classrooms) for the amount of \$150.00 before the January MCSC meeting.

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
• Total reimbursement due for Glenn Kiser	\$2212.10
<i>Projected Balance after pending withdrawals</i>	\$4498.31

Vee Edstrom and Jim Pringle conducted an internal audit on November 18, 2025, of the Mesa County Safety Council's banking activities at the Bank of Colorado for the period from January 1, 2024, to November 18, 2025. All documented transactions during that time period coincided accurately with the bank statements. Incidentally, the January 1, 2024, account balance was \$6836.59 in the checkbook ledger and the bank statement, and the November 18, 2025, bank statement showed a balance of \$6860.41.

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

- Jim Pringle gave a recap on the fair hours (9:30 AM to 3:00 PM both days), general information on exhibitor locations, SD51 bus schedules, general locations for exhibits and display vehicles, overnight storage for display items, 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 Pringle said he will send out the invitations to exhibitors (with application form) and SD51 teachers (with registration form) within the next couple of days.
- Jim said that he contacted John Pennington at Central High School (CHS) who confirmed that the CHS JROTC cadets will plan to be at Mesa Mall to help the MCSC during both days of the safety fair.
- Jim suggested that the MCSC pay the cost for lunches for John and the JROTC cadets, and consider it as an expense much like the cost for other things considered necessary to operate the safety fair. Comments from attendees were all in agreement. Jim mentioned that for a number of years Glenn Kiser has been paying out of his own pocket for the JROTC cadet's lunches during the fair.
- Jim said that he will send out a Doodle poll around mid-January to schedule a safety fair security team (MCSO, SD51, GJPD, Mall, GJFD) meeting in February.

- Jordan Koos said that she is waiting to get a response from the Cattlemen's Association regarding a possible farm and ranch safety booth. She should receive a response from them after their next board meeting.
- Nicole Heil said that there is a person at the VA hospital who told her that he can provide a gun safety booth at the safety fair.
- Safety fair promotions will include a PSA which Jim Pringle will compose and send to local broadcast and print media, as well as to Bill Vavak at Hilltop TV. Other promotions will include the MCSC's Facebook posts by Rita Sanders and Tara Flaharty, as well as updates for the safety fair on the MCSC's website.
- Jim Pringle reiterated the request for scheduled presentation times by organizations with presentations that are significantly longer than 5 minutes.
- It was mentioned that the expected cost to the MCSC for the 2026 safety fair will be between \$5500 and \$6000. The optional exhibitor fee will significantly help.
- Jordan Koos from WCCA confirmed that WCCA will again host the prefilled swag bags activity. Handout items can be dropped off at WCCA the week of February 9th-13th, 8 AM to Noon and 1-4 PM. The bags will be scheduled for filling by MCSC volunteers starting at noon on Tuesday, February 17th. If necessary, bag filling will extend into the morning of February 18th.
- Glenn Kiser said he will pick up boxes to hold the prefilled swag bags and that he will plan on having his trailer to haul the boxes from WCCA to Mesa Mall.
- Jim Pringle said he will be sending out a request for donations for the safety fair prize drawing that will be conducted the week after the in-person safety fair. Donations can be in the form of tangible items, services, and cash. Cash prizes will be converted to City Market gift cards in the amounts of \$25 for homeschool family winners and \$50 for SD51 and private school classroom winners. Vee Edstrom said that St. Mary's hospital will provide bike helmets for a classroom.
- Vee Edstrom confirmed that she will be taking over the responsibility from Glenn Kiser for coordinating the bus scheduling for SD51 classrooms.
- Jim Pringle said he will again be responsible for the composition of the "Sponsor Poster" for the safety fair. Glenn said he would have four posters printed, assisted by his wife Sue who can get a discount. Each poster will be placed on easels at four prominent locations within the mall during the safety fair.
- Vee will bring unfilled deluxe St. Mary's Hospital bags for swag to the mall.

MCSC IT Team Updates

- Bill Vavak confirmed that the donation button developed by Derek Felix on the MCSC website works, as he made a donation on behalf of Hilltop yesterday.
- Tara Flaharty said she and Rita Sanders 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 approved the \$1500 sponsorship for the 2026 safety fair, and that she has submitted an invoice.
- Glenn Kiser said that the MCSC should expect a \$500 donation from the Bank of Colorado, with the donation being made in early 2026.
- Vee said that she would arrange for a meeting with the Rimrock Walmart store manager regarding the Spark grant opportunity. Joshua Kirschner said he will submit an application for the Spark grant after Vee meets with the manager.
- Jim Pringle said he registered the MCSC for the [GJ Rotary Club's 2026 Snowball Sweepstakes](#) where 80% of ticket purchases on behalf of the MCSC will go to the MCSC. Jim then passed around a Snowball Sweepstakes poster and trifold brochure. Purchasers of tickets not only support the MCSC but also are entered in the event where they can win up to \$5000 donated by local businesses.

2025 MCSC Board Member Elections

- Nominations for the vacant MCSC President position were tabled until 1/20/26.

Other Upcoming Events

- Jim Pringle mentioned the need for exhibitors at the 2026 Plateau Valley Safety Fair that will be held at the remodeled Plateau Valley School in Collbran, with a tentative safety fair date of 4/23/26.
- Jim also stated the request for exhibitors at the GJ Kiwanis Pancake Day and Fun Fest at the Mesa County Fairgrounds on 6/6/26.

Jim Pringle said the next monthly MCSC meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2026.

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

Respectfully submitted by Jim Pringle, MCSC Secretary