



Mesa County Safety Council (MCSC)

January 20, 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 – Michael Netzer (VA Hospital), Jesse Peeler (GVP), Tara Flaharty (Mesa County RTPO), Glenn Kiser, Drene Stevens (Grand Valley Brain Injury/Epilepsy), Tanya Marchun (GVP), Nicole Heil (WCAHEC), Jason Talley (SD51 Safety/Security), Sanatam Khalsa (CO 811), Cory Holland (Mesa Co. R&B), Derek Felix (Boise Cascade), Tony Ibarra (Ute Water and Mesa County LEPC), Justin St. John (Atomic Legacy Cabin), Jim Pringle (NWS liaison & Mesa County LEPC)

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM MST, followed by introductions.

(Action items highlighted in yellow.)

Review 12/16/25 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 12/16/25 **\$6907.16**

Deposits

- 12-23-25 to 1-14-26 - four exhibitor fee payments via Squar \$187.00
- 1-13-26 – Check from WCCA (exhibitor fee and safety fair prizes) \$150.00

Total Deposits **\$337.00**

Withdrawals

- Check # 2072 to Jim Pringle (reimburse 2025 safety fair CM gift cards) \$150.00

Total Withdrawals **\$150.00**

Bank Balance as of 1/20/26 (verified with Bank of CO) **\$7094.16**

Pending Withdrawals:

Unreimbursed Expenditures by Glenn Kiser:

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| • 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>\$4882.06</u> |

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, exhibit locations, overnight storage for display items, and exhibit set up and take down times.
 - Exhibit setup times: Tuesday 2/24 – Display Vehicles enter at 7:30 PM. All others can set up beginning at 7:00 PM on 2/24 or beginning at 8:00 AM on both days (2/25 and 2/26) of the safety fair.
 - Exhibit take down times: - Thursday 2/26 - Display Vehicles starting at 7:30 PM. All other exhibits should be packed away after 3:00 PM.
- Jim said that as of this morning there were 18 SD51 classes comprised of 348 students that were registered to attend the safety fair. Additionally, 12 exhibitor applications have been received. Vee Edstrom is responsible for scheduling the bus times for all registered SD51 classes, with guidance from Glenn Kiser.
- Tanya Marchun said that Caprock Academy's 2nd and 4th grade students will be at this year's safety fair. That would likely be over a 100 students.
- Promotions for the safety fair:
 - Tara Flaharty said that she will be making Facebook posts.
 - Derek Felix has the 2026 safety fair information on the MCSC website
 - Jim Pringle asked those present for comments regarding the safety fair PSA which he will send to all local media outlets within the next day.
 - Tanya Marchun said that non-profits can promote events for free on "Peach Jar". Tara Flaharty said she will submit to Peach Jar.
 - Jim said he would send the PSA and a promotional poster in PPT format to Tara Flaharty for Peach Jar, to Bill Vavek for Hilltop TV, and to Joshua Kirschner for Valor Tactical's inhouse announcements.

- Jim Pringle said he would set up a Doodle poll for the safety fair security team meeting. Those invited will include all local law enforcement, SD51 Security/Safety, Mesa Mall security, local fire departments, and Vee Edstrom.
- Jim Pringle reiterated the request for scheduled presentation times by organizations with presentations that are significantly longer than 5 minutes. He said that information will be provided to teachers about a week prior to the safety fair in an email that will contain the Mesa Mall exhibitor map.
- Jim Pringle mentioned the excellent assistance that has been provided by CHS's JROTC cadets in previous years, and that it will be great to have them back to help on both days of the 2026 safety fair.
- 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.
- 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.
- Handout items for swag bags 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 sent 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. Several organizations have already pledged or donated prizes as of today. 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 has the empty deluxe St. Mary's Hospital bags for swag at the mall.
- 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.
- The [2026 Virtual Safety Fair is ready for use by teachers and parents on the MCSC's website](#). Updated videos and/or quizzes can be sent to Sanatam Khalsa.

MCSC IT Team Updates

- Derek Felix said that the donation button on the MCSC's website is working well.
- 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

- Glenn Kiser said he received confirmation from the Bank of Colorado for a donation of \$750.00.
- Derek Felix asked everyone to consider participation in the [City Market Community Rewards Program](#) to help raise funds for the MCSC. There is no added cost to participate. City Market simply donates to the MCSC based on your percentage of spending. Derek recently added the [City Market Community Rewards program to the MCSC website's donation page](#) with a [clickable link](#) to get started.
- 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. 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 3/17/26.

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. The event lasts from 9 AM to 3 PM.
- 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 February 17, 2026.

At 11:00 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