

**KSUN COMMUNITY RADIO**  
**4th Quarter Community Issues Report**  
**October-December 2023**

**1) TOPIC: "Saving Lives 911"**

**GUEST:** Brad Flanagan, Emergency Operations Manager, Pitkin County

**DATE/TIME:** October 27, 2023 9-9:30 a.m.

**HOST:** Mary Lee Mohrlang

**PROGRAM:** Pitkin County Emergency Services and Operations

The Pitkin County Emergency Services Program works very closely with the Garfield County Sheriff's Department and the entire "911" System for the Garfield/Pitkin Sheriff's Department and the "911" program.

Due to the close relationship between these two counties with two very strong Sheriffs, the "911" System has been developed into a very "noted" contributor to both of these counties.

The I-70/Hwy 82 corridor from Garfield County to Pitkin County and the tourism industry from Carbondale to Aspen has grown exponentially over the past five years and has created serious problems with drugs, crime, traffic accidents, vagrants sleeping under bridges and in general a transformation of what used to be a beautiful, pristine quiet retreat and areas to live and raise a family. Consequently the Sheriff's Department and related authorities and service providers of both communities have been inundated with every type of crime, traffic accident, scam and a gigantic drain and disregard for our law enforcement and emergency systems.

The Pitkin and Garfield County have joined forces with expansion, research, additional training and general supervision of the strain on the "911" systems with some very creative, effective and technical improvements that are outstanding.

This is not an "isolated problem" to this area but the organizations locally have certainly improved the emergency services availability, and education to that end has been very effective!!!

**(2) TOPIC: Garfield County High Country Volunteers**

**GUEST:** Maria Langen

**DATE/TIME:** November 3, 2023 9-9:30 a.m.

**HOST:** Mary Lee Mohrlang

**PROGRAM:** What's New for Medicare

The High Country Volunteers Program is supported through Garfield

County and is one of the largest volunteer organizations including volunteer groups from all over the county offering free services to all ages in the County. These groups include the following: dog shelter, income tax, preparation, home care, child care, weekly luncheons in the larger local communities once a week, travel bus services, holiday festivities, tax and Social Security application assistance, medical assistance, plus many more affiliated groups and associations to assist Garfield County community members.

**(3) TOPIC:** Garfield 16 School Based Family Resource Center

**GUEST:** Claudia Flores, Melissa de la Cruz

**DATE/TIME:** December 8, 2023 9-9:30 a.m.

**HOST:** Mary Lee Mohrlang

**PROGRAM:** The "Givings" to the Community

The Garfield 16 Resource Center, located in Parachute, Colorado, provides services to the communities of Parachute and Battlement Mesa ranging from family counseling, bilingual assistance, special education assistance and tutoring, food, clothing, and special programs during the year such as assistance with "prom wear" including shoes and jewelry, Christmas family gifting from the local communities, rental facilities and cooperative activities between the local schools and the Resource Center.