


Fee Waiver Staff Report

Date:**To:** Douglas County Board of County Commissioners**Through:** Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager**From:** Terence T. Quinn, AICP, Director of Community Development **CC:** Amy Knopp, Recreation Manager, Rueter-Hess Reservoir
Steven Shoultz, CPRP, Assistant Director of Parks, Trails and Building Grounds**Subject:** **Fee Waiver Request from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Beyond the Badge Foundation in the Amount of \$4,400 for the Employee and Family Wellness Day 2025 at Rueter-Hess Reservoir**

Board of County Commissioners Hearing:**August 12, 2025 @ 2:30 p.m.**

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office Beyond the Badge Foundation (DCSOBB) requests a fee waiver of \$4,400 for their use fees for Rueter-Hess Reservoir including 230 parking spaces for the day to host their DCSO Fun in the Sun Employee and Family Wellness Day for approximately 500 people on August 23, 2025, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. This event will extend beyond normal operating hours.

II. APPLICATION INFORMATION**A. Applicant**

Douglas County Sheriff's Office
Beyond the Badge
4000 Justice Way
Castle Rock, CO 80109

B. Applicant's Representative

Alicia Romero
Douglas County Sheriff's Office
Beyond the Badge Foundation
4000 Justice Way
Castle Rock, CO 80109

D. Request

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office Beyond the Badge Foundation requests a fee waiver in the amount of \$4,400 for their use of Rueter-Hess Reservoir to host the DCSO Employee and Family Wellness Day on August 23, 2025. The fees would include:

Item	Fees
Rueter-Hess Large Event Fee	\$1,210
Parking	\$2,300
Port-o-Let	\$ 350
Rangers	\$ 540
Total Fees for Event	\$4,400

E. Location

The event would take place at Rueter-Hess Reservoir 9343 Double Angel Road, Parker, CO 80134.

III. CONTEXT

A. Background

DCSOBB is dedicated to mental health, resilience, and the overall well-being of its first responders, employees, and their families. This activity provides the first responders, employees, and their families with an opportunity to decompress in a safe and relaxing environment, which is essential to maintaining their wellness and readiness to serve our community.

This would be the inaugural event for DCSOBB at Rueter-Hess Reservoir. This event has the potential to be held annually.

This event is scheduled outside of normal business hours, and will require three (3) Park Rangers to support the event. The Rangers will provide safety boat patrols and watercraft and tackle box inspections.

IV. STAFF ASSESSMENT

The Board of County Commissioners has the sole authority to waive or reduce all park use fees and may choose to waive or reduce the use fee of \$4,400 for DCSOBB for their event on August 23, 2025, at Rueter-Hess Reservoir.

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From: ["wordpress-admin@webolutions.com"](mailto:wordpress-admin@webolutions.com)
To: [Celeste Deal](#)
Subject: New submission from Rueter-Hess Special Use Application
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 1:44:30 PM

Name

Alicia Romero

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Organization Name

Douglas County Sheriff's Office/Beyond the Badge Non-Profit

Type of Organization

Non-profit

Address

4000 Justice Way
Castle Rock, Colorado 80109
[Map It](#)

Event name

DCSO Fun in the Sun and Water Employee and Family Day

Event Start Date

08/23/2025

Event End Date

08/23/2025

Event Start time

05:30 pm

Event End time

09:00 pm

Event location

Both

Please tell us about your event. Be as specific as possible.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office is seeking to partner with Reuter-Hess Reservoir to host an Employee and Family Day focused on connection, wellness, and quality time. This event is designed to strengthen relationships within our agency, provide space to decompress, and allow our personnel to enjoy meaningful time with their families.

By investing in the mental health and well-being of our first responders and their families, we're not only building a more resilient and supported workforce—we're also strengthening the foundation of our

community. When first responders feel connected and cared for, they're better equipped to serve the public with compassion, clarity, and commitment.

We would be grateful for the opportunity to collaborate on this event and continue fostering wellness for those who dedicate their lives to keeping our community safe. We will be requesting a discount to assist with hosting this event as well.

Expected number of attendees:

500

Access to public:

Closed to the public

Invoice

Date: July 18, 2025
Invoice # 2025 DCSOBB

To: Alicia Romero
DCSO Beyond the Badge
4000 Justice Way
Castle Rock, CO 80109

Rueter-Hess Reservoir Recreation Large Event Fee	\$1,210
Port-o-let	\$ 350
Total Due Upon Receipt	\$4,400

If remitting payment by check, please make check payable to:

Douglas County Government and mail to the address below.

If remitting payment electronically, please contact the Douglas County Treasurer Office (303.660.7455) to obtain ACH instructions.



July 22, 2025

Douglas County Board of County Commissioners:

On behalf of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DCSO), I am reaching out to respectfully request a **waiver of the rental fee** for the use of the Reuter-Hess Reservoir on **August 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** for a first responder, employee, and family wellness event.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office is deeply committed to supporting the mental health, resilience, and overall well-being of our first responders, employees, and their families. These individuals face extraordinary stress, trauma, and demands in service to our community, and their wellness is critical not only to their performance but also to their long-term ability to serve Douglas County with strength and compassion.

Events like this provide a rare opportunity for our personnel to step away from the pressures of the job and connect with loved ones in a peaceful, restorative environment. By granting a **waiver of the rental fee**, you would be directly investing in the mental health of those who protect and serve our county every day. Your support would allow us to use our limited resources to enhance the experience for attendees — providing a healing, family-focused event that encourages connection, decompression, and resilience.

This event is made possible in part by the **Beyond the Badge Foundation**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting first responder mental health. The Foundation is generously covering the cost of meals and other event needs, making it possible for every staff member and family to attend without financial burden.

We believe the Reuter-Hess Reservoir offers an ideal setting for this gathering, and we would be honored to partner with you to bring this vision to life. Your support helps us create intentional, impactful moments that directly support the mental wellness of our law enforcement families — an investment that benefits not just our personnel, but the entire Douglas County community.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. M. Weekly", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Darren M. Weekly
Sheriff