

# EMERGENCY WARMING CENTER COUNCIL (EWCC)

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## Winter 2024 - 2025, Durango, CO

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The Emergency Warming Center (EWC) will operate for all residents of La Plata County when the La Plata County Weather Radar forecasts 15-Degrees Fahrenheit or below, during December 2024 until February 2025.

Community Compassion Outreach (CCO) will host the EWC at 21738 U.S. Hwy 160 West, Durango, CO, 81303. Only on the 15-Degrees F. night, hours of operation will be from 7:00p.m. to 6:30a.m. -- parking is restricted to cars & SUVs only. Trailers and RVs are prohibited due to limited parking spaces.

The EWC Coordinator, Dave Schneider, will notify a list of volunteers and local agencies by email to indicate that the warming center will be open for that night of 15-Degrees F. The EWC coordinator & volunteers will be onsite to provide beverages, snacks and meals.

The EWC Council is a consortium of organizations with the American Red Cross, Manna Soup Kitchen, Neighbors in Need Interfaith Alliance, Community Compassion Outreach and Durango's Community Development Department-- all concerned for the health and safety of Durango's citizens.

Those with inadequate heat in their homes, the unsheltered & unhoused can be safe and warm on brutal nights when the temperatures are below 15-Degrees F.

Volunteers attended the first orientation to learn how they may serve on the nights in 4-hour shifts during hours when the Emergency Warming Center is open. The next orientation for volunteers is scheduled at the EWC location on Saturday, December 7th, at 2:30p.m. to 4:30p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering, please attend the next orientation. For further information, please contact Dave at E-Mail at [dschnei333@gmail.com](mailto:dschnei333@gmail.com), Cell: (970) 844-4487



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