



Commissioner Technology Focus Group (CTFG) Status Report

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Communications reminders

This status report is a collection of recent technology news of interest to commissioners. Many of the items included in this Status Report are reported as they develop in either or both:

- The [BSA Commissioners](#) group within the [BSA Forums](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page to find it).
- News for Commissioner <https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/news-for-commissioners/#>

Communicating during the Pandemic

Because of COVID-19 many of us are looking for new ways to communicate, including the use of video conferencing. In collaboration with national staff members, your service team's Commissioner Technology Group went to work and developed a Zoom quick reference guide. While it doesn't cover all the functionality available, it does cover the basics and address common questions. It's available in both PPT and PDF formats so it can be used for training or personal reference. You can expect periodic updates as well as other virtual Scouting reference guides in the future.

- [Using Zoom for Virtual Scouting \(PDF\)](#)
- [Using Zoom for Virtual Scouting \(PPT\)](#)

Meet the Commissioner Technology Group Members

If you have ever wondered "Who all makes up the Commissioner Technology Group?" you can now see the members, their areas of emphasis and their home town at:

<https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/commissioner-technology-group/>. In addition to these 18 people the group is led by Commissioner Technology Chair Rick Hillenbrand and assisted by Commissioner Resources Chair Darlene Sprague <https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/your-national-service-team/>.

Commissioner Tools Updates

Check out the new commissioner training on the Commissioner Tools webpage <https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/tools/>. The training for the updated Commissioner Tools is presented in two formats. PowerPoints have been added and content has been updated in the static training, and new video modules have been created.

The topics are:

- Navigation and Simple Assessments
- Detailed Assessments and Unit Service Plan
- Commissioner Tools Reports
- Commissioner Tools for Administrative Commissioners
- Commissioner Tools for Roundtable Commissioners



Static training is presented in PowerPoint and PDF formats and guides the commissioner through the major highlights of Commissioner Tools. Individual commissioners can use the documents to familiarize themselves with the functionality of Commissioner Tools. These documents also can facilitate instructor lead training for newly recruited commissioners, or as a training element in a monthly commissioners meeting. Each PDF document contains the speaker notes for the PowerPoint.

The new video training modules are temporarily being offered on the webpage until the BSA Learn Center is updated. PLEASE NOTE: If the modules are used from the webpage, credit is NOT recorded in training records.

Notable recent enhancements since last month's issue #47.

- The four month "Average Assessment Score" now displays on the Organizational Dashboard.
- The reports now work with 2018 data.
- Reports no longer 'time out' after 20 minutes of being in My.Scouting.

Advanced Commissioner Tools Analytics

- Updates have been made (May 5 & 6) to the Commissioner Tools PowerPivot Table advanced analytical tools <https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/tools/inst-for-creating-advanced-power-pivot-table/>, and the built-in Unit Contact Visual Analysis tool for the District Contacts Stats report (see attached image)

- All these advanced analytical tools are now functional again.
- If you download and export a Commissioner Tools report and try to run the old Power Pivot table executable files they will not work.

New Service Hour Reporting Process

"Service Hour Reporting" accessed via the my.Scouting <https://my.scouting.org/> 'Legacy Web Tools' section (or directly using the legacy "Good Turn for America (GTFA)" site <https://servicehours.scouting.org/>) was shut down for unit entries on May 6.

- Units should log service hours via the Scoutbook redirect when they click "Activity Logs" (under either the individual or 'Quick Entry') or directly in Internet Advancement 2.0.
- For the time being, units can still enter Exploring Service Hours, report Eagle Service projects and view previously recorded projects.
- Lodgemaster should be used for entering Order of the Arrow service hours. This data (which is stored in the Scoutbook database but is not User visible in Internet Advancement 2.0) feeds JTE directly.

Additional notes:

- Legacy Scoutbook activities that were ported into Internet Advancement 2.0 on May 6, 2020 do not feed into JTE.
- Any service activities that were imported from GTFA show in Internet Advancement 2.0 and continue to feed into JTE.
- Any service activities approved in Internet Advancement will feed into JTE.

BeAScoutPin

Unit Pin Manager is now found in the **Organization Manager** on my.Scouting having been removed from the **Legacy Web Tools** menu. Additionally, for professionals, it has been moved from the MyBSA platform.

New Learning Management System (LMS)

The LMS system has been completely overhauled. As a reminder, an easy way to access LMS is via the BSA Learn Center link on the right-hand side of the My.Scouting homepage.

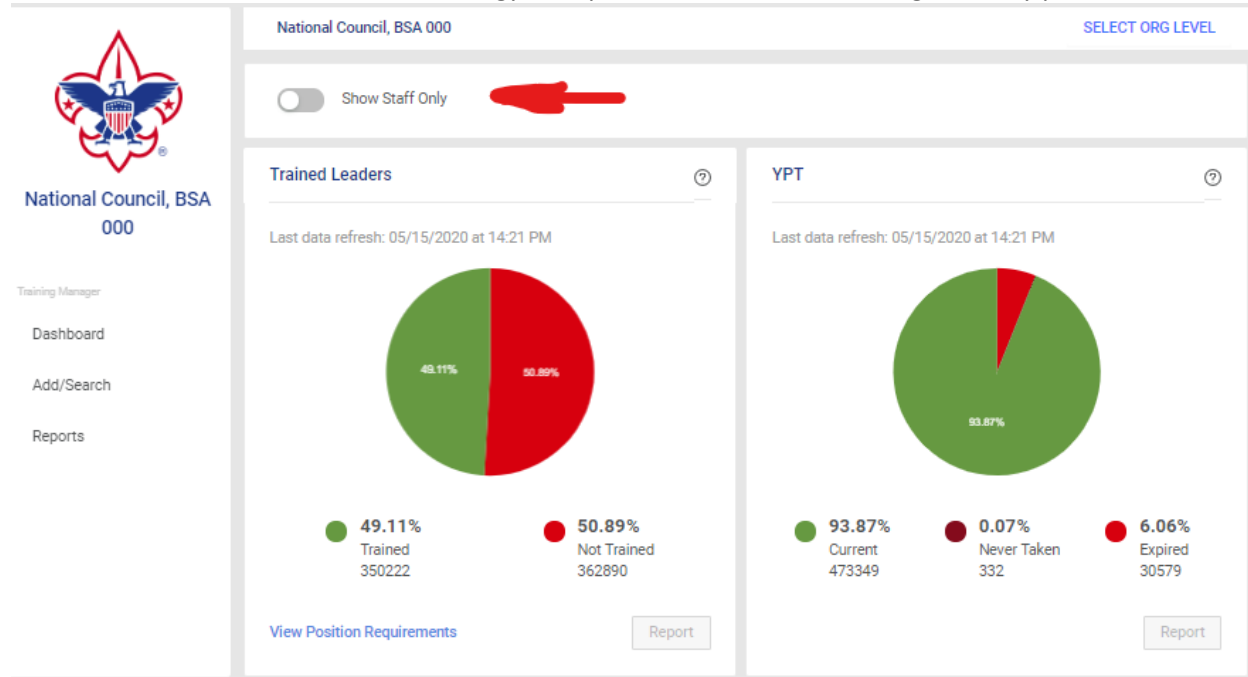
The screenshot displays the My.Scouting homepage with a dark blue header. The header includes the Boy Scouts of America logo and the text "BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA" on the left, and a notification bell and user profile icon on the right. Below the header is a navigation bar with the following menu items: HOME, PROGRAMS, LEARNING PLANS, COURSES, and MY LEARNING. The main content area is titled "My Courses and Learning Plans" and features three course cards. Each card shows the course name, a progress bar labeled "Completed", and a "RE-TAKE" button. The courses are "Accessing Commissioner Tools", "Neglect", and "Exposure to Violence". A "GO TO MY LEARNING" button is located at the bottom right of this section. Below the course cards is a section titled "Programs" which contains three program cards. Each card has a header with a logo and title, a "Programs" section with a dropdown arrow, and a list of elements. The programs are "YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING" (4 elements), "CUB SCOUTS" (4 elements), and "SCOUTS BSA" (3 elements).

Save the Date

The Technology Impact Session that will be offered in San Diego Imperial Council in the September/October timeframe is still planned. The exact date has not yet been finalized.

New Training Manager

The My.Scouting **Training Manager** has also been completely overhauled. The 'Show Staff Only' feature displayed in the image below is only displayed when viewing non-units. Initial feedback from the members of the Commissioner Technology Group that assisted in the testing was very positive.



Support

Member Care Contact Center is available to offer support at 972-580-2489 Monday thru Friday between 7 am - 5PM Central time (new times during COVID-19 period), or by sending an email to myscouting@scouting.org. Please provide your name and BSA membership ID number in addition to specific details about your concern so that we can more quickly troubleshoot your issue.

The Commissioner Technology Focus Group