



The Patroller

Word from the Top



Hard to believe it is September already! Soon the snow will be flying and we will be waxing our equipment and dusting off our patrol jackets and vests. With that in mind, before the OEC refresher and the season starts, get out your packs and make sure you have supplies that are not old and rotten, like some of the funky gloves and the broken open 4x4 gauze packages that I have in my vest right now.

REFRESHERS

Our OEC refresher is September 27. Be sure to bring your OEC card, CPR card and your pack or vest. If you have lost your OEC card, you will need to contact NSP to get a new one. Our refreshers are for you to refresh your skills—face it, not everyone is in the medical field, but we as patrollers are an important link in the system.

The refreshers are meant to be guided practice and to take place in a non-threatening environment. So come have fun and enjoy! The OTH (on the hill) refresher is scheduled for October 11. If you cannot attend our OEC refresher, you can find a listing of all other refreshers on both the NSP website and the Ohio Region website, and also in the Region and Division newsletters. If you are attending the OEC refresher elsewhere, be sure to get your OEC card signed and get documentation. Be sure to keep copies so you get credit. The patrol where you refresh is supposed to send course completion records to NSP, but sometimes the info gets lost along the way. If you will not be attending our refreshers, please let Mark Fogt and me know. You must refresh your lift evacuation skills here—since our procedures may differ from other areas.

As in the past, you need to present to your Hill Leader your signed OEC (or proof of refreshing) and CPR cards for your first shift this season. NSP no longer requires recertification every year but does require a refresher the year between re-certs. I believe the bulk of our patrollers will need a refresher this year and re-

certification next year. For those who need recertified this year, a session will be available—watch the yahoo group site for the date and info on CPRs.

NEW EQUIPMENT

We have ordered some OTD traction splints (formerly Kendrick Traction Devices) and plan to have a training station at the refresher. We hope to have enough so there is one in every pack on the hill rather than calling for a traction splint and delaying application time.

UNIFORMS

I am pleased to announce that the BOG voted to approve Patagonia vests and jackets, available through the NSP catalog. As a reminder, the colors approved for our uniforms are red and black with white crosses. The approved manufacturers for jackets and vests are Mountain Uniforms and Patagonia. Those that have Ski Area Supply vests and North Face jackets that were purchased years ago are grandfathered in. Please do not wear any other colors for pants or jackets under the vests—wear only plain black or red (a red that matches). Backpacks and fanny packs should be black or red—if it covers your back cross, it should have a cross on it. Don't put yourself

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in violation of the P&P and make me call you—I can't tell you how much I hate doing that.

SCHEDULING

A reminder about scheduling—you must schedule your shifts, both regular and Mid-Mad, by the end of the OTH refresher, where we will have a station. The most popular shifts (i.e. Tuesday, 3rd shift) will have limits to the number of patrolers—priority will go to those that have the most seniority. If you do not schedule, we will be happy to do it for you. If you are in school full time or unable to patrol due to medical issues, please let me know before the season begins. Perpetual Mid-Mad this year will be limited to just the period between Christmas and New Year's. It is imperative that you show up for your shift or find a replacement. If you know you are going on vacation, please try

to find a replacement before your shift and contact your Hill Leader. It is your responsibility. I think everyone is pretty accommodating; but being a “no show” on your shift leaves bad feelings and will make me have to call. I'd rather spend time working on promoting positive things for our patrol. Thanks to all of you folks that present yourselves professionally and show up for your shift! You are what makes our patrol so awesome!

VOLUNTEERING

It takes 40+ OEC instructors and the almost 20+ ski & toboggan trainers to keep up with all the training requirements. You think you are at MRM a lot! Our instructors spend a ton of extra time keeping up their certification requirements just to help you all stay current on your certification requirements. Thank an instructor the next time you have the opportunity. There are plenty of

places for you to volunteer and give back to your patrol. If you are interested in becoming an instructor or getting more involved, let me know.

FUNDRAISERS

The Ski Swap is scheduled for Sunday, November 1. As always, we need everyone's help for this hug event.

Thanks to all of you for making Mad River Mountain Ski Patrol the best in the Ohio Region and Central Division! Keep up the good work. As I head up to Mackinax Island for the Division meeting, I feel so honored and proud to be part of the best patrol.

“Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it.” ...Anonymous

Hope to ski with you soon!

*Kim Hiser
Patrol Director*



Awards Committee

I am seeking individuals to serve on the Awards Committee. If you are interested, please contact me.

*Cindy Soter
APD/Organization*

Proficiency

Well, here we go again...another season is gearing up, and once again we are busy preparing for the season. We are preparing for our upcoming refreshers and the OTH. Please take advantage of this time to brush up on your skills. As Kim stated, not all of us do this every day, so we need to try to stay on top of our OEC through our refreshers.

As usual, we will all be required to attend a Frosty this year. This is a National requirement, not a local one; so everyone please attend. As in years past, there will be a set time for completion of your Frosty this year—everyone be sure to complete it within that time. All the dates and list of instructors will be posted. We will have specific dates and times, hopefully enabling everyone to attend.

We are looking for those patrolers wishing to challenge themselves by pursuing their Senior rating. We have a fantastic Senior program at Mad River—I would argue the best in the Region. The OEC portion will be run by Steve Billiar, Steve Lord, Dan Fancy and others—not much to look at, but great instructors anyway. If you are interested in starting the Senior Program, let Steve, Steve, Dan, or me know ASAP.

The S&T portion will be run by Tom Tavenner and his crew. They have been very successful at helping people through the S&T portion

of the process. If you would like to attend some of the training sessions just to get a feel for the program and what it entails, please contact Tom—I am sure he would love to help.

Remember, all of this training is required to keep us on top of our game; and, as with everything, you only will get out of it what you put into it. Use this opportunity to try to improve upon your skills.

Lastly, I would like to thank Jim O'Connor for being gracious enough to offer an EMT-B course to our patrolers. I want to give kudos to all of those who are taking the class. It is a very educational experience and can really help improve your OEC skills. I hope Jim will continue to offer this opportunity in the future. Thanks again, Jim, and those who are attending this class this summer: Kim Hiser, Mimi Whitt, Kent Oliver, Andrew Farkas, Lori Logan, and Debby Cumbow.

Ski ya soon!



*Troy Green
APD/Proficiency*

Junior Patrol Advisor Needed

We are in need of a new Junior Patrol Advisor. This position involves organizing fun, yet educational, weekly activities for our young JPs. No specific qualifications are required...just a willingness to get involved!

Pat McCabe
APD/Programs

Tell Your Friends About Us!

We are always looking for new dedicated candidates to join our patrol family. Normal conversations amongst our friends and co-workers often lead to the Ski Patrol. Sometimes those same people can act as recruiters in our behalf by passing the word on to *their* friends. At any rate, if we each challenge ourselves to find one new recruit per season, we could see huge growth. (Remember, that could mean less Mid-Mads per patroller!)

Pat McCabe
APD/Programs



Marty Collins
Central Division
Outstanding Instructor

Troy Southwick
Division Director's Program
Award

Ed Raudabaugh
Lifetime Achievement Award

Time to Celebrate!

At the Division meeting and banquet on Mackinac Island over the weekend, Mad River Mountain Ski Patrol was awarded the Central Division Outstanding Large Patrol Award! Give yourselves a pat on the back!

Also, please join me in congratulating Marty Collins, the Central Division Outstanding Instructor, Troy Southwick, who was awarded a Division Director's Program Award for his work with the Senior Program, and Ed Raudabaugh was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award!

These are huge, huge awards, and for MRM to bring home so many says a lot about our great patrollers!

Kim Hiser
Patrol Director

Alpine Senior Program

A general meeting will be held the first or second weekend the area is open. This meeting will be for returning candidates, new candidates, and open to all other patrollers interested in learning more about the Senior Alpine Program. We will review this season's senior schedule and discuss the possibility for a weekend training trip to Holiday Valley.

It is HIGHLY recommended that all senior candidates attend the general meeting. The exact date for this meeting will be announced when we get closer to opening day.

Tom Tavenner
Senior S&T Trainer



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Elections

At the OTH/Business meeting, we will be electing two (2) new BOG members for a three-year term. We will have nominations and the election that day. The new members elected will begin their terms on July 1, 2010.

Cindy Soter
APD/Organization

Ski Swap November 1, 2009

The Ski Swap is just around the corner...and we will need ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET!!! There will be sign-up sheets at the refresher as well as at the OTH! Please make sure you sign up for a shift to help out with our only fundraiser of the year!!!

Cindy Soter
APD/Organization

Fix-Up Clean-Up

Steve Bechtel has agreed to take over as FUCU Chairman, but I will be assisting him yet this year. Steve suggested trying the FUCU the same day as the OTH Refresher. If we can't get enough completed at that time, we will need to schedule an additional day. Hopefully everyone will devote at least an hour of cleaning at some point on October 11 so we can complete the task in its entirety.

Pat McCabe
Steve Bechtel
FUCU Chairmen

