



Expectations to become a MRM Patroller

To: **MRM Patrol Candidates, 2007**

From: John Norris – Director, Mad Rive Mountain Ski Patrol

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Subject: **Expectations to become a MRM Patroller**

What should you expect?

All new patroller candidates enter an apprenticeship. This apprenticeship is designed to educate and train new patrollers. A focus on protocols and procedures of patrolling at MRM is also included. Patrolling is a rewarding experience but it does require serious commitments of time and energy. The commitments noted are not intended to intimidate, but candidates should realize that becoming a Patroller requires serious commitment.

Progression to become a MRM Basic Alpine Patroller:

- Attend Ski Along / Patroller Academy
- Pass OEC Training & Coursework to become a Alpine Candidate
- Attend Introduction to Patrolling (Patroller 101)
- Attend MRM Lift Chair Evacuation Training
- Pass the MRM Patrol on-the-snow Alpine Ski/Board and toboggan tests. This usually requires two or more seasons. Also, toboggan training cannot begin until candidate passes their Alpine Ski/Board test.

Commitments for Candidates:

- Successfully complete OEC Training & Coursework.
- Attend scheduled events (OTH and OEC Refreshers, Fix-up-clean-up day(s), Ski Swap, and Introduction to Patrolling (101) clinics). Schedules determined annually.
- Ski/Ride and Toboggan training — minimum skills are outlined in the MRM Policies and Procedures manual. Mandatory on-the-snow training will be held every Saturday starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. during the season. Please plan and schedule accordingly. The ski/board and toboggan tests are by invitation only, so it is in the best interest of the Alpine candidate to attend as many of these training sessions as possible.
- Ski/Ride Scheduled Shift(s) in addition to 3 “prime-time” mid mad shifts. 1.1 hours of duty is required for each day the area is open for operation. For example: Should the area be open for operation 100 days, the minimum duty hours required will be 110.0 hrs. (100 days X 1.1 hrs. per day = 110.0 hrs.)

Note: Individuals that are medical professionals (e.g. Doctors, Nurses, EMTs, etc) may choose to challenge the OEC course. Course Challenge requirements will be provided separately. Also, the challenger must provide a copy of their current license or certificate for the Mad River Mountain Ski Patrol's records.



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What to expect on the hill:

As a candidate, an all-black uniform is worn. This uniform carries the same responsibility as an Alpine (or above) patroller with a few exceptions. You will be responsible for lending aid on the hill and in the first aid room. In many cases you will be directing other patrollers in the care of the injured guest. This responsibility should not be taken lightly. A Candidate or Auxiliary patrollers does not operate a toboggan while not in training

What does it cost?

- OEC Training Fee: **\$175.50** (subject to change from year to year, due at beginning of course)
- NSP Dues: \$62 (subject to change from year to year, paid at OTH Refresher on 9/30/07)
- CPR Certification / Refresher renewed annually \$20.00 (subject to change from year to year)
- Candidate Vests are supplied (must be returned at end of 2nd year or when Alpine or Auxiliary status is achieved)
- Candidate Packs are supplied (must be returned at end of 2nd year or when Alpine or Auxiliary status is achieved)
- Candidate First Aid Supplies (basic kit) supplied
- Red Ski Patrol vests / coats are NOT supplied (approx. \$100 - \$200) not needed until "Basic Alpine Patroller" status is obtained.

What are the Benefits?

- Ski / Board as much as you want. This means that you can ski / ride in uniform at any time the area is open.
- Jr. Patrol for children of the patroller
- Family privileges once Alpine Basic status is achieved.
- Shift meal ticket
- Opportunity to share your experiences
- Participation in clinics, like the SES which improves skiing/riding skills, avalanche, mountaineering, etc...
- **Learn from the VERY BEST....**

About the OEC Training & Coursework:

- Classes start **Thursday April 12th, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the MRM lodge.**
- Study time - usually cover (1) to (2) chapters per week
- OEC Workbook Chapter(s) must be completed and turned in at the beginning of class. The chapter(s) due are the ones scheduled for review for that class session.
- Complete Skill Guides located in Appendix B of the OEC Manual 4th ed. (OEC Instructor sign-off required)
- Pass the "standardized" OEC Final Exam – see "Point System" for eligibility
- Pass the "standardized" OEC Practical Exam – see "Point System" for eligibility



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- **Point System**: - You have to earn them!
 - ▶ To be eligible to participate in the OEC Final Exam (written), you will need to have earned a minimum of **568 pts.** (80% of those available) A passing score for the test is 80% or higher.
 - ▶ To be eligible to participate in the OEC Practical Exam, you will need to have
 1. Have passed OEC Final Exam (80% or higher)
 2. Completion of the Skill Guides (Appendix B) in the OEC Manual, 4th ed.
 - Quizzes: total **300 pts.** available
 - You can earn up to **10 pts.** per chapter.
 - All quizzes will be graded.
 - Mid-term Exam: total **100 pts.** available
 - OEC Workbook: total **310 pts.** available
 - You will earn **10 pts.** per chapter completed on time. However.....
 - You will earn **5 pts.** per chapter if submitting a completed workbook late
 - You will earn **0 pts.** per chapter if OEC Workbook is not completed properly.
 - Attendance: All classes will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise advised. And as a candidate, you are expected to attend all classes. Therefore no points will be given for attendance. However, tardiness and/ or absence will work against your point totals:
 - Being late to class will earn you **-5 pts.**
 - An excused absence will earn you **-5 pts.** Excused absence must be approved by the course I.O.R. prior to the date being missed.
 - Unexcused absences will be handled as follows:
 - 1st unexcused = **-20 pts.** earned
 - 2nd unexcused = **-40 pts.** earned
 - 3rd unexcused = **Dismissal from course**

The course Instructor of Record (IOR) and/or Patrol Director (PD) has the ability to amend the course requirements, course schedule, candidate participation, etc.. as he/she determines is needed to meet the course objective(s), which is to provide the Mad River Mt. Ski Patrol capable and certified Outdoor Emergency Care Technicians.



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CANDIDATE AGREEMENT:

I _____ have read and understand the *Expectations to become a MRM Patroller* dated April 12th, 2007 and therefore agree to attend, participate, and excel to the best of my abilities in the Candidate Training Programs required to become a Mad River Mountain Ski Patrol member. My failure to follow through with this commitment can ultimately lead to my dismissal from the Mad River Mountain Ski Patrol Candidate Program and the Mad River Mountain Ski Patrol itself.

Candidate Signature

Date

For IOR use only:

- Course Fees, amount and check number: _____
 - Outdoor Emergency Care*, 4th Edition
 - Outdoor Emergency Care Student Workbook*, 4th Edition
 - The Ski Patroller's Manual*, 14th Edition
- Candidate Information Form
- Course Release Form
- Course Schedule
- CPR/BLS Card (date on card: _____)
- OEC Skills Sign-off Completion (Appendix B)
- OEC Final Exam (written) – Score: _____
- OEC Practical Exam - Pass Fail