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A Message from Ohio Region Director

Guy Day

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope that you were able to spend some great quality time around the New Year with family and friends. Some ski areas have been going strong while others are just kicking things off. This has been a great season so far. We have had such lousy seasons the last couple of years, it is hard to become accustomed to the cold temps and seeing snow on all of the areas.

The Region Proficiency team has been hard at work coordinating Toboggan Enhancement Seminars (TES's), Ski Enhancement Seminars (SES's), Teaching and Training Workshops (TTW's) and other skills development opportunities for all of us with the Patrol Representatives (PR's). Please check out the upcoming events at your local area. If for some reason you miss the event at your home area, there are multiple other events taking place at an area very close to you. These are open to any member of the Region. I would highly recommend taking a look at the Region Website to see what is coming up. I was fortunate enough to participate in an Toboggan Instructor Trainer (IT) prep that was led by Troy Southwick a couple weeks ago that was a blast! The sun was out, the snow was great, temps were in the single digits and the group I was with was awesome. We had a really great day!

Speaking of educational opportunities, if you are a patroller that is between the ages of 15 – 18, Eastern Michigan Region is hosting a Young Adult Program (YAP) on February 10th at Pine Knob Ski Resort in Clarkson, Michigan. Please register at nsp.org and nspemr.org with course number C100180013. It is a full day of skiing and instruction on the slopes! Lift tickets and lunch will be provided! Please contact Cricket Nickolaou at cricketnick@aol.com or by phone (248) 884 – 6699 with any questions. It is a great opportunity and a ton of fun!

The Region Spring Meeting and Awards Banquet will be hosted by BMBWAV in April. Details and agenda will be posted on the Region Website in the coming weeks. Rumor has it that there will be some pretty cool educational events as well as social events during the day. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to get together and recognize our fellow patrollers. Please mark your calendars as it would be great to have.

Speaking of meetings, it is the Ohio Region's turn to host the Fall Division meeting in September of 2019. We are looking for volunteers to help from all of the patrols in the Region. Some of the responsibilities & duties are better suited for those patrollers who live in Northeast Ohio. There are other opportunities and duties that we will need help with that folks from other parts of the Region can help with. If you are willing and able to help, please let me know so I can add your name to the list. We as a Region will need to be making a presentation at the Fall meeting in Wisconsin to give folks a teaser of what is to come. It is still early but the time will be upon us before we know it.

Please make sure to check the website for dates of events like the Senior, Certified, MTR, Avi and other programs. Thank you for all you do and enjoy making some turns in the coming weeks. Hope to see you on the slopes. *Guy*

Administrative Announcements:

It is my pleasure to announce that Bill Currier is the new Alumni Advisor for the Ohio Region. This position was previously held by Rick Schieltz, who is taking time off patrolling to travel with his recently retired wife. We thank Rick for his service and wish him a fun and safe journey around the world. Bill is well known in the Region for his leadership as past Ohio Region Director and we look forward to his energy and contributions as Alumni Advisor.

I am also pleased to announce that Bob Wilson has agreed to serve as Ohio Region Elections Officer. Bob previously held this position and we're happy to have his experience back. The Elections Officer is responsible for the process of electing the Section Chiefs in the Region.

Please remember to look for and give careful consideration to Region role postings. There are many opportunities to get involved at the Region level as we do ongoing succession planning for all roles. It is a win-win for the Region to have new talent with fresh ideas, and for patrollers to build their leadership skills and contribute beyond their local patrol. Wishing you a great ski season,



Clara Nin-Hilgefert, Assistant Region Director (ARD), Administration

Ohio Region Alumni

This is my first article as Ohio Region Alumni Advisor, but many will recognize me from my previous role as Region Director for the Ohio Region. Since completing my term in that office I have been a registered alumni with the NSP and am still actively involved as Alumni Emeritus at BM/BW/AV where I continue to ski with the duty shifts that I used to when I was actively patrolling and assist at other off-season events such as the annual ski swap. Enough about me for now. Let's see what's happening with Alumni around the region.

When I first stepped into this role, Richard Schieltz, previous Alumni Advisor, provided a wealth of information and files that helped me get off to a fast start. I was surprised to see that there are 235 individuals listed in the Alumni roster of which 131 are listed as active meaning that they are registered with National and current through 12/31/2017. 104 are listed as inactive meaning they did not register with National in 2017. However, some may still be active with their local alumni chapters. I recently contacted them and asked if they would reconsider registering with National again and asked them to provide the name of the patrol with which they were associated. Some have already replied that they would register again.

Alumni groups are active at Perfect North Slopes, BM/BW/AV, Mad River Mountain, and Snow Trails / Clear Fork. Other alumni in the Region coordinate their activities through their local patrol directors. Alumni continue to ski and assist at patrol events such as OEC Refreshers, Ski Swaps, on-hill events and recruiting. Some perform administrative duties as requested by the local patrol directors. Participating in social activities, such as Retro Rusty day at Mad River Mountain and Over-The-Hill gang luncheons for BM/BW/AV Alumni, provide an excellent way for alumni to socialize, stay connected with each other and keep up to date with their local patrols.

The Alumni program provides an excellent bridge between active patrolling and full retirement from the ski patrol. Other advantages and as well as the requirements for NSP Alumni are described in detail on the Ohio Region web site (<http://www.ohionsp.org/programs/alumni>) and the NSP web site (<https://www.nsp.org/NSPMember/Programs/Alumni/NSPMember/Programs/Alumni.aspx?hkey=3a035f8f-3a54-4c51-8ee1-bd717ccd9fd9>). Advisors, in addition to myself, are in place at the Central Division and National. An Alumni manual is also available on the NSP web site. If considering retirement from active patrolling, please consider becoming an NSP Alumni. Among the other benefits you will continue to earn credits for your years of service, have full access to the NSP web site including the NSP Store, receive NSP publications, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow patrollers. If you are an instructor in an NSP program you may be able to continue in that role as an Alumni. Contact your local patrol director to learn more.

My role as Region Advisor is to promote the program, increase the membership in the Ohio Region and assist local patrols and alumni groups.

Bill Currier





Women's Clinic

The 2nd Annual Ohio Region Women's Clinic will be hosted at Boston Mills Feb. 10th & 11th. Come join us as we discover and enhance our super hero within! Connect with Ohio women patrollers, learn leadership skills, work on your skiing and toboggan skills OR come show off all the great stuff you have been learning at your local hill and region clinics! We want you to come play with us!!!

For more information, visit <https://www.ohionsp.org/program/ohio-region-womens-program>

OR call Dana Zedak at [330-310-7412](tel:330-310-7412)

Ohio Region Young Adult Patroller (YAP) Program

We are looking to expand our YAP in the Ohio Region. I am asking each PR/PD if you have not developed a YAP program as of yet to discuss the option with you area Management. The YAP program is a great opportunity to develop young Men and Women and help develop not only current patrollers but future ones as well. If anyone has any questions or would like some help in developing their own YAP program or have a current Program that they would like some help with let me know. For more information go to https://www.nsp.org/NSPMember/Programs/Young_Adult/NSPMember/Programs/Young_Adult.aspx?hkey=66f14489-5fc8-4eb4-a3ec-e2b1a111deda or contact Troy Green.

Thank you,
Troy Green

Ohio Region Safety Team

The design of the NSP's Safety Program is to help bring a positive awareness of the NSP to the Public. In an effort to help each patrol with this I will be sending out a Thumb drive to each patrol that can be used at their discretion. The thumb drive will contain the NSP's Public Service Announcement (PSA) videos which may be displayed somewhere with in each area's facility. These videos may also be utilized for recruitment efforts, training, and part of any safety presentations that your patrol may give. If you have any further questions please feel free to call or email me.



Thank you
Troy Green
Ohio Region Safety Team Advisor

An Experienced and Trusted Advisor...

Membership and an organization, more specifically, Instructor Development (ID) Mentors are a crucial piece in relation to the development of a strong and diverse instructor base...the group which trains all other members of our organization. Where would we be without our instructors?

NSP's mentoring program was created to provide a positive learning experience for all new instructor trainees. Can you imagine having to navigate through all the administrative details, instructional materials, and layers of training protocol without a trusted advisor to guide you?

According to the NSP's "Guide to Mentoring New Instructors," mentoring is a process with a broader reach than skill development (coaching) by including a continued emphasis on problem solving and reasoning.

https://www.togskipatrol.org/Instructor_Development/NSP%20Guide%20to%20Mentoring%20New%20Instructors%20October%202013.pdf

In general, a mentor provides focus, is nurturing, offers flexibility for busy schedules and brings adaptability in relation to geographic limitations. Mentors also have many positive qualities. They are approachable, enthusiastic, motivating, trustworthy, receptive, tactful, cooperative, flexible and supportive.

A NSP ID mentor is an experienced instructor with confident knowledge in the discipline in which the trainee wishes to become an instructor. Keeping in mind that every instructor trainee is unique, each mentoring path is different. A mentor's most prized skill is listening. Paying attention to the instructor trainee's concerns and needs is crucial.

Every patrol in the Ohio Region offers a unique mentoring opportunity with different guidelines. Ultimately, the ID mentor role remains consistent...an experienced NSP instructor that willingly desires to become a trusted advisor and provide guidance to an instructor trainee in the same discipline. Mentoring holds a valued role and is a serious commitment.

If you are currently an experienced NSP instructor and feel you fit the qualities listed before, please consider becoming a mentor. We would also like to hear from you. How does your patrol use mentoring in your training process? Have you found a best practice? How do you pair a mentor with mentee? Let us know...

Thank you!
Rose DeJarnette
Denise Zakrajsek Galicki



SAVE THE DATE!

Ohio Region ID Course at The NSP Ohio Region Spring Banquet

Considering becoming an NSP instructor? Your Ohio Region ID team is planning a special ID Course the morning of the NSP Ohio Region Spring Meeting & Banquet on Sunday, April 29, 2018. This ID class will include an online component which should be complete before you attend the in-person ID class on April 29th. The class will be held at the same location of the Spring Banquet at Roses Run Country Club, 2636 North River Road, Stow, Ohio 44224. Please refer the Ohio Region's website (ohionsp.org) for more details and to register for this unique Ohio Region ID class.



For a great view of the Ohio Region Staff Chart, Go to <http://www.ohionsp.org/org-chart>



Mountain Travel and Rescue

The Mountain Travel and Rescue II (MTRII) class was held on November 10-12, 2017 at Lake Hope State Park on the Zalewski State Forest Hiking Trail. There were 12 people who attended the event, six students, four instructors, and two non ski patrollers. We were able to camp at the Lake Hope School house trailhead Friday night. Weather went to a low of 15 degrees Friday into Saturday morning. We hiked into the group campsite set up camp. Except for the temperature it was a nice weekend with no rain nor wind and a bit of sunshine.

Special thank you to Greg Schmidt (PNS), Chris Korte (PNS), and Tim Durbin (STSP) for teaching the class. Chris Korte was certified as an Instructor Trainer (IT). In March we should have Tim Durbin added as an IT also. We certainly used our cold weather training and gear that weekend. The next Mountain Travel and Rescue I (MTRI) is being planned for March 2018 with the date and location to be announced.

New changes to our program are the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) course requirement: IS 100, 700 for MTRI and IS 200 for MTRII. These are free online classes in the Incident Command System with FEMA. Lastly, NSP has outlined five course programs. There are the Fundamentals Class, MTR I and II, Clinics and Enhancement Seminars. The Clinics and Enhancement Seminars must be at least 6 hours in length to allow for more focused areas of training.

The MTR I course offers hands on practice and basic techniques in wilderness navigation, mountain travel, and survival, including emergency shelters, the Incident Command System, group dynamics, and Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR).

MTR 2 course offers at least a two days and night field session of in-depth practice in land navigation, search and rescue, rescue rigging, survival skills and emergency shelters. To pass MTR II, students must demonstrate independent proficiency in a well defined set of backcountry travel, land navigation and emergency shelter.

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Toboggan Enhancement Seminars

Two scheduled Toboggan Enhancement Seminars remain for the year. You can upgrade your abilities or refresh them at a Seminar! Go to <https://www.ohionsp.org/event-sign-up> to register and sign up for an event as a student or instructor.

January 28th: Paoli Peaks
February 4th: Mad River Mountain

<https://www.ohionsp.org/programs/outdoor-emergency-transportation>

2018 Senior Program

We have started the 2018 Ski season with cold temperatures but snow all around which is a nice change compared to the slow start we have seen the last two years!

Over the first weekend of January we held our annual Senior Clinic and once again all of the candidates that participated had great things to say about the clinicians we are so blessed to have in our Region! Thank you to all of you who participated!!

Listed below is a reminder of important dates to all of the Senior Candidates and Local Senior Program Advisors.

New Senior Candidate Application Deadline– January 24, 2018
Application can be found under the Senior Program at Ohionsp.org
Senior Ski and Toboggan Evaluation – February 24, 2018 (Perfect North)
Event application/sign-offs completion deadline – February 10
All signoffs must be emailed to tracybuchanana928@aol.com
Senior OEC Evaluation – February 25, 2018 (Perfect North)
Event application/sign-offs completion deadline – February 11 th
All signoffs must be emailed to janet7409@cox.net

Please reference the Senior OEC Report for lodging information for the Senior Evaluation Weekend at PNS!!
If you have any questions or want to become more involved in the Senior Program please feel free to reach out to me at tracybuchanan928@aol.com or 330-703-3431.

I hope everyone has a terrific 2018 Season!

Tracy Buchanan

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Senior Weekend February 24th and 25th

It's going to be a busy weekend when, for the first time in the Ohio Region, Senior OEC, Senior Aid Room Module, and Senior S&T candidates will be testing on the same weekend, and at the same place – Perfect North Slopes in Lawrenceburg IN. This gives candidates (and some evaluators) the opportunity to save a few miles of driving and focus on sharing the skills they've been honing all season in what should prove to be an interesting – and we hope successful -- weekend.

The Senior Ski and Toboggan Test will take place on Saturday, February 24th. Later that afternoon, we will gather everyone involved in the Senior OEC Test (except candidates) to conduct a full run-through of the scenarios we will use for testing on Sunday, the 25th. At the same time, we will be working with Julie DuChane to help make the Senior Aide Room Module experience an interesting and useful one for candidates.

This year's Senior OEC Coordinators are Janet Glaeser and Alida Moonen, who in turn are mentoring Twyla Southall. The Senior ARM coordinator is Julie DuChane. If you are interested in helping out for either event, or both!..... please contact Janet Glaeser, Senior OEC Test Co-Coordinator, at janet7409@cox.net.

If you are looking for accommodation, we have arranged a block of rooms at the Comfort Inn in Lawrenceburg, near PNS. Double and King rooms are \$110 per night, and can be reserved by contacting the hotel at the Comfort Inn Lawrenceburg. When you contact them, use our Reservations Code, which is "Ohio Region Ski Patrol."

See you at PNS, and let's have a great weekend!
Alida Moonen



Ohio Region Certified Program

The Ohio Region Certified Program convened for their annual Certified Clinic on January 6th and 7th at PNS. After a day and a half of OEC scenarios, low-angle rescue, avalanche searches, ski area operations, chair evacuation techniques, skiing, riding, and running toboggans through the bumps, the group finished the weekend with two new qualified candidates, Scott Chmielecki (BMBWAV) and Otto Selles from Western Michigan Region. Jim Seeger (PNS) and John McGoff (PNS) also successfully re-certified.

This year's annual test will be held at Lutsen, MN over March 1-3rd. Please support Scott, along with our other active Ohio Region candidates: Mark Branham (PNS), Tracy Buchanan (BMBWAV), Andrew French (PNS), and Harold Park (PNS) in their journey to Certified.

The Ohio Region Certified Staff now numbers 19 and is quickly approaching one of the largest groups in the Central Division. Thanks to everyone who came out to learn more about this exciting program. If you would like more information, please contact Eric Massanyi at ezmassanyi@yahoo.com.

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Mad River Mountain

Hello from the top of Ohio, my name is Scott Griffith and this is my first season in the role of Patrol Director for Mad River. I will be starting my 24th season with the patrol and this will be my 2nd season patrolling after receiving a heart transplant in 2015. We opened for the season on December 15th. This season we are working with area management to reduce the snow mobile usage. Mad River has provided the patrol with a rescue gator, this will be used to assist in the transportation of patrollers and patients from the Avalanche tubing hill to the Aid room. On January 21st Mad River will be hosting the Mad River/ Snow Trails joint OEC Enhancement Seminar, February 3rd SES, February 4th TES. This being our second season after the fire we have worked hard over the summer to bring some history back to the patrol room.

Thank you,
Scott

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Paoli Peaks

Greetings from Paoli Peaks!

Paoli Peaks achieved its earliest opening date in many years with the 2017/18 ski season beginning on Friday, December 15. The extended cold spell has allowed impressive snowmaking and the resort enjoyed a busy and successful holiday week along with a very busy Martin Luther King Weekend!. We are looking forward to a long and successful ski season and the best skiing in many years! We have a new general manager, Rick McMullen.

The Paoli Peaks Ski Patrol graduated 7 candidates from our OEC class. They are David DuChane, Jonathan Duck, Jess Heichelbech, AnastaciaHulsing,Nick Port, Christina Ridge, and Holly Stewart. We are actively working to incorporate our newest patrollers into our operations and to train them to become effective Alpine Patrollers.



Joe Collins, Paoli Peaks Patrol Representative



WINTER 2018 AT PERFECT NORTH SLOPES

Perfect North opened December 9, 2017 for the season and we as patrollers, are keeping both fingers and toes crossed for good long season. We are the beneficiaries of a redesigned Aid Room this year. Each bed now has the full range of equipment (except bubble wrap) right next to it. We also had two (2) television screens installed – the first one overlooks the aid room beds and is currently used to broadcast safety messages and general information about the hill. It will also be set up to allow us to provide entertainment to our guests in order to distract them from their various injuries. The second screen will allow the names of the patrollers on duty to be listed and eventually will show the location of the patrollers around the hill, enabling us to more efficiently deploy our patrollers.

For the second time, Dr. Jim Phero and the staff at the University of Cincinnati Medical School Simulation Center hosted a series specifically designed for patrollers, confronting us with various medical emergencies. The Sim Center's equipment showed us how to maximize the efficiency of CPR and bag-valve techniques.

We are also adopting a Mountain Host Program under the auspices of the National Ski Patrol. Although we are still working on the details, our intent is that it serve as a feeder program for the Patrol and not the other way around. We believe that with the reduced level of training required, this group will be a wonderful supplement to our Patrol family.

We had our first (and hopefully last) chair evacuation of the season on a recent Saturday night. Management has adopted the practice of training staff and instructors in chair evacuation procedures so we had plenty of capable help and the evacuation went smoothly, despite the bitter cold weather. The affected guests received a free lift pass for a future visit as well as food credits and they seemed appreciative.

Please remember that the Senior test is at PNS on Feb 24. If Senior candidates would like to practice on our hill beforehand, please let Mike Reed (Reedmg@gmail.com) know and he will do his best to accommodate.

Mike Reed
Perfect North Slopes Patrol Representative



Mike Reed, Patrol Rep - Perfect North





DOWNHILL

Editor: Leah Morgan

As editor of the Ohio Region Newsletter, Downhill, I would like to request that all news items and recent photos be sent to downhilleditor@gmail.com. Word is fine and/or the articles can be included in the body of an email. If you can use Calibri and 8 point font with single spacing, that would be fantastic! If you send a PDF file, please include a Word file also that is saved as a Word 97-2003 or Word 2010, not 2013. Digital photos should be clear and 300 DPI, dots per inch, or more. Many of the new cameras take 8 or higher gigabit photos, but these are really much too large. One or two gigabit photos are plenty big and take a long time to download. Please write out all acronyms..... as new members do not always know the lingo yet!

All patrollers are welcome to submit articles to be considered for publication in the DOWNHILL and to send photographs from your area or photographs that might be of interest to our patrollers. The spring/summer edition will deal primarily with awards and patrol news! Please send any items by May 15, 2018.

If you have suggestions for the "Downhill", feel free to send them to me along with information in a timely manner.

For the most up-to-date calendar go to <http://www.ohionsp.org>

