

CONNECTICUT REGION – NATIONAL SKI PATROL SYSTEM, INC.
PROGRAM REPORT

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

AS OF April 1, 2024

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MISSION STATEMENT

NSP: TO HELP KEEP PEOPLE SAFE ON THE MOUNTAIN AND DURING OTHER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.
PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT: To provide CT region members with radio communication guidance & advise helping to keep people safe on the mountain and during other outdoor activities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: 2023-24 SEASON

Provide a brief overview of the past season. Highlights, focal points, key information you want the Region Director and Board to know. These should be tied into the season’s Goals.

Continued to promote the Telecommunications program during the regional meeting and in person to members in the individual patrols. Addressed specific issues and questions (technical and procedural) from patrol leadership members and made the information available to the group. Followed up with the communication representative for each patrol and inquired about any communication need that may require assistance/ advice. Followed up on inquiries if / when needed.

PROGRAM GOALS: 2023-24 SEASON

Please list the SMART goals your program focused on this season, along with their achievement status. (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time bound)

- Conducted an audit of Ski Sundown’s radio frequencies currently in use (as requested by Jeff Barter, PT). Got together with Jeff, Jack Cegleka (patrol radio advisor), and Ben (Ski Sundown GM) and compared programmed radio frequencies from patrol radios to registered FCC frequencies (both under patrol licensing and general management / mountain operations licensing). Provided Jeff and Jack information on frequencies not currently used that can be utilized by the patrol in the future and identified which frequencies are licensed to the patrol, and which are licensed to mountain management (patrol licensed frequencies issued under NSP should only be used for patrol purposes).*
- Continued to visit patrol locations, attending regional calls, observing local Telecommunication protocols, and providing assistance & guidance regarding Telecommunication technologies, opportunities with technology partners, and the regulatory environment.*

- Continued relationship at the divisional / national level with telecommunication peers (divisional and national), gained knowledge of technology and regulations as they appear and change, and promoted regional needs as they come about. Provided information with regards to relevant FCC regulations (i.e. FCC part 90 compliance for patrol radios).

ACTIVITIES / PARTICIPATION

Activity	# Instructors/ Other	# Participants
Sundown radio frequency audit	1	3
Continued to visit patrol locations and attend regional calls	1	20
Developed relationship at the divisional / national level	1	2

PROGRAM GOALS: 2024-25 SEASON

Please list the SMART goals your program focused on this season, along with their achievement status. (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time bound)

- Continue to investigate and provide FirstNet and other NSP sponsored vendor initiatives to the region if /when they become available focusing on benefits that could be extended to the entire region. By the beginning of the 2024-5 season, circle back with the Telecommunication contacts and directors at the various patrols with regards to FCC frequencies / patrol radios audit needs and provide further guidance and support when needed.
- Continue to visit patrol locations, attend regional calls, observe local telecommunication protocols and provide help & guidance regarding Telecommunication technologies, opportunities with technology partners, and the regulatory environment.
- Work with the Telecommunication points of contact at each patrol to promote awareness with regard to the program and its benefits to the patrols.

RECRUITMENT

Please describe your recruiting efforts to promote your program. This might include participants, staff or others.

Recruitment at this point is limited for a succession plan (see below) and maintaining a Telecommunication point of contact at each patrol (already established).

SUCCESSION PLANNING

Please discuss your plans for identifying, recruiting and/or mentoring your potential replacement. You do not need to specify the individual(s) here. Explain where you are in the process, number of potential successors, etc. A good succession plan makes it easier for you to advance while ensuring the continued growth of your program.

Justin Lonergan (Powder Ridge) has expressed his desire to assume the responsibility of a backup regional telecommunications advisor as his time permits (given his Telecommunication background he will be an excellent addition).

During the upcoming season, I would like to on board Justin (as his time permits) and introduce him to the NSP Telecommunication program (scope and responsibilities), as well as introduce him to the available NSP resources and contacts under our disposal. Since Justin is a CT patrol director, he would be of great benefit when it comes to on site visits as my NY location and a full-time job could prevent me from visiting the more distant patrols (especially during the work week).

PROGRAM BUDGET

BUDGET PERFORMANCE (2021-22 SEASON)

Please provide the \$ amount of your approved budget for the prior fiscal year. Please note if this budget included any unusual and/or one-time expenditures. For travel expenses, please specify trips/nights/people/rates, etc., as appropriate.

	APPROVED SEASON BUDGET	SPENT TO DATE	ANTICIPATED REMAINING TO SPEND	VARIANCE (OVER/ UNDER)
Mileage				
Meals				
Lodging (# trips/people/nights/rates)				
Printing				
Postage				
Equipment				
Supplies				
Textbooks/Instructional Aids				
Awards specific to program (e.g., Instr. Service Awards)				
Other (unusual or one time, explain in "Prog. Goals")				
Revenue (Expense Offset)				
Total				
Notes: Please explain variances (i.e., over/underspending your approved budget by >10%). OVERSPENDING OF BUDGET ALLOWED ONLY WITH PRIOR APPROVAL OF REGION DIRECTOR.				

BUDGET REQUEST (2022-23 SEASON)

<i>Please provide a brief comment on any increase or decrease, such as unusual or one-time expenditures. Explain basis for travel expense request.</i>	REQUESTED	APPROVED
Mileage: State Mileage , not dollar amount (round trip 100 miles or more) ¹		
Meals		
Lodging (# trips/people/nights/rates)		
Printing		
Postage		
Equipment		
Supplies		
Textbooks/Instructional Aids		
Awards specific to program (e.g., Instructor Service Awards)		
Other (unusual or one time, explain in "Program Goals")		
Revenue (Expense Offset)		
Total		
Notes:		

¹ If multiple trips, list mileage separately, either in Notes section (above) or as separate lines in Budget Request form.