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

# OUTDOOR EMERGENCY CARE MODULE OF SENIOR PROGRAM (OECMSP)

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

NSP: TO HELP KEEP PEOPLE SAFE ON THE MOUNTAIN AND DURING OTHER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT: TO HELP CANDIDATES ACHIEVE THEIR OECMSP (SR OEC) CERTIFICATIONS AND HAVING NEW INSTRUCTOR CANDIDATES OBTAIN THEIR TE CERTIFICATIONS, ALL WHILE STAYING SAFE, MEETING NEW FRIENDS AND HAVING FUN.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: 2024-25 SEASON**

The season started as expected with Orientation in early September. A zoom was held in September to discuss the makeup of Senior OEC scenarios and working on the written scenarios. A number of clinics were held throughout the season at Ski Sundown and Mt Southington, as well as some smaller training sessions such as an added OEC Enhancement held at Ski Sundown. Then the program culminated with a successful Final Evals in early February. The TEs and other patrollers (some potential Seniors and TEs) took part and helped throughout the program including the Final Evals. For the season and the Final Evals, the CT Region program once again took part in the BETA Test Track from National which is being adapted by many Regions and is the OECMSP upgrade that National has been working on. The only CT Region candidate who took the Final Evals was successful. Another candidate who completed the requirements to take the Final Evals became stranded getting back from a trip out West and opted to finish up next season.

#### **Program Goals:** 2024-25 SEASON

Please list the SMART goals your program focused on  $\underline{\text{THIS}}$  season, along with their achievement status.  $\underline{\text{Refer to last year's report}}$ . ( $\underline{\text{S}}$ Pecific,  $\underline{\text{M}}$ Easurable,  $\underline{\text{A}}$ Ttainable,  $\underline{\text{R}}$ Elevant and  $\underline{\text{T}}$ Ime bound)

The plan is to hold multiple clinic sessions culminating in a Final Evaluation in early February.

- 1. Recruit qualified candidates who show promise of being good Seniors. This recruitment has started and will proceed through the early part of Fall 2024. Goal was met with 2 CT Region candidates successfully taking the program and 1 passing the Final Evals and the other plans to finish the program next season.
- **2.** Maybe host a Senior TE Clinic or at least identify some people who might be interested in becoming a TE. Goal was met identifying a few potential candidates to become TEs. Scheduling did not allow for running the TE Clinic.
- **3.** Have an introduction meeting of all participants in late August or very early September 2024 to "kick off" the program. Goal was met having an Orientations in early September.

- **4.** Host a minimum of 5 clinics to be run between mid-November 2024 and January 2025. Clinics hopefully will be held at 3-5 of the major Alpine ski areas in CT. Goal was met with 5 clinics held at 2 different ski areas. Due to operational issues, 2 additional areas were unable to host.
- 5. Meet with every candidate individually early in program and maintain continual communication with them throughout the program. Make an attempt to have a mentor for each candidate. Goal was met starting with providing each candidate with an introduction to OECMSP including the new program updates, then each candidate was also matched up with a mentor so between the mentor and the STC each candidate was communicated with consistently throughout the program.
- **6.** Host a final evaluation in either January or February of 2025. Goal was met with Final Evals held on February 02.

### **ACTIVITIES / PARTICIPATION**

Activity	# Instructors/ Other	# Participants
Orientation Sunday 9/03/24 Yalesville LL Complex	5	1
OEC Enhancements Sunday 09/29/24 Ski Sundown	4	1
Zoom Tuesday 09/17/24	4	2
Clinic1 Sunday 11/10/24 Ski Sundown	7	2
Clinic2 Tuesday 12/10/24 Mt Southington -cancelled -sickness		
Clinic3 Sunday 12/15/24 Mt Southington	9	2
Clinic4 Sunday 01/05/25 Mt Southington	13	2
Clinic5 Saturday 01/11/25 Mt Southington	7	1
Clinic6 Sunday 01/26/25 Mt Southington	5	1
Final Evals 02/02/25 Mt Southington	18	1

**PROGRAM GOALS: 2025-26 SEASON** 

Please list your program's SMART goals for  $\underline{next}$  season. ( $\underline{S}$  pecific,  $\underline{M}$  easurable,  $\underline{A}$  ttainable,  $\underline{R}$  elevant and  $\underline{T}$  ime bound)

The plan is to start off with some of the training and paperwork items first, and then to still hold multiple clinic sessions culminating in a Final Evaluation. Also, at this time it is expected that the CT Region continue to use the updated OECMSP. These updates are expected to include some new training aids to help TEs and candidates with the adjustments to the program core objectives. Changes to some program logistics are why the program is expected to start in late Summer or early Fall.

- 1. Recruit qualified candidates who show promise of being good Seniors. This recruitment has started and will proceed through the early part of Fall 2025.
- **2.** Maybe host a Senior TE Clinic or at least identify some people who might be interested in becoming a TE.
- **3.** Have an introduction meeting of all participants in late August or very early September 2025 to "kick off" the program.
- **4.** Host a minimum of 5 clinics to be run between mid-November 2025 and January 2026. Clinics hopefully will be held at 3-5 of the major Alpine ski areas in CT.
- 5. Meet with every candidate individually early in program and maintain continual communication with them throughout the program. Make an attempt to have a mentor for each candidate.

**6.** Host a final evaluation in either January or February of 2026.

# RECRUITMENT/MARKETING

A note will be sent to all CT Region PDs with information on OECMSP over the summer of 2025. It is expected information will be placed on the Region website. Also, like last year, a note will be sent to each patroller that the program had heard might be interested in taking it and given information about the program. It is also planned to reach out separately in the Summer and Fall to each of the patrols to see what interest might exist for others that would be interested in helping out with clinics and/or Final Evals.

#### **SUCCESSION PLANNING**

I plan to continue to work with Peter Bayer as he has expressed interest in taking over as the next CT Region OECMSP STC. This past season I have had numerous discussions with Peter on the updated program and how it compares with the previous version. I have shared with Peter all of the planning methodologies, materials used and their origins, files handed out and files used such as the templates used to run the clinics.

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#### PROGRAM BUDGET

## 1. BUDGET PERFORMANCE (2024-25 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. You may show trip details at the end of the document if you wish.

	ROVED SEASON BUDGET	SPENT TO DATE	ANTICIPATED REMAINING TO SPEND	VARIANCE (OVER/ UNDER)
Mileage				
Meals				
Lodging (# trips/people/nights/rates)				
Printing	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Postage				
Equipment	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Supplies	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
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	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00

**Notes**: Please explain variances (i.e., over/underspending your approved budget by >10%). OVERSPENDING OF BUDGET ALLOWED ONLY WITH PRIOR APPROVAL OF REGION DIRECTOR.

# 2. BUDGET REQUEST (2025-26 SEASON)

Please provide a brief comment on any increase or decrease, such as unusual or one-time expenditures. Explain basis for travel expense request.	REQUESTED	APPROVED
Mileage: State <b>Mileage</b> , not dollar amount (round trip 100 miles or more) <sup>1</sup>		
Meals		
Lodging (# trips/people/nights/rates)		
Printing	\$40.00	
Postage		
Equipment	\$30.00	
Supplies	\$30.00	
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	\$100.00	
Notes:		

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

# 3. Mileage Reimbursement Worksheet

Trip from/to	Miles Round Trip	Miles over 100	# trips	Total miles	Amount to be reimbursed
Example: Hartford □ Bromley (Sr. OET Clinic)	252	152	2	304	\$106.40
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Total the far-right column and enter this amount in "2. Budget Request" (prior page) 2