

CT Region NSP Leadership Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 20, 2022
Zoom conference 1835-1950

Patrol Directors: Jim Tully (Pahquioque); Ron Fenner (Southington)

Assistant Patrol Directors/NSP Reps: Eric Schmidt (Pahquioque)

Advisors: Kathy Fitzpatrick (Safety); Mike Bafuma (Awards); Bob Cassello (Alumni); Melinda Mingus (Medical); Steve Goldblatt (Medical)

CT Region Admin: Skip Mudge (RD); Tony Philpin (Housatonic Section Chief); Mark Pahmer (Alternate Region Director); Sue-Ellen Repeta (Pequot Section Chief); Larry Hyatt (Administrative Assistant); John Segretta (Website/Technology);

Absent: Mike Smarz (Mohawk); Justin Lonergan (Powder Ridge); Jeff Barter (Ski Sundown); Kevin Muravnick (Powder Ridge); Randy McKee (Lakeridge); Michael Lapierre (Nutmeg Nordic); Tom Kim (Ski Sundown); Walt Behuniak (Southington); Peter Bayer (ROA); Andrew Flint (Outdoor Risk Management); Gadi Bourla (Telecommunications)

OPEN ITEMS

- The Region Historian position remains open. If interested, contact Skip. Don Cirkot is willing to assist the Historian.
- Eastern Division is looking for an Assistant Treasurer. Information is on the Eastern Division website.
- Reminder as candidates pass certifications to pass info on to Skip so he can get it onto the website.
- The Eastern Division Memorial Scholarship application is due by March 31. Information is on the Eastern Division website with a link to it on the CT Region site. The scholarship is for any Eastern Division patroller who wants to further their education.
- We are trying to recreate the CT Region Hall of Fame database. If you have any information, such as names of inductees, date of induction, photos, bios, nomination letters, etc., please send them to Mike Bafuma.
- Website has a new Google calendar.
- Gadi coordinated contact with AT&T on FirstNet. Will meet with Sundown management on coverage concerning coverage at the ski area.
- Safety concern regarding people leaving their skis on the ground. Management has placed signs in the area. Educating the public might be more effective. This seems to be a common issue at many areas.
- Safety event is scheduled at Southington on Sunday, January 23 from 11AM-1PM. Jenny O'Donnell obtained 15 youth Bolle helmets through a grant from Safe Kids Connecticut to hand out. Encouraging other safety captains to schedule events. A Women's Enhancement Day is scheduled on February 13, will reach out to Cally Regan to see if a Safety event could be included. Pahquioque was not sure of plans for a Safety Day at Thunder Ridge.
- Eastern Division will likely send out revised guidelines for in-person training soon. Currently, anyone planning to conduct in-person training must submit a plan which must be approved by the RD. Indoor activities should be kept to a minimum, with briefings conducted outdoors. Preference for masks are N95s, KF95s or KN95s and then surgical masks. Regardless of vaccination status, participants should wear masks while indoors. Outdoors, those who are fully vaccinated (including

booster) are not required to mask if physically distancing.

- MTR program is holding off until January 30 to determine whether to hold the next training. Likely will hold their clinic in early April.
- Sundown requested vaccination status of patrollers be submitted in a box that was mounted in the patrol room or send it to Jeff Barter.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON COVID

- Pahquioque – one person may have tested positive, they stayed out 10 days; patrollers were directed to forward vaccination status and issues to area management.
- Mohawk – people are out if they have COVID; patrollers are self-monitoring; Mike Smarz checked early on if people were vaccinated; they lost some instructors, but deep pool so people covered; patients are asked COVID questions and temps were taken.
- Southington – following CDC guidelines; employees wear masks when dealing with customers and masks required when working with patients; patients are asked to wear masks; people that are asymptomatic are out for 5 days then wear masks for another 5 days; if symptomatic they stay out longer; Staffing has not been an issue yet.

TECHNOLOGY

- John Segretta asked if other areas are automating incident reporting. Sundown has implemented an automated scheduling application and is looking to set up other administrative tasks. They have put training videos on a YouTube channel. It was remarkably easy to do. He also created a Facebook group. They did look at an application for managing their finances (QuickBooks and some cloud-based solutions) but decided Excel spreadsheets work better for them.

USE OF NALOXONE

- Mohawk uses naloxone. There is a training video available, about ½ hour. Naloxone is kept in patrol room and in lodge, and one for the rescuer should they come in contact with an opioid.
- 30-minute training video. Shelf life is 3 years. State of CT has info on their website.

Next meeting will be combined with the Advisor's meeting.

Adjourned 7:50 PM

Respectively submitted,
Larry Hyatt