

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

HOUSATONIC SECTION CHIEF

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT: Support regional patrols in fulfilling the NSP's Mission.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: 2022-23 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.

Worked in support of the efforts of the Regional Director Skip Mudge to facilitate a successful season by the region's patrols and programs emerging from Covid. Attended nearly all the Region's Zoom meetings of the CT Region's leadership and program chairs hosted by the CT RD. Imagined an expanded role for Section Chiefs at the Division level in order to increase the opportunities for leadership development and regional influence. Moved to expand the recognition for Veterans in NSP.

PROGRAM GOALS: 2022-23 SEASON (REVAMPED BASED ON SPRING MEETING)

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

- 1. Upon review of the undefined role of the Section Chief with the region's leadership in the Spring of 2022, evaluated how this office can be a greater service to the CT Region's membership given the expense. I reached out to other Section Chiefs to see how they were being utilized in their regions and reviewed the National, Division, and Regional by-laws for guidance.*
- 2. With the blessing of the RD Skip Mudge, took on some regional initiatives including a review of member compliance with CT State Mandatory Reporter Laws (under legal review), Developing policy considerations for handling cardiac arrest incidents on the hill (review in progress), Researched equitable policies to address operational gaps in patroller OEC performance (Just Culture study).*
- 3. Undertook a review of the Section Chief (Region Delegate) role in governance at the Division level. Sought opportunities to increase the Region's influence in Division Programs and Governance. In my assessment, determined that the role of Section Chief has been underutilized, and opportunities for involvement were restricted and brought them to the attention of the division Director. This resulted in your Section Chiefs now having access to past minutes of the Board Meetings*

and a review of the Section Chiefs' role at the Division level. Waiting on a follow-up response from Division Director Cal Goldsmith. A request for review of the by-laws and implementation of same by the Division legal advisor Bill Cline is on hold

4. *Appealed to the Division Awards Committee to include Mountain Hosts in the Patriot Star Awards Program. Outcome: Mountain Hosts are now included in the program, and the language of the award would be changed to include Mountain Hosts. The first Mountain Host awards nominations have been initiated on behalf of Sundown members.*

ACTIVITIES / PARTICIPATION

Activity	# Instructors/ Other	# Participants
Attended nearly all the region's leadership meetings	n/a	30
Attended nearly all the region's program meetings	n/a	30
Assisted Senior OEC training and evaluation	12-15	6
Visited Mohawk, Winding Trails, and Sundown Ski Areas	n/a	
Participated in Division MTR Instructor Refresher	50	50
Participated in Regional Instructor Refresher	40	40

PROGRAM GOALS: 2023-24 SEASON (IF RE-ELECTED)

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

1. *Continue to challenge Eastern Division Leadership to include Regional Delegates in Board Member communications, to be invited to attend regular board meetings even if not recognized to speak, and to gain working roles on division committees as outlined in the Division By-laws.*
2. *Collaborate with other Section Chiefs to develop an outline for the typical roles and responsibilities and to share resources that would benefit Regional Patrols.*
3. *Continue to take on Regional initiatives that evolve from membership challenges or leadership discussions that might provide solutions or answers for the region.*
4. *Continue to support and bring resources for the benefit of the Region's leadership and OEC / OET / Senior training programs.*

SUCCESSION PLANNING

Have already reached out to potential candidates for future succession.