

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

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

AS OF April 1, 2025

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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: 2024-25 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.

During the past season, I continued to share and promote the Telecommunications Program during the regional meeting and through direct, personal conversations with patrollers across individual patrols. I worked closely with patrol leadership at the regional & national level to address technical and procedural questions (such as FCC regulations and radio frequency licencing, registration, and implementation), ensuring that division members had the information and tools needed to keep radio communications reliable and effective.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW/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)

- Assisted with providing FirstNet and other NSP sponsored vendor initiatives to the region by receiving guidance from the national program and conducting independent research. Answered inquiries about simplifying the FirstNet (FN) sign-up process for Ski Patrol members, as the previous instructions seemed complex. Provided instructions, including a known AT&T website workaround, use of the NSPFIRST affiliation code, correct organization type selection, and use of NSP member numbers.*

By the beginning of the 2024-5 season, I circled 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. Continued to assist Ski Sundown with radio frequency selections (as requested by Jeff Barter, PT). Continued written exchanges with Jeff, Jack Cegleka (patrol radio advisor), and Ben (Ski Sundown GM). Continued to review with 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).

- Attended regional calls (time permitting), obverted local telecommunication protocols and provided help & guidance regarding Telecommunication technologies, opportunities with technology partners, and the regulatory environment.
- Worked with the Telecommunication points of contact to promote awareness with regard to the program and its benefits to the patrols. 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 a newly established T-Mobile First Responder network (T-Priority), and the carrier's relationship with satellite communications provider Starlink for emergency communications when cellular services are not available.

ACTIVITIES / PARTICIPATION

Activity	# Instructors/ Other	# Participants
Sundown radio frequency assistance	1	3
Continued to visit patrol locations and attend regional calls	1	10
Developed relationship at the divisional / national level	1	2

PROGRAM GOALS: 2025-26 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 / T-Priority 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 2025-6 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 attend regional calls, learn of local telecommunication protocols and provide help & guidance regarding Telecommunication technologies, opportunities with technology partners, and the regulatory environment.

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 / secondary regional telecommunications advisor as his time permits (given his Telecommunication background he will be an excellent addition). 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 (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.

	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 (2025-26 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.