

Connecticut Region OEC Refresher Instructions

Cycle B 2021 – Course # E183210004

Hello Connecticut Region Patrollers,

We are having an in-person hands-on regional refresher this year on Sunday October 24 and 31. As in previous years, it is a hybrid course, requiring you to complete an online module and workbook as well as attend a hands-on session. As usual you may attend either day. We will be doing Fastpass again this year.

Covid-19 Considerations

Due to the continuing pandemic, the Region Refresher will be held at **CAMP SLOPER** this year. Stations will be set up in five pavilions which will offer some protection from the weather, however you are encouraged to dress appropriately for spending the day outdoors. (Details for Camp Sloper follow at the end of this email.)

All participants, regardless of vaccination status will be required to wear a mask during the event (just as we did/do while treating patients this year) and will be required to maintain physical distancing when not engaged in a hands-on training activity.

Following Eastern Division requirements for fall training events, we are requesting that you provide your vaccination status to your patrol director/resrepresentative before attending the refresher. **You may still attend the refresher even if you choose not to provide your vaccination status.** Here are the PD/PR contacts to provide this information to:

Alumni & Lakeridge : Bob Cassello - worldheadquarters1@sbcglobal.net - 203-269-3567

Mohawk: Mike Smarz - skipatrol@mohawkmtn.com - 203-264-3479

Mount Southington: Ron Fenner - ron@fennerct.com - 860-628-0825

Nutmeg Nordic: Mike Lapierre - mlapierre179@gmail.com - 860-674-9273

Powder Ridge: Justin Lonergan - Firefighterlony@me.com - 860-637-0017

Ski Sundown: Jeff Barter - jeffalarmdude@aol.com – 860-250-6644

Here are the steps needed to prepare for the refresher, including what's needed to do Fastpass:

Register for the Course – this step is separate from doing the online module

1. Sign in to nsp.org (click on member sign in https://nsp.org/NSPMember/Contact_Management/Sign_In.aspx)

2. Check that your info is up to date by clicking on “Hi *Patroller-name*” at the top right-hand corner. Update as needed by clicking on the pencil icon and click “Save” once you’ve made your updates.
3. Click on Course Schedule.
4. Enter **E183210004** next to “Course Number equals”.
5. Click on the “Find” button.
6. Click on the “OEC Refresher B” link when it appears below the Find button.
7. Click on the blue “Register Myself” button.
8. Follow the prompts to “purchase” the free course. **Make sure that you get to the confirmation page to ensure that you are registered.** (You should also receive a confirmation email shortly after that.)

Complete the Online Refresher Module – this step is separate from registering for the course

1. Log in to nsp.org
2. Click on Member Resources
3. Click on the Online Learning picture
4. Click where it says, “click here to enter the online learning management system”.
5. Read the notes on the following page and click on the blue highlighted “Courses” or “Courses” at the bottom left of the page.
6. Click on “2021 OEC Refresher B online module” to start the actual course content.
7. Once all videos and quizzes are complete, you will be able to download and print your certificate. There is a blue "Print certificate" button below the certificate. The certificate is also available in your **online learning system profile** by clicking on your name near the top right. The certificate is **not** available in your main NSP profile.
8. Bring a printout of the certificate to the refresher. You will not be allowed to attend the refresher without your certificate.
9. Complete the Refresher Workbook 2021 OEC Cycle B answer sheet and bring to the refresher. This will be returned to you by the end of the day. Please keep it for reference. (Pdf attached to this email if you can't find the printed version that came with your copy of Ski Patrol Magazine).

Complete the workbook answer sheet

Complete the attached answer sheet for the OEC Workbook 2021 OEC Cycle B and bring to the refresher. This will be returned to you by the end of the day. Please keep it for reference.

Please make sure you’ve registered for the course (and not just done the online module) before arriving at Camp Sloper. You’ll need to be registered in order to participate and it can be very difficult to help people register on the spot since the refresher days are very busy for everyone.

To Do Fastpass

We are doing Fastpass again this year to keep the lines short at the entrance.

1. **Make sure you have registered for course E183210004 at least five days before the session you plan to attend.**
2. Save the pdf of your online module certificate and attach it to an email to me – hanspeterbayer@gmail.com – or take a picture of it and email it to me or text it to me at 860-929-9143. **Please do not forward your confirmation email to me since I can't open the link to view your certificate.**
3. Complete and scan (or take a picture of) the attached **workbook** answer sheet and email it or text it to me.
4. Complete and scan (or take a picture of) the attached **release** for the refresher and email it or text it to me.

Shedule

This year's refresher includes cycle A hands-on content that we weren't able to do in last year's online only refresher, so the stations will take a little longer than in other years. **Accordingly, we are not having a general session at the beginning of the day. The first sessions of the day will start promptly at 8:00 AM.** Here is the schedule for the day (same for both days):

7:00 AM – 7:50 AM	registration open at main pavilion
7:50 AM	registration closes
8:00 AM – 9:20 AM	session 1
9:25 AM – 10:45 AM	session 2
10:50 AM – 12:10 PM	session 3
12:10 PM – 12:55 PM	lunch
12:55 PM – 2:15 PM	session 4
2:20 PM – 3:40 PM	session 5
3:40 PM – 3:55 PM	instructor wrap-up
3:55 PM – 4:10 PM	clean-up

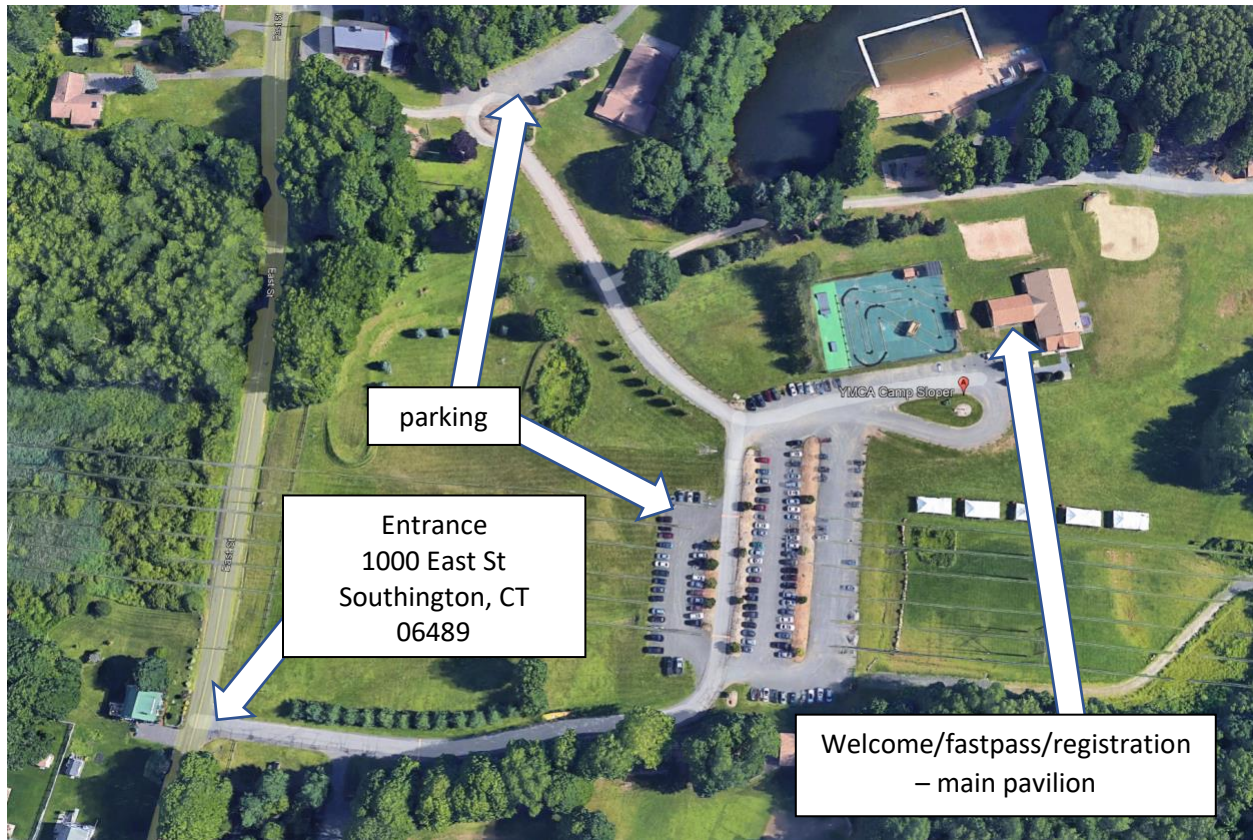
Maps of the area showing the location of the station pavilions, station traffic flow, etc. will be handed out when you arrive.

Out of Region Patrollers

Visiting patrollers from outside the Connecticut region are welcome to attend the second session on October 31 only - and will be required to provide vaccination status prior to attending the refresher.

Camp Sloper Info

1000 East St, Southington, CT 06489



Please contact me with any questions. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Camp Sloper!

Kind regards,

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