

CT Region NSP Leadership & Advisors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 28, 2022
Zoom conference 1900-2007



Patrol Directors: Ron Fenner (Southington); Eric Schmidt (Pahquioque); Randy McKee (Lakeridge)

CT Region Admin: Skip Mudge (RD); Mark Pahmer (Alternate Region Director); Sue-Ellen Repeta (Pequot Section Chief, YAP); Tony Philpin (Housatonic Section Chief); Liz Fenner (Treasurer)

Advisors: Justin Regan (Certified & Sr OET Training Coordinator); Kathy Fitzpatrick (Safety Team); Rick Knight (Awards); Michael Gajdosik (ID); Larry Hyatt (Sr. OEC Training Coordinator, Administrative Assistant)

Absent: Jeff Barter (Ski Sundown); Michael Lapierre (Nutmeg Nordic/MTR); Mike Smarz (Mohawk); Justin Lonergan (Powder Ridge); Walt Behuniak (Southington); Tom Kim (Ski Sundown, Snowboard Advisor); Kevin Muravnick (Powder Ridge); Jake Worstell (Pahquioque); Bob Cassello (Alumni); Peter Bayer (ROA); Berni Fowler (Assistant ROA); John Segretta (Website/Technology); Melinda Mingus (Medical Advisor); Becky Mudge (Sr Program Coordinator); Paul Katz (Assistant Snowboard Advisor); Cally Regan (Women's Program); Andrew Flint (Outdoor Risk Management Advisor); Gadi Bourla (Telecommunications); Chuck Boyd (Avalanche & Nordic/Backcountry Advisor)

CHANGES TO AGENDA

- Added Apple Crash Detection issue and CPR on the hill.

FOLLOW-UP TO LAST MEETING

- NSP Board elections: the three candidates the Eastern Division recommended - Paul Kelly, Richard Pietrafesa, and Bob Scarlett as well as Michelle Karpinski were elected to the board.
- On December 14, Jason Duan gave a demonstration of the system he developed for electronic incident reporting based upon the paper forms used by many patrols. Eric Schmidt said it looked promising, but Pahquioque is not moving forward with a system at this time.
 - Southington just began using IRisk for electronic accident reporting. Management purchased six touch-screen laptops as well as a wireless printer for EMS handoff reports.
- The Fall OEC classes are wrapping up and OET classes starting. PDs are requested to forward names of people completing classes and obtaining new patroller status so the information can be placed on the website. Pictures are also welcomed.
- John Segretta has created a new CT Region Facebook Group. People should take a look and provide feedback to John or Skip.

NEW ITEMS

- Apple Crash Detection
 - Sundown has experienced a few crash detection alerts with subsequent activation of 911. This feature is on by default on iPhone 14, 14 Pro and Watch Series 8, SE (2nd generation) and Ultra running the latest version of iOS/watchOS. They are looking at options such as LCD (Litchfield County Dispatch) first calling top shack so that patrol can investigate. This would be only for automated Apple notifications. No other areas in the Region have experienced the situation. One option might be for individual patrols to contact their local EMS service providers and work out a solution before it becomes a problem.

- CPR on the hill
 - The issue is how can CPR effectively be done when someone is in need while on the hill.
 - One method that is used at Southington is to position the patient head down, straddle the patient's head and perform compressions. NSP published an article regarding Alyeska's method that utilizes seven patrollers, a CPR toboggan and staged stops in which compressors switch, ventilations performed, and AED is used.
 - Mike cautioned the group to be careful of putting specifics into policy as there are too many variables. If a patroller deviates from stated policy (due to manpower, equipment, weather, snow conditions, terrain, etc.) they could open themselves up to potential liability. It might be better to address this through area training (e.g., enhancement clinics) as opposed to tying it to a certification program.

PROGRAMS

- Senior OET
 - First scheduled clinic is Sunday 1/15 at Sundown; will try to also get one in on Sunday 1/8; rest of clinics will likely be held at Catamount due to the terrain.
 - Estimate 6-8 participants.
- OET
 - Will need to reschedule the Toboggan Trainer Workshop/OET Instructor Refresher due to lack of snow/limited terrain. We have until April to complete the refresher.
- Senior OEC
 - Three out of six clinics completed; dates and locations on the website. Five candidates.
 - The Final Evals are scheduled for Sunday February 12th.
- Safety Team
 - The Safety Team held a Safety Day at Lakeridge's "Think Snow" event. Event was well received, attended by more adults than we typically see at Safety Days.
 - The next events will be on January 7th in coordination with NSAA for the Annual Safety Day at Sundown from 11-1 and at Powder Ridge 4-7.
- YAP
 - The OEC Enhancement scheduled for 12/10 was postponed / canceled.
 - There are 12 YAPs in Region.
 - On 1/28 the YAPs are invited to join SVT for an event at Saskadena Six, formerly Suicide Six; Roger DelGiorno is the SVT YAP Advisor.
 - On 3/5 CT YAP program will join WMASS YAP program for an event at Butternut the weekend before the Annual Seminar at Smuggs in Vermont. Tanya Thomas, the National Women's Program Advisor may be joining the Seminar at Smuggs.
 - About \$420 was raised for the YAP program at the OEC Refresher. With that money and other donations, they may be looking to create their own equipment bag to use for training.
- ID
 - There are currently no classes pending, no potential instructors have contacted Mike for an ID class. Contact Mike Gajdosik to schedule Zoom or in-person class.
 - The updated ID program hasn't yet been loaded into the new LMS.

PATROLS

- Pahquioque – opened on Saturday December 17th and has only had to close a couple of days.
- Southington – as of this morning they are 100% open; this is Day 9; they are ready to start making features in the Terrain Park; there have been some accidents but nothing out of the ordinary.
- Lakeridge – they've been making snow and had hoped to open, but a storm came through and knocked out some trees which took the power out.

AWARDS

- Rick Knight sent a note to all PDs with information for filling out a form for patrollers to receive the Eastern Division Achievement Award. It is a good way to recognize patrollers who have done a lot and put in many years, and especially those who are not eligible for a National Appointment.

NEW BUSINESS

- There will be a Women's Night/Safety Event on Wednesday, February 8th from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at Sundown. There will also be a DJ and a Tea Cup Raffle. They are encouraging woman patrollers from throughout the Region to attend. It could be a good recruitment tool for patrols. Kathy is looking for help if anyone has the time.

Next meeting not set at this time. There are several people missing so Skip will send out an inquiry for what might be a good time to schedule the meeting.

Adjourned 8:07 PM

Respectively submitted,
Larry Hyatt