

Connecticut Region – NATIONAL SKI PATROL SYSTEM, INC.

PATROL REPORT

Pahquioque Patrol

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MISSION STATEMENT

NSP: *to help keep people safe on the mountain and during other outdoor activities.*

Patrol Mission Statement:

Season Overview: Milestones, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, CHALLENGES

October – Training on the Petzel ID'S descender devices. Jim Barry helped organize and run several training sessions on Wednesday nights for any patroller that was interested. We merely practiced on the haul line using the device, we did not actually evacuate any individuals.

Hill and Frost (11/6/22) was again very successful. We changed how we organized lift evacuation and our CPR refresher, by breaking patrollers into two groups. That enabled us to streamline our process and have patrollers complete their training earlier in the day without sacrificing any quality of either of the programs.

Lift Evacuation (during Hill and Frost): Jim Barry updated the lift evacuation protocol. We started training patrollers on the Petzel ID'S descender. He trained several patrollers in the off season in rope techniques and leadership.

Automated scheduling system. In November, we also looked at several web-based scheduling systems. We were hoping that there was a system capable of allowing patrollers to sign-up

online, limit the amount of patrollers on a particular night, make swapping issues easier and other things. Unfortunately, we were unable to find an application that would fit our needs.

For the third straight year we did not run our ski swap this year due. However, Sandra Tica designed and organized another successful waffle sale fundraiser. In addition, one of our new patrollers also designed “patrol” t-shirts to sell during the waffle sale.

On the same day as our fundraiser, we also had our NSP Safety Event, organized by Eric Talbot our Safety Advisor. We were happy that Kathy Fitzpatrick and her husband were both able to join us for part of it and get a little skiing in.

We had four candidates pass the OEC class on November 16th. They were Sean Bali (Alpine), Matt Cerny (Alpine), Matt Hantzarides, and Jennifer Paladino. We are continuing to grow our patrol. We have several candidates for OEC this spring.

We are continuing to move with our instructor development program. Ken Joyce is organizing a time this April to complete their in-person section of the course.

STATISTICS

Statistics as of April 6, 2023

of Patrollers: 50

of Registered Candidates: 5

of OEC Instructors: 11

of OEC IT's: 1

of OET Instructors: 4

of Alpine Seniors: 7

of Incidents: XXX

of Days Open: 87

Opening Date: 12/17/2022

Closing Date: 3/26/2023

FUTURE CHALLENGES AND PLANS

Promoting the senior program.

Recruiting new candidates.

Organizing senior electives to be held at Thunder Ridge

ANYTHING ELSE?

We are continuing to look for additional fundraising ideas, scheduling programs/apps and potentially an automated accident report system.