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

POWDER RIDGE PATROL / POWDER RIDGE HOST

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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 excellent emergency care, rescue, and safety services to the skiing and riding public at Powder Ridge Mountain Park & Resort.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: 2023-2024 SEASON

The 23-24 season was another season that was not helped out by mother nature. However, with the upgrades in snowmaking Powder Ridge had a full and busy season. Powder Ridge Patrol, including Patrollers and Rangers (Mountain Host) did a great job supporting the area management to make sure anyone that visits Powder Ridge had a safe and enjoyable experience. Powder Ridge Patrol operated year round supporting the ski/board season, mountain biking, concerts, summer camps and Haunting at the Ridge and new this year Paintball and summer camps along with many other smaller day to day events. Our patrol of around 40 members between primary and secondary and 2 full time paid patrollers and a handful of part time paid patrollers to do a great job responding to over 175 calls.

PROGRAM GOALS: 2023-24 SEASON

Please list the SMART goals your program focused on this season, along with their achievement status. (\underline{S} pecific, \underline{M} easurable, \underline{A} ttainable, \underline{R} elevant and \underline{T} ime bound)

- 1. Growth of the Patrol and Host Unit (Rangers) Added: 1Patroller and 8 Rangers
- Continue Training and Knowledge: Hosted Joint Training with Hartford Healthcare (Hunter's Ambulance), Middlesex Paramedics, Middlefield FD, Lifestar and members of the NSP community. 3 Lift Evacuation Training Days including a night evacuation with out power/ lighting.
- 3. Continued to mentor and develop new hill captains and have members take on new roles.
- 4. Recruitment of new patrollers for the 24 OEC to support the growth of mountain activities.

PROGRAM GOALS: 2024-25 SEASON

Recruitment and continued expansion of the Ranger Program.

Encourage new instructors as we conduct this years OEC class.

Expansion of year-round patrol duties and the mountain continues to grow.

Summer time joint EMS training for Mountain Biking and other summer activities is being planned.

SUCCESSION PLANNING:

This year we are working on a succession of leadership roles and duties. The future of the patrol needs growth and members to step up and bring new ideas to the table. Encouraging members to become instructors both OEC and OET along with the new biking programs that are coming out.

With the year round activities continuing to grow recruitment for non-winter sports is the primary focus along with continuing to recruit Rangers (Mountain Host).

Budget:

We have no budget expenses for this season and no requests for the next season.