

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Insurance Policies

Matt Rea, President



THE IMPORTANCE OF MHSP MEMBERS CARRYING THEIR OWN INSURANCE POLICIES

Even as a long-time member of MHSP, I have had the luxury of being blissfully ignorant of many of the details associated with the business of administering a volunteer organization. As long as I could show up and do my patrol duty I've been a happy ski patroller. However, as President I am finding myself on a steep learning curve. One of the areas of administration that I quickly learned I needed to know more about has been with respect to our insurance policies and coverage. It is timely during our slower summer months to share some of what I've learned. I can hear the collective YAWN out there as you all skip to the next article. But this is important so please read on.

MHSP currently carries three insurance policies covering different aspects of our activities:

1. We have a "commercial property policy" that covers the Government Camp building and its contents from loss or damage. We are required to carry this policy, including some of the replacement value for the building, under our Special Use Permit with the U.S. Forest Service;
2. We have a "general commercial liability policy" for MHSP members. This policy provides coverage for MHSP activities outside of normal ski patrol operations within the resorts. So for example, if something were to happen in conjunction with one of our meetings, MHSP has liability coverage.
3. We have a "Claims Made and Reported" policy that provides coverage for "Director's and Officers" against claims made against MHSP. This is for the protection of the Executive Council and other officers of the patrol for liability claims that may be made against us.

The total cost for these three policies is a little over \$3,000 per year which is part of our operating expenses paid for out of your membership dues.

In addition to the MHSP insurance, National Ski Patrol provides liability policies covering trainers and students involved in training activities. As long as you are participating in a class that is sanctioned by NSP, and that class, the trainers and the students are all registered with NSP, then you are covered for liability under the NSP policy.

You should note that none of NSP or MHSP's insurance policies covers patrollers for injury or liability while you are on duty covering area patrol operations. There are three reasons for this. First, MHSP relies heavily on Good Samaritan laws of the State of Oregon to protect us from liability claims. Second, we assume that operations insurance coverage is provided by the areas that we serve. Third, we assume that MHSP members carry their own health insurance which will provide primary coverage for them in the event of an accident or injury while patrolling.



I will tell you that the second assumption has not been put to the test between MHSP and the areas that we serve—it is very unclear that under our operating agreements with the areas, that any insurance policies that they maintain would extend to MHSP members. The MHSP Council will attempt to clarify understanding regarding insurance coverage with the area when we conduct our annual coordination meetings with the areas this fall.

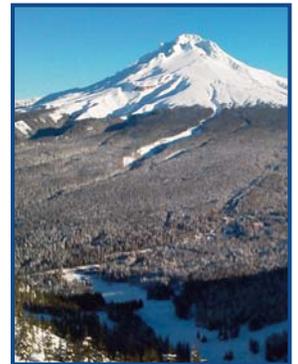
In the meantime, that third assumption about carrying your own insurance is really critical! We strongly encourage all MHSP members to carry their own health and auto insurance policies. It would be a good idea for you to speak with your insurance agents to ensure that your policies have riders covering your MHSP and other volunteer activities. In addition, we also advise MHSP members to consider adding an umbrella liability policy to your coverage.

One area where the expectation for insurance coverage by patrollers is very clear is at Timberline. The Letter Agreement between MHSP and RLK Inc. for volunteer activities at Timberline requires that: **“Volunteer patrollers are required to maintain health insurance and provide proof prior to performing any volunteer services. Volunteers must notify the Patrol of any loss of insurance prior to any volunteer service being provided. The Patrol will prohibit any Volunteer from performing volunteer services until proof of current health insurance coverage is provided”**. To date, neither MHSP nor Timberline has enforced requirements for reporting insurance coverage by our members but it is a question that the Executive Council may need to take up along with other issues. As it currently stands, all MHSP members who volunteer at Timberline must be aware of this requirement.

If you have any questions about insurance coverage related to MHSP activities please do not hesitate to give me a call.

PATROL CHIEF REPORT

Training
Paul Podett



My Fellow Patrollers, a lot of stuff is happening this summer.

Skier enhancement is up and running

Available to all dispatched patroller on Saturday and Sunday at Timberline. Ends 8/6/17. I hope to have this program available at Skibowl this winter. Better rider, Better patroller, Better Patrol.

Associate empty sled transport

History moves slowly at MHSP and major changes don't come often. The council has approved the advent for a new level of patroller, an Associate Patroller trained to transport empty toboggan to a 10:50 on intermediate (Blue) runs. We currently have a group training at Timberline. This is an elective training opportunity for Associate patrollers who would like to train and perform empty sled transport to specified staging areas and 10:50's. Candidates will be required to complete Patroller 101, Chapter 4 skill sets and then be tested for certification. Interested – contact **Stewart Stanger** – Your Training Director.

Summer at Skibowl

All MHSP patrollers welcome, particularly on the following dates for high volume events.

August 5, 19, 26

September 9, 10

Char Evac Dates

Instructor HC/AS training will be **September 10**

New Instructors – and those who would like to become MHSP Evac instructors, please contact **Stewart Stanger** to get started.

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General MHSP evac dates – September 17 and October 7

Solar Eclipse coming to a mountain top near you.

How about patrolling for the Eclipse? If you don't have plans yet Timberline reservations has over 500 guests coming up for the event and the Paid Patrol could use our help. Please dispatch for the experience.

SUMMER OPERATIONS

Summer Contacts

Timberline APC; Scott Collier and John Howard.

Skibowl APC; Matt Harms

MHM and Summit If you have any ideas or concerns during the summer, please contact me.



OFF THE MOUNTIAN

Pacific Crest Trail Days

Cleo Howell

ENJOY A SUMMER DAY IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE

Pacific Crest Trail Days is an annual 3-day festival that promotes outdoor recreation, with a focus on hiking, camping, and backpacking. The Mt. Hood Ski Patrol has been invited to provide some first aid support for the event on August 18 and 19 in exchange for a donation to the patrol. The patrol volunteers will have a designated first aid area and also

will be able to visit the vendors and enjoy the festival. In the previous 10 years of operation there have been no major medical problems at the event.

Dates and times: **August 18, 12:00 pm–9:00 pm** **August 19, 9:00am–9:00 pm**

Location: **Marine Park, Cascade Locks**

Number of staff need on each day: **2**

If you are interested in helping at this event please sign up on the Dispatch or contact Cleo Howell 503-680-2472.

Come Join us in August at the PNWD Convention

Douglas Stanton

The Wy'east Region is busy planning the upcoming PNWD Convention to be held at the Sheraton PDX **August 11, 12 and 13**. If you've never attended a division conference, this is the one you want to attend. Come learn how our patrol fits within the region and division, interact with patrollers from across the Pacific Northwest, attend some of the learning sessions to improve your patrolling or training skills, or just come to have a good time.

Registration information can be found on our web page at pnwdcon.org. **MHSP registrants only pay \$30**, half the full registration amount. If you do go to the web page to register, please **download the registration form and mail in your registration**. The web page only allows full registration amounts.



So note your calendar and come join the fun. We'll have exhibitors, a hospitality suite open to all attendees, an awards banquet Saturday evening and ton of raffle items. This is your chance to become more engaged with fellow patrollers from our great division. Take advantage of this event being hosted in Portland, it won't be back until 2022.

If you have questions email me, doug.stanton@icloud.com.



FROM THE TREASURER

NSP Life Membership

Allen Hansen



Please be alert to a change in terms of NSP dues that should be occurring this year. As with OEC this will now be done directly through the NSP. One outcome of this is that you can now BUY a lifetime NSP membership. The details and form is available through the NSP website under Member Resources- Forms and Documents- Membership. Here are some highlights:



Become a LIFETIME MEMBER

Never pay National dues* again and help support the long-range efforts of the National Ski Patrol

This offer is open to all traditional members of NSP, active and alumni (excludes candidates) and comes with:

- Framed Lifetime membership certificate
- Lifetime membership lapel pin
- NSP registration card with Lifetime indication
- May be tax deductible

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP **\$800.00**

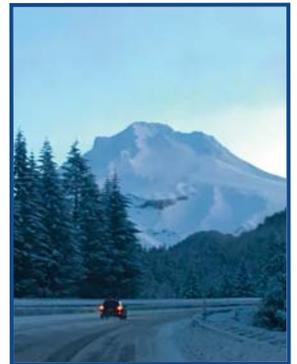
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP WITH 30 YEARS OR MORE OF CONTINUOUS DUES YEARS **\$400.00** – one-time fee

Years of membership must be verified through the national office.

CPR

Training

Diane Potter



The following dates for CPR updates will be on the events calendar and DISPATCH.

The maximum is 18 people per class. Please don't wait for the last class to dispatch.

Location: Kaiser Sunnyside Hospital Campus in the Sunnybrook Bldg.

Register: **8:30 am \$25.00 per person**, cash or check made out to MHEST

Class **starts promptly at 9 am** and will finish around 1:00 pm.

August: **13** room A, **20** room A, **27** room A

September: **10** room A



OEC

OEC Refreshers

Bob Tise



It's time to get your OEC manual out and read it. Cover to cover would be best, but maybe at least look at the pictures at bedtime to help you nod off.

Seriously, this is the single most important part of patrolling, First Aid. If we don't keep them alive, it doesn't matter how smooth the sled ride is. You never know, it might be your kid in that sled...

The upcoming OEC refreshers have been scheduled and we're working on logistics. Instructors, you can expect a call or email requesting your help at some level. We'll be using some newer instructors to augment our incredibly qualified list of veterans, maybe give some new stars a little room to shine.

Dates and Details:

Instructor Refreshers: September 9, 23, South Lake Church

Patroller Refreshers: **September 30, October 14, 28**, South Lake Church

This year the OEC refresher will be done as a Hybrid: on-line and hands-on (skills and scenarios) very much like last year. There are three parts to the Hybrid Refresher. You will still be required to complete the Refresher Workbook, complete the on-line portion, and attend one of the OEC hands-on refresher dates.

Your workbook should have been delivered by the US Postal Service several weeks ago. Don't lose it. If you do, it's available on the NSP website. It was packaged with the NSP Magazine and Summer Catalogue. Please look at page 2 & 3 of the Refresher Workbook for instructions for enrolling in and participating in the online portion of the course.

You will need access to the Members Page of the NSP website www.nsp.org to access the on-line portion. Please go on-line as soon as possible to ensure you can log in without any issues. If you have problems or questions accessing the Members Page of NSP or if you have trouble logging in, there are instructions for what to do right on the login page. Should be pretty straightforward.

Also, confirm that your address is correct on your NSP member profile.

The OEC refresher class is scheduled at NSP and the course number is **P052170002**. You can log into your account at www.nsp.org, click on member services, course schedule. You can search for the class, click on it and follow instructions for signing up. Then dispatch for one of the classes this fall.

If you have not received your refresher workbook, here is a way you can access it from NSP. While you're on the NSP website it will be a good time to check and update your member profile.

1. Go to the NSP Website: www.nsp.org
2. Click Sign In at the top and login using your NSP number and password.
3. Click on Member Resources.
4. Once in Member Resources, on the left there's a list of drop down menus, select Education Resources.
5. Then select OEC.
6. You will then see 2017 OEC Refresher Workbook Cycle A

Click on that link to download the workbook.

Please reply with any responses/questions directly to me: tisefamily@comcast.net firstaidchief email has not been passed on to me yet.

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FUNDRAISING

2017 Bike Team Race Support

Mike Anderson



Are you ready to help MHSP make over \$5000 in donations in 2017 by supporting races throughout the metro area? We have got an incredible schedule of races already planned and on the dispatch, here is the breakdown:



- **Sunset on the Springwater, 8/5/17**
An evening run from Sellwood out and back along the Springwater Corridor and back. This is an evening run so we will meet at 4pm
- **Vancouver USA Marathon, 9/17/17**
Our largest and original bike team event has moved to a new date in September. The organization has changed and we think we will still be working this event. This is an all day event as it is a full marathon. More details will be coming out later, but we usually meet no later than 6:15am.
- **Gorgeous Relay, 9/17/17**
Running 60 miles from outside Cascade Locks and into the heart of Portland, the Gorgeous Relay is truly Gorgeous. Experience the Historic Columbia River Highway on its 100 Anniversary as it winds past waterfalls, creeks, and forests. More details will be coming.
- **Country Girl Half, 9/23/17**

The race route uses Marine Drive starting near the airport along the Columbia River, same route as The Grateful Dad run.

- **Run Like Hell Half, 10/22/17**
Downtown Portland where the racers run in costume and end up at Pioneer Place. There will be a new route that has not yet been announced. This is the last run of the season.

Note that the planned Rose City Relay by Terrapin Events has been cancelled this year due to low registration. It had been scheduled for July 22.

Grateful Dad Half Marathon – **Thank you** to the patrollers that helped with a car accident.

On June 17 MHSP had another strong showing for Race Support of the Grateful Dad Half Marathon with 17 members participating. Thank you goes out to Glen Anderson, Richard Crokin, Ed Taylor and Taylore Wille for helping out at the scene of a car accident they responded to. It goes to show you that we as MHSP patrollers could be using our first aid skills for more than just skiers.



More information is available at the following websites:

www.Terrapinevents.com
www.runvum.com
www.gorgeousseries.com

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COMMUNICATIONS

Communications Committee Report

Matt Wood



In 2016, MHSP formed a Communications Committee to address the many challenges our patrol faces with communications of all kinds. Some of the committee's tasks at hand include:

- Review of our e-mail structures, the list serve, Google Groups and other means of communicating within MHSP and from MHSP to the public
- Social media guidelines for MHSP members, as well as, promotion of MHSP via various social media outlets (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, others)
- Review of the Dispatch site, Wiki and home page with an eye towards creating a new, unified website to meet all these needs and provide room for growth and innovation
- Clean-up and refresh of the Wiki content and its organization
- Provide guidance to MHSP members on appropriate, efficient and clear communications
- ..."and more!"

TRAINING CHIEFS

Summer is here, but as always, "Winter is Coming" and with it comes training season. CPR classes are already well under way and as we get into late summer and fall, many training dates will be upon us. A consistent theme of complaints from apprentices, new patrollers and even seasoned patrollers has to do with the frequency and consistency of information that training chiefs put out to the patrol. While circumstances vary, the Communications Committee would like to make a few recommendations to our trainers and coaches as we prepare for training in the fall.

- Any and all training events should be **posted to the main Event Calendar** on the dispatch site as soon as date, time and venue are confirmed, include Chair if it is a committee meeting and tentative agenda. MHSP Secretary Kimberly Granning is in charge of posting to the calendar – **all pertinent information should be submitted to Kimberly at secretary@mthoodskipatrol.org.**
- Notification of training events should be sent to the appropriate audience via e-mail at the lead's earliest opportunity – whether all patrol or some subset. MHSP President Matt Rea did a great job of summarizing our list serve and many addresses in the July Snojob, these addresses are also available on the dispatch home page.
- Most trainings require multiple trainers, so the lead trainer of any particular event should be responsible that their assistant trainers have a clear understanding of the agenda & content, timing and venue to ensure all trainers provide consistent information to trainees.
- Training planning meetings should be frequent enough to ensure everyone is on the same page. This includes the day of the event for last-minute prep!
- The trainer responsible for communications should commit to updates to trainees that are consistent and frequent enough prior to the event, taking care to advise of any changes of plans. There's no hard and fast rule, but, reminders might be sent at one month prior, then one week prior and the day before. Again, circumstances vary, but don't let your trainees have the excuse "no one told me!"
- A trainer (lead or otherwise) should be designated as point person for questions and all questions should be directed to that designee. Answers should be immediate and accurate!

"Communicating effectively within a group as large as ours is a HUGE challenge." Our committee is, "committed" to working for clearer communication for a greater sense of ease for us all. We welcome constructive suggestions and criticism. Comments can be directed to the Committee e-mail at comcom@mthoodskipatrol.org.



CALENDAR

For a complete listing see the official MHSP calendar at www.mhspdispatch.org



August

- 5 Sunset on the Springwater
- 11-13 PNWD Convention
- 18-19 PCT Days
- 19 Snojob Deadline

- 16 Snojob Deadline
- 17 Vancouver Marathon
- 17 Gorgeous Relay
- 17 Chair Evac
- 23 Country Girl Half
- 30 OEC Refresher

September

- 7 Chair Evac
- 9 Council Meeting
- 14 OEC Refresher
- 14 Snojob Deadline
- 20-21 Snowvana
- 22 Run Like Hell Half
- 28 OEC Refresher
- 31 Alumni Lunch

October

Snowvana will be on October 20, 21; Ski Fever is scheduled for November 3-5 this year. As last year, MHSP will support these events and will have a booth to promote our organization and skier safety. Mark your calendars. More details to follow.