



The Sweep

November 2018

Message From the President

Yesterday, along with 70-plus of my best friends, I completed my annual OEC refresher. I thought the refresher was excellent. We had a minimum of lectures and PowerPoint presentations and, despite the large class size, everyone had plenty of opportunities for hands-on practice and demonstration of our essential OEC skills.

I will personally attest to being rusty in my first First Responder scenario (that Autism Spectrum scenario was mean!) but by the end of the day I felt the rust was really being knocked off. I witnessed great improvement in assessment and other skills amongst my team as the day went on.

I certainly feel much better prepared for another season of patrolling than I did going into the refresher. Please join me in thanking Matt Wood and all the other instructors in our OEC cadre for all their hours of work preparing and presenting the class.

When I came home from OEC I started putting away the OEC materials, including the NSP fall catalog that came with our workbooks. I took the opportunity to browse the catalog – after all, now is the time of year that we should all be thinking about our equipment needs for the upcoming season. It served as a reminder to me; we need to refresh our members on the MHSP uniform standard.

Please review the “Uniform” section of our Policies and Procedures on the [MHSP Wiki](#). In particular, be aware that the MHSP uniform for Hill and Associate Patrollers is an all-red upper outer parka with the appropriate crosses, shield, and nametag affixed.

Despite the fact that the Patagonia parka with the black shoulders and arms is available from the National Ski Patrol catalog, it is NOT compliant with MHSP uniform standards. Please do not purchase that parka for your uniform.

If you do need a new patrol parka, please contact our Clothing/Uniform Committee. They have a professional quality parka from North Face that meets our criteria and is an excellent opportunity for you to purchase a good parka. Even if you don't want to purchase what they have to offer it will give you an idea of what is required for the basic parka.

Please take a look at your uniforms before the season starts. We train hard to be at our professional best when serving the skiing and snowboarding public. Let's try to make sure that our uniforms support that perception. Wear your MHSP uniform proudly!

Also please review my article on Sexual Harassment on page 3. We should review our policy and procedures for what is acceptable.

Thanks for all you do for MHSP.

Matt Rea, MHSP Council President



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General Meeting November 12, 2018

heather Van Houten, Junior Trustee, HP AD HC #1793

Our next **General Meeting** (GM) for the 2018-2019 Season will be:

- November 12, 2018
- 19:00
- The Auditorium @ Providence Portland Medical Center (PPMC) – 4805 NE Glisan St, Portland, OR 97213 (corner of Glisan and NE 47th Ave)

****Guest Speaker:** Dr. Mike Murray from Providence Mt. Hood Meadows Medical Clinic.

We will also have a **Debrief** after the GM at:

- O'Neill Public House
- 6000 NE Glisan St. Portland, OR 97213 (corner of Glisan and NE 60th Ave

2018 Holiday Party!! Back by popular demand!! Don't miss out!!

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MHSP CODE OF CONDUCT – SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Matt Rea, MHSP Council President, MHSP HP #1138

As we are all very aware, the “Me Too” movement has been a prevalent theme in our society for the last couple of years. We would like to think that ski patrollers in general, and Mt. Hood Ski Patrol in particular, would be immune or insulated from the kinds of issues that have given rise to that movement.

But the fact of the matter is that your Executive Council has had to deal with a number of issues lately related to sexual and other forms of harassment. Most have been minor and easy to resolve. However, in at least one case we chose not to allow an apprentice to become a member of MHSP because of possible harassment concerns.

Harassment of any form has no place within the membership of MHSP.

I ask that every member of MHSP review Section 6 of our Policies and Procedures on the [MHSP Wiki](#) in the Members area of our website. In particular, review Section 6.1.2.4 on Sexual Harassment reprinted below.

6.1.2.4 Sexual Harassment

a) Sexual harassment may interfere with performance, create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment, or influence or tend to affect the participation, contributions, or advancement of members. MHSP will not tolerate any form of sexual harassment within the organization.

b) Sexual harassment, as the term is used in this Code of Conduct, includes unwelcome sexual advances, verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, visual forms of a sexual nature (e.g., signs, posters, etc.), or requests for sexual favors, when

(a) Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of a person's membership in MHSP,

(b) Submission to or rejection of such conduct by a person is used as the basis for decisions affecting such a person's membership or participation or advancement in MHSP, or

(c) Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a person's performance as a member of MHSP or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive membership environment.

In determining whether alleged conduct constitutes sexual harassment, MHSP will look at the record as a whole and at the totality of the circumstances, such as the nature of the sexual advances and the context in which the alleged incidents occurred.

Please remain aware and respectful of how your behavior and talk may affect other patrollers and the public. Be careful about sexually oriented jokes and discussions. They probably have no place within active ski patrol settings. Most of us enjoy a good bawdy joke in a social setting but please be sensitive that some fellow members of MHSP may find them offensive. Be respectful.

Likewise, teasing of any sort can, even when done in a good-natured manner, be easily perceived as bullying, so be very careful about how you tease. We all like to gossip but that also can be very hurtful to the parties involved. Please refrain from gossiping about your fellow patrollers. Please do not hesitate to counsel your fellow patrollers if you think that they have crossed any of those lines.

As ski patrollers, it is often necessary for us to make physical contact with fellow patrollers and patients. You cannot perform a patient assessment, either in practice or real first aid situations, without touching. However, always remember to be very respectful in how you conduct your assessments.

This is especially true for male patrollers working with female patients, and doubly true any time we are working with minors. A pat on the butt by a patroller to another patroller or a patient, even when meant to be playful, is never okay!

If you believe that you have been the witness to or victim of harassment or bullying of any kind while in a patrol setting, please do not hesitate to bring your concerns to the attention of the MHSP Executive Council.

You can speak to any member of the Council who you feel comfortable approaching, but remember that the specific duties of the three Trustee members of the Council include serving as ombudsmen to the MHSP membership. Consistent with our bylaws, the MHSP Council will take action as needed to address sexual and other forms of harassment.

RESPECT GETS RESPECT

Matt Wood, AP/HP 1768

At the request of Council, I am sharing a couple of thoughts about what makes a respectful environment and how we can all work to create an atmosphere where all are welcome and where we welcome all coming into our space.

There was a recent incident that underscored the fact that, as patrollers, we need to care for and be respectful of each other. The short story is, one patroller got in another patroller's personal space in an invasive way. The situation was recognized, it was awkward, the offending party apologized, and the apology was accepted. But all involved wished it hadn't happened.

So, how can we be aware of trigger points and how can we take care of each other?

When my son was in his K-8 school, the long-tenured head of school had two rules:

1. Be Safe.
2. Be Kind.

Pretty simple, right?

If you're thinking of saying or doing something, try to pause just long enough to check in and think, "Is this safe and is this kind?" If not, – then don't say it/do it/write it/send it!

Let's put this in the framework of "scene safety" and primary assessments. If we are walking into a 10-50, what are we looking for? Size up the scene and see if everyone is OK (Am I OK and am I doing what needs to be done for everyone to be OK?).

We've all been coached by Cleo, James, Kathy, and others to – "Take a breath before you go." The same advice really holds true here, too. Pause a second to check in – evaluate if you are being safe and kind.

Most of you reading this heard my admonishment to patrollers who would be assessing our *excellent* high school students at the Refreshers to be respectful in the physical and verbal handling of those students – and I applaud everyone for doing just that! We should all be modeling that respectful behavior with each other at all times.

Not to get all technical, but a recent *legally mandated* workplace training I attended emphasized the following about what constitutes a "hostile work environment":

1. Is the conduct unwelcome?
2. Is it offensive?
3. Is the conduct severe or pervasive?
4. Is it work related? (Substitute "patrol" for "work" and you get the idea.)
5. Is there a protected class/status involved?

This is true in WA and OR – call me if you want more information on protected classes. The deal is, – almost *anyone* can claim to be a member of a protected class.

If (to use very simple examples) someone is continually telling vulgar jokes, using bad language all the time, or being sexually suggestive and that conduct is unwelcome, – that’s a hostile environment and should not be welcome on OUR patrol!

But we don’t have to be all technical ... Are we being safe, and are we being kind? That should be good enough for ALL of us!

Thanks for taking the time to digest this, and thanks for being part of the best ski patrol, EVER.

Wait!!!

Keep scrolling

Much more to read and inform yourself

Informed reading keeps you

Informed!!!!

Holiday Party information is coming

Trust me!!

See next three pages!!

All Patrol Operations

Paul Podett, Patrol Director, HC #1210

My Fellow Patrollers.

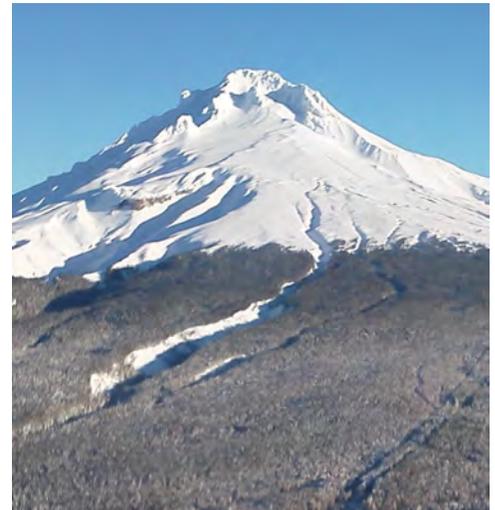
We have had our area meeting, preseason training is almost complete, and Matt has put in the order for the POW.

Chair Evacuation Practice

Things are going great.

We did a reset on Chair Evac two seasons ago and it keeps getting better.

Thanks to David Winterling, our new APC at Timberline, for fine-tuning the newly revised program. And a big thanks to the Timberline Pro staff: Brett Wesson, Libby Koroch, and Mark Diamond for their continued support of MHSP and helping us to create an exemplary program.



There will be a repeat performance at Skibowl on November 11th.

Self Evacuation

Reset:

Self-evacuation off a chairlift is one of the funnest things I have ever done. It can also be very dangerous.

That being said, we are recreating Mt Nelson. Some of you may remember Dave Nelson and the in-town self evac program MHSP had in place that was required prior to actual self evac practice. Upon Dave's retirement, and move to Bend, that yearly program ended.

Thanks to Nicole Gaines and heather Van Houten, MHSP is developing a formal training program, in conjunction with the mountain areas, for patrollers who want to self evac.

As of this past week we received confirmation for an in-town training event Saturday, November 3rd, 15:45 - 20:00 at the MAC (Multnomah Athletic Club).

If you are new to repelling or have never self evac'd and want to participate, please reply to the email Nicole and heather sent out on Tuesday 10/30/18 and dispatch. There is limited space. We are working on getting a second date set up in the near future for those that are not able to make it this weekend. I do apologize for the short notice.

For those Timberline team members or supplemental members who have self evac'd in the past there is an opportunity to practice self evac this Sunday, November 4th 08:45 - 16:00 at Timberline. Nicole and heather sent out an email to Timberline Team members earlier this week regarding this.

The Nov 4th event is only for Timberline MHSP patrollers who have participated in self evac training in the past and want to be refreshed for this coming season.

Nicole and Pro Patrol Director Libby Koroch have put together this refresher, which will become an annual refresher as long as Timberline wants us to be prepared for this type of emergency activity. If you are interested in participating please email heather Van Houten and Nicole Gaines right away and dispatch.

Timberline Team members who are Rookies or new to self evac, if you participate in self evac training at the MAC on Sat. evening and get approval from Nicole and heather at the end of the night, you may be able to participate in the Timberline self evac on Sunday, if there is space available. If interested contact Nicole and heather.

Thanks to Gordy Winterrowd for his time and vision in helping get the MAC self-evac training arranged.

Dispatch

General Dispatch will be opening soon. We have re-instituted the un-dispatch function.

Patrollers are now able to un-dispatch up to two weeks before a dispatched day before Dispatch is locked.

Teams

Final team sign-up requests are in and we are reviewing and creating the final team lists for 2018-19. If you did not get a chance to sign up at one of the OEC Refreshers, please contact myself (patrolchief@mthoodskipatrol.org) or heather Van Houten (hvh18mhsp@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

We will publish the final team lists on the Wiki and all team members will be contacted regarding Dispatch. All team members must then dispatch for the entire season; otherwise, your team status will be canceled.

Special thanks to Scott Collier, our outgoing Timberline APC. Your commitment and hard work to MHSP is much appreciated. Scott will be continuing as HC at Timberline for Team D.

See you soon.

No you aren't done yet.....

Still more to come.

Have you seen the
Holiday party info yet?

Well then keep reading

And look for heather Van Houtens picture.

Mountain Host Operations

Sam Smith, Mountain Host Director, HS #530

Host Dispatch

The dispatch for the approaching winter season will populate with shifts in early November, following the enrollment period for the 2018-19 season. An email will go out on the list server when dispatch is open.

Requirements for Active Status

The 2018-19 requirements for the host division are as follows:

1. Minimum shift commitment of 10 shifts,
2. Attendance at one of the refresher trainings scheduled for 9-29 and 11-11,
3. A current CPR card, or a signed commitment to get one ASAP,
4. Dues payment of \$37.00 to MHSP.

You can process your renewal following your refresher training day.



New Shift @ Timberline

We are adding a new shift on the weekends for those who are interested in a “full day” duty. The Full Day shift will be called “MF”. We will still have the traditional ½ day shifts. Shifts at Skibowl & Summit are still being reviewed.

Refresher Training

We have required refresher training for all hosts. The scheduled dates are the same dates and same locations that MHSP conducts Chair Evacuation refresher for patrollers.

We divide into groups that rotate between refresher training sessions. The topics being covered include:

- 1050 response protocols
- Radio usage on the patrol channel – includes “overdue guest” protocols
- Guest relations

We are aware that a few hosts are not able to attend either of the scheduled dates. We are working on developing a “make up day” that could possibly be a mid-week evening in the Portland area.

CPR

Please remember that CPR certification is becoming required for hosts. We do have some latitude to phase this in between now and next season. Please take advantage of the CPR for Host classes that have been set up by MHSP on dispatch.

OPERATIONAL REMINDERS

1) Hosts in Terrain Parks

These protocols have changed a few times over the past years.

For the last three years, the protocols have been pretty much the same at both Timberline and Skibowl.

Hosts can ride through the parks under the following conditions to check on safety:

- Ski conservatively along the edge to see how our guests are doing,
- Keep a sharp eye on guests who are “running the features” and avoid being a distraction to them,
- If you see guests crossing the parks unaware of the safety concerns they are causing, take a few minutes to help educate them in a friendly manner.

2) Host Shifts With No Supervisor

There can be no hosting at any resort when there is no HS (Host Supervisor) present, **unless** you have been pre-approved to do so. Some hosts have been previously approved for a specific resort.

If you have any questions regarding your previous approval, contact Mike Cullen (our records keeper) and he can let you know your status.

I will process additional approvals with the help of the area "HDA" (Host Director Assistant).

Weekends and holidays will usually have a HS scheduled, so this will not be a concern most of the time.

This policy is meant to ensure we are providing properly trained members to each resort, and that we can let the resort know who is scheduled.

MHSP HOLIDAY PARTY 2018

Heather Van Houten, Junior Trustee, MHSP #1793



This year we have a new location and a new date for the Holiday Party. Please join us at Laurelwood and enjoy a bite to eat, a drink or two at the cash bar, and socializing with your fellow patrollers.

Your RSVP at the link below will provide us with a list of who plans on coming. We want to make sure we have enough food for everyone, and RSVPing allows you to pay online at your convenience.

Please complete the online form and pay for your ticket(s) by December 7, 2018.
<https://goo.gl/forms/UOstUT1hfdAvqtMI3>

Where: Laurelwood Public House & Brewery
5115 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland
Room A (main floor)

When: Wednesday December 12, 2018

Time: 19:00 – 22:30

Cost: \$15.00 per person

We look forward to seeing you there!

And you questioned me

Told you it would be here

Don't stop now. More to come.

Fundraiser Support



RACE SUPPORT WRAP-UP

Mike Anderson, Race Support Coordinator, AS #1510

Thank you to the Race Support Team!!!!

During the 2018 race season MHSP supported nine separate races, earning approximately \$5500. Those events were Pacific Crest Days in Cascade Locks, the Vancouver Marathon, and the recent Portlandathon (a full marathon in downtown Portland), in addition to six races for Terrapin Events.

Thousands of people witnessed MHSP in action and we received dozens of compliments from racers and spectators. There were a lot of comments from people who had never seen us working outside of Mt. Hood and who were interested in learning more about what we do. They thought it was really cool that we worked on these race events, and a few people mentioned that they might be interested in looking at joining MHSP.

Next year should be equally exciting. We haven't settled on a schedule yet, but Terrapin would like us back for yet another year. The groups who put on the other races mentioned above would also like us back, and additional groups have approached us as well.

We have the chance to continue making a solid amount of money by working these events, and we will be very selective in what events we will work. We do have to prioritize our commitment to the resorts, and we don't want to over-commit our resources. So, if we have the continued interest of our members in providing race support, we will move forward.

Again, thank you to the Council for approving our schedule, and to all of the patrollers and hosts who helped at these races.



Portlandathon, Oct 7, 2018

Run Like Hell, Oct 21, 2018

AWARDS

Matt Wood, 2018 MHSP Awards Coordinator, AP/HP #1768



I'm going to plagiarize my own work and offer a reminder here...

"Stuff happens", everywhere and anywhere. Our patrollers respond 24/7/365 to any and all catastrophes.

In fact, as I was traveling the day I wrote this, I was lucky(?) enough to be called on to provide assistance to a young man who was severely dehydrated and needed some TLC. He'll be OK – and I was fortunate to be in the right place at the right time to apply some OEC skills. (MAN, those OEC refreshers were timely!)

As your MHSP Awards Coordinator, I'd like to remind everyone that we are always on the lookout for information on everyday feats of heroism and assistance that our members provide to the public, both on and off the mountain.

Whenever one of our patrollers is called on to assist in a situation on or off the mountain, we want to ensure that our patrol knows about their contribution to the event, and we also want to ensure they receive any richly-deserved accolades from National Ski Patrol.

If you or a patroller you know are involved in a critical incident in which you render aid, it helps for me to have the following information about the incident:

- Date, time, and place
- Nature of incident (i.e. on-hill, car crash, choking, CPR, etc.) and nature/severity of injury (-ies) or illness for the injured party (-ies)
- Patroller(s) involved – names and patrol numbers when possible
- Authorities responding to the scene – responder names and badge numbers are great (or at least an agency name), fire truck and/or ambulance and/or police vehicle numbers.
- Any idea you have of disposition of the case,(i.e. where the patient was headed when your involvement ended).

When I get information about any such incident, I perform an investigation to assess whether the MHSP person/people involved qualify for an NSP award or MHSP award. I then provide an appropriate award application, working with Wy'east awards coordinator Steve Eversmeyer.

We've had some significant acts of service and bravery the last couple of years that resulted in National awards and we hope to advise more in the near future - let's keep the string going!

For more information or to submit a story/award recommendation talk to Matt Wood (cell: 360-921-8879).

LOST YOUR MEMBERSHIP PIN/SHIELD?

Matt Wood, AP/HP #1768

We are taking orders for replacements at the November General Meeting, November 12th at 19:00.

If you've lost your shield and would like a replacement, please bring a check for \$7.00 or have your credit card at the November General Meeting. Or you can email Matt Wood (matthew.l.wood66@gmail.com) and send a check to confirm your order.

We will have them back to you before the banquet (they are made for us to order).

HAILS AND FAREWELLS

Matt Rea, MHSP Council President, HP #1138

Welcome Back

We have a couple of members who have been inactive for a while who are returning to active patrolling.

Welcome Back!

- Corinna Kupelwieser, #1374
- Torry Taylor, #1738

Farewells

We have a number of members who have decided to transfer to another area, join the alumni, or go inactive. Thank you for your service to MHSP. We will miss you but do look forward to seeing you on the mountain!

- Rick Sadle, #1271
- Gayle Maize, #90353
- Shelley Johnson, #90423
- Jerry Knowlton, #90441
- Robert Stephens, #90497
- Meg Gadler #1517
- Chal Landgren, #1568
- Troy Muller, #1590
- Jodie Jeffers, #90526 (transfer to Santiam Pass)
- Alex McCalister, #1691 (transfer to Mountain Host)
- Edward Bondarev, #1703
- Mike Ross, #1720
- Kimberly Durkin, #1777 (selected for paid patrol Big Sky, Montana)
- Dan Edwards, #1859 (transfer back to Mt. Spokane)

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRST AID CHIEF

Will Pardy, First Aid Chief, HP #1744



First, I'd like to thank Matt Wood for taking on all of the responsibilities of managing every aspect of our OEC Refreshers. He put a great deal of effort into organizing all of the instructors, along with getting almost all of you through this annual requirement. Next time you see Matt Wood, thank him not only for spending five full weekend days making the OEC Refreshers a success, but also for the countless hours of up-front organizational time.

Annual participation in an OEC Refresher is required by all MHSP Patrollers.

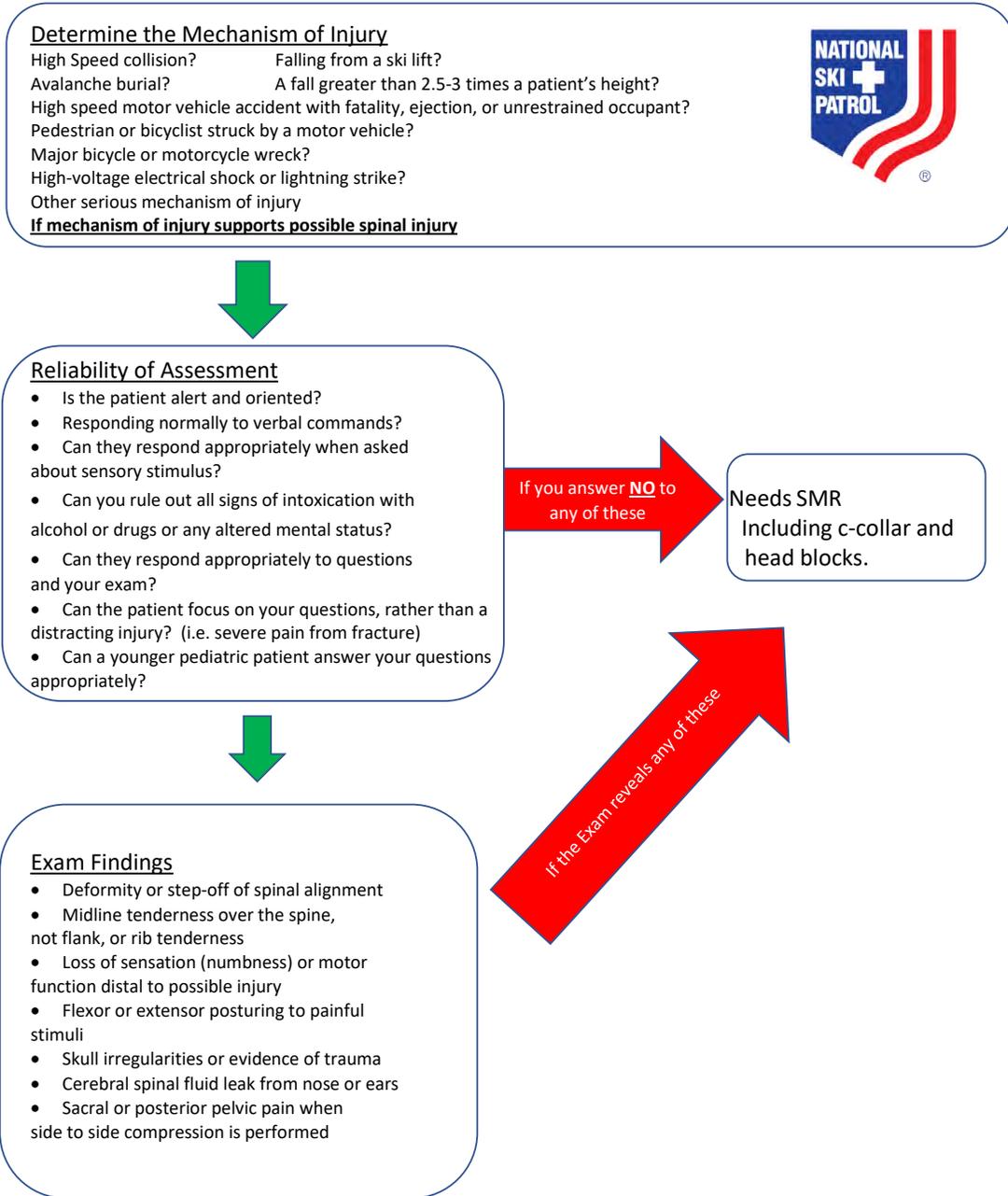
Above, I mentioned that "almost all of you" participated in our MHSP OEC refreshers. This still leaves a few dozen of you who did NOT participate. If you did NOT participate in one of our three previous OEC Refreshers, you are still required to complete a refresher offered by another patrol.

There are several other opportunities around the Northwest to makeup the refresher. Please contact me if you are interested at firstaidchief@mthoodskipatrol.org.

The second major focus of this article relates to our new back-boarding protocol, otherwise referred to as SMR "Spinal Motion Restriction". In general, the goal is to backboard/C-Collar a patient LESS frequently than we might have done in the past.

The following SMR flow chart does a good job of making a solid decision regarding when to backboard and if C-Collar is needed. Please review it and commit it to memory.

Spinal Motion Restriction (SMR) Key points



OEC REFRESHER RE-CAP

Matt Wood, 2018 MHSP OEC Refresher Instructor of Record ,AP/HP #1768



Sunday 10/21 was our third and final OEC Refresher and, as usually happens, the last Refresher of the season was BIG, with 77 patrollers running through their paces on five stations, working on everything from adaptive athletes and sit-skis, to eviscerations, to frostbite, and our (new-not-new) Spinal Motion Restriction (SMR) back-boarding protocols.

Reviews thus far have been pretty positive, but we welcome any constructive comments from our patrollers.

Thank you to all patrollers who worked hard on refreshing their skills and a **HUGE thank you** to the instructors who made it happen:

Adaptive Athletes – lead instructors: Shane Garling* and Dave Winterling, with Kat Moore, Lisa Harvey, Bruce Harris, Zoe Lynn Powers, and Gayle Maize (*CONGRATULATIONS to Shane on 15 years of service to NSP!)

Airway Management and O2 – lead instructors: Steve Potter and Mike Anderson, W\with Moira Bono, Dave Nead, Pamela Louie, and Diane Kindall-Potter

GI/GU and Allergies/Anaphylaxis – lead instructors: Jim and Mary Stempel, and Mike Levis, with Nicole Gaines and Kelly Ambrose assisting for EPI refresher, and Ed Taylor, Mary Jean and Rick Williams, Cliff Leighton, and Mark Ripkey

Environmental Emergencies - lead instructors: Steve Eversmeyer and Mike Klein, with Lisa Hargrave Wilberding, Eric Einspruch, and Terry Niedermeyer

Neurological Trauma and SMR - lead instructors: Margaret Clark Usher and Claudia Allen Pieters, with heather Van Houten, Jim Hamilton, and a guest appearance by Dan Miller from Willamette BackCountry Ski Patrol!

If you get a chance, please extend appreciation to these instructors, who expended hundreds of hours to offer you some of the best training any patrol can ask for.

And don't forget to thank your Instructor Trainers (IT's) Kathy Lee (maestro of all things OEC and records related), James Schuler, and Cleo Howell.

Finally, congratulations to new ITs Reba Sharp and Cliff Leighton!

BLS/CPR PROGRAM

BLS eCARD PLATFORM AND LOOKING AHEAD

Ed Taylor, AP 1830

Our 2018 CPR renewal class offerings have come to a conclusion for this year. For those of you who participated in a 2.5-hour BLS Renewal class you should have received and downloaded your BLS eCard from American Heart Association (AHA).

Earlier this year AHA moved away from issuing a hard copy card and have instead initiated an electronic platform. Patrollers are required to possess their current BLS card when patrolling so you now have the option of either printing out your certification, or downloading the image onto your cell phone. One

downside of this new platform is that some AHA eCard emails are going directly into patroller email spam folders.

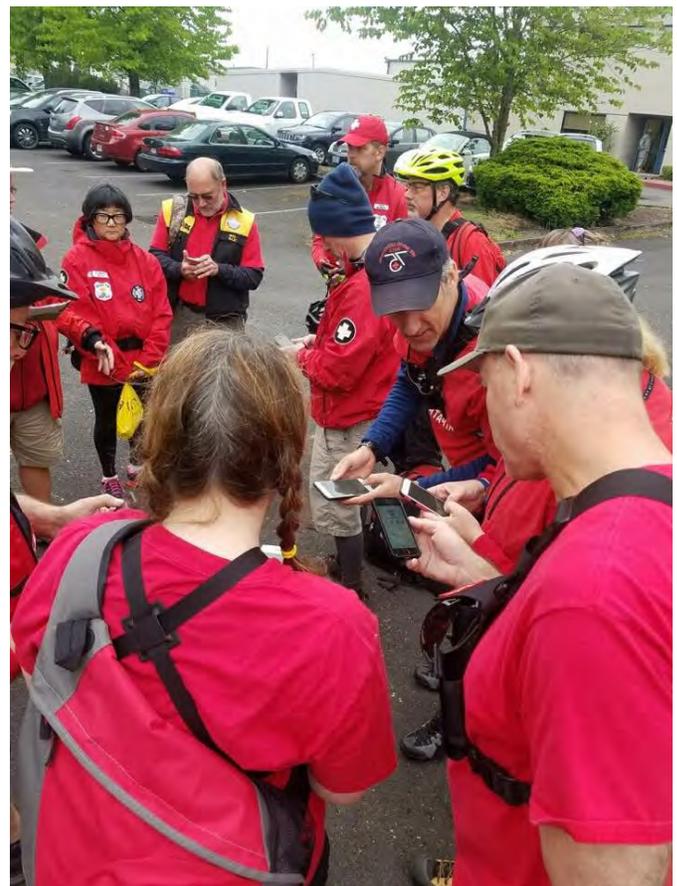
If you have not received your AHA BLS eCard after having participated in any MHEST offered BLS class, please contact either James Schuler (jamesbschuler@yahoo.com) or Ed Taylor (etaylor04@msn.com).

New to the curriculum this year was the introduction of the 2.5-hour BLS Renewal class for patrollers who have a current BLS card nearing the expiration date. This offering is in contrast to the traditional 4-hour BLS class that made it difficult to offer evening classes.

Next year we would like to reduce the number of weekend class offerings and move to offering evening class sessions from about 19:00 to 21:30,, and also offer classes in different areas of town. We will still offer some morning classes weekends, but our goal is to free up your summer weekends by also offering weekday options. We are also looking at new ways to efficiently facilitate the yearly skill demonstration portion of the BLS curriculum.

Also new to the curriculum this year was the introduction of BLS training to our Mountain Hosts. During the month of October three BLS classes were offered and yielded about 30 BLS certified Hosts. The current plan for next year will be to continue offering this BLS training to the Mountain Host membership.

Final Call Out: We have completed the required BLS certification of all nine OEC Apprentices who are currently in the OEC classroom on Tuesday evenings.



In Memoriam

MICHAEL CURTIS (Passed in October 2018)

Contributed by Jeff Hepler, Kathy Lee, Mac Sheldon, Joel Stevens, and Gordy Winterrowd

Michael Curtis, MHSP #90488, started his patrol career in 2001. Michael served as both an Associate and as a Nordic Patroller. He became Nordic Director in 2004. As Nordic Director he led the team for several years.

Both Michael and Donna, his spouse, were recognized as Co-Apprentice Associates of the Year in 2001. Michael served MHSP until 2009, leaving many of his dreams behind in order to make healing a priority.

Prior to joining the Patrol, Michael served our country in the Marines. He was Police Chief in Hubbard then served with the Oregon State Police in Law Enforcement Data Systems (LEDS).

As he took on many tasks and roles, he accomplished them all with a smile. Those working with Michael never heard him raise his voice, as he seemed to always be at peace both on and off the hill. He is remembered as smart, kind, level-headed, and always thoughtful.

Michael was a special person and dedicated patroller. His strong but quiet leadership, kind words, and friendship will be missed by many. As a Vietnam Veteran, Michael bravely faced the cancerous effects of Agent Orange in his final years, yet never lost his cheerful outlook on life and friends.



Our condolences to the family

Calendar is next

And photos of your favorite patrollers.

Calendar

November

- 31 Oct - 4 Nov Ski Fever, Portland Expo Center
- 1 Hill Captain and Associate Supervisor Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, 7 pm to 10 pm
- 3 OEC Class, Providence Willamette Falls Medical Center, Oregon City - TBD (Daytime)
- 3 Self Evac Training at the MAC in PDX 15:45 - 20:00
- 5 Council Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Conf Rm C/D - 7:00 pm - 10pm
- 6 OEC Class, Portland St Vincent Medical Center - 6:00 pm to 9:45 pm
- 10 OEC Class, Providence Willamette Falls Medical Center, Oregon City - TBD (Daytime)
- 11 Chair Evac, Skibowl, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- 11 Host Refresher Training, Timberline, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm
- 12 General Meeting, Portland Providence Cancer Center Amphitheater, 7:00 pm
- 13 OEC Class, Portland St Vincent Medical Center - 6:00 pm to 9:45 pm
- 17 The Sweep Newsletter Deadline,
- 17 Toboggan Coaches Clinic 1, Timberline
- 20 OEC Class, Portland St Vincent Medical Center - 6:00 pm to 9:45 pm
- 27 OEC Class, Portland St Vincent Medical Center - 6:00 pm to 9:45 pm

December

- 1 Toboggan Coaches Clinic 2, Timberline
- 1 Self Evac for T-line MHSP Teams and Supplemental Patrollers at Timberline 08:45 - 16:00
- 1 OEC Class, On Mountain Training
- 2 Avalanche Level 1, Mod 1A, Vernier Classroom, 08:00 am to 5:00 pm
- 3 Council Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Conf Rm C/D - 7:00 pm - 10pm
- 4 OEC Class, Portland St Vincent Medical Center - 6:00 pm to 9:45 pm
- 6 Avalanche Awareness, Vernier Classroom, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- 8 Avalanche Level 1 Mod 1 B, Vernier Classroom, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- 8 OEC Class, On Mountain Training
- 10 General Meeting, Portland Providence Cancer Center Amphitheater, 7:00 pm
- 11 OEC Class, Portland St Vincent Medical Center - 6:00 pm to 9:45 pm
- 12 Holiday Party, Laurelwood Public House on Sandy, 7 pm - ????, (you decide!!)
- 15 The Sweep Newsletter Deadline, 6:00 pm
- 15 Toboggan Coaches Clinic 3, Mt. Hood Meadows
- 18 OEC Class, Portland St Vincent Medical Center - 6:00 pm to 9:45 pm

January

- 7 Council Meeting, Providence Portland Medical Center, Conf Rm C/D - 7:00 pm - 10pm
- 8 OEC Class, Portland St Vincent Medical Center - 6:00 pm to 9:45 pm (last class).
- 9 Avalanche Awareness, Vernier Classroom, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- 10 OEC Scenario FINALS, Portland St Vincent Medical Center - 6:00 pm to 9:45 pm
- 14 General Meeting, Portland Providence Cancer Center Amphitheater, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- 15 OEC Written Finals, Portland St Vincent Medical Center - 6:00 pm to 9:45 pm
- 19 The Sweep Newsletter Deadline, 6:00 pm
- 29 Alumni Luncheon, Eastmoreland Golf Course, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Where You At?

