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From the Desk of Tim White

First Season Jitters

Like many of my fellow first year patrollers, I was apprehensive that I might not perform well under the pressure of handling a real life-or-death situation. Yes, I had practiced my first aid skills and was qualified to run a toboggan, but the nagging insecurities remained. Finally, the call came and I was dispatched with sled and backboard. Upon arriving at the scene, my nerves relaxed as I became part of a team that worked quickly, efficiently, and caringly to backboard and transport our patient to the waiting ambulance.

Looking back on the accident, it is evident to me that we were successful not because of anything I did alone, but by what we accomplished together. It is this spirit of teamwork and the attitude of "whatever it takes to get the job done" that sets NSP apart from other organizations. I see many examples of it in my work here, from the monumental task of producing the OEC textbook to acquiring state legislation to protect patrollers. There seems to be no job too challenging when NSP members set to work on it together.

To all my fellow first year patrollers, congratulations on a job well done! I look forward to seeing you on the slopes

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again next season and learning more from you veteran patrollers who have so much to teach us.

Sincerely,
Tim White
Executive Director, NSP



Hunter Mountain Patroller Critically Injured

Mike "Rowdy" Rhode, a patroller at Hunter Mountain in New York, was critically injured while patrolling in December. Mike will be in a wheelchair and his home will need extensive modifications. A trust fund has been set up to help Mike cover expenses that are not covered by insurance. You can find out more information by contacting [Pat Short](#). You can contact Mike directly to wish him well on his [Facebook page](#).

A fundraiser for him will be held on August 6, 2011 in his hometown at the Elks Club at 233 Roosevelt Ave, Carteret, N.J. 07008. At the fundraiser, there will be a Chinese auction, and the organizers are looking for items to sell. If you would like to donate something for the auction to raise money for Mike's Trust, please contact Hunter Mountain Patrol Rep [Robert McDevitt](#) (phone: 518-263-3800 x2277).

Idaho passes SB1021

Idaho Senate Bill 1021, which provides added protection for patrollers so they can continue to provide OEC care as they have in the past, was signed by the governor into law on April 11 after it was approved by the Idaho Senate by a vote of 35-0 on March 4 and passed the Idaho House by a vote of 68-1-1 on April 5.

Last year, in response to the possibility of regulation of OEC by the Idaho EMS Bureau, the National Ski Patrol, with assistance from Idaho ski areas, proposed legislation to protect the independence of OEC-trained patrollers. Idaho State Senator Bart Davis sponsored Senate Bill 1021.

The NSP wishes to thank all those who have worked to pass this important legislation, including Robert Scarlett, Terry LaLiberte, Scott Eskelson, and all the

Idaho patrollers who called and e-mailed their legislators urging them to vote yes on SB 1021.

Marketing/ Communications/ Events

Evan Piganelli wins second drawing in NSP Snowsmarts Safety Quiz

Evan Piganelli, a 13-year-old skier from Pennsylvania who skis at Holiday Valley in New York, won a Flow snowboard and Flow bindings in the second drawing from entrants in the NSP Snowsmarts Safety Quiz, available on the NSP website at www.nsp.org. Piganelli, who wants to be a junior patroller, took the quiz after following patrollers around to learn about the requirements for patrolling.

NSP sponsor Merrell sending delegates ages 18-25 to Outdoor Nation

NSP sponsor Merrell is partnering with Outdoor Nation to find delegates for the second annual series of regional summits, which will be held in New York City, Atlanta, Minneapolis, Denver, and San Francisco. The goal of the summits is to gather youth together to create action plans to get more people outside. At last year's summits, the representatives created plans to plant community gardens, take underserved kids on their first camping trips, and start community activity groups. Each summit hosts up to 250 young people. Merrell will send five delegates to each regional summit. These Merrell delegates will work creatively to get more people outside. If you are between 18-25 and want to attend, read more [here](#).



Sponsor Spotlight: Highgear

Keep your electronic devices charged while on the go! Highgear's compact solar charger, the SolarPod, will charge most cell phones, MP3 players, cameras and more. Charge the solar panel via sunlight in eight hours, or via computer USB in less than two hours. The SolarPod includes an LED charge indicator, battery status indicator, and carabiner clip. To order this and other great items from Highgear at an NSP discount, visit the NSP Pro Page under [Member Services](#).

Sponsor Spotlight: Deuter

Winter is over! Now is the time to gear up for hiking and backpacking trips. Don't forget that Deuter offers patrollers up to 40 percent off small and large award-winning backpacks and kid carriers. Take a look on the NSP Pro Page under [Member Services](#) for your deals. We would like to congratulate Deuter on their **newest award**: the Deuter ACT Zero 50+15 (MSRP \$169) won the **Outside Magazine Gear of the Year** award.



Sponsor Spotlight: Bollé



Bollé is proud to announce its new Vortex model has been chosen by **Outside Magazine** as **Gear of the Year** in the issue on newsstands in late April. The Vortex is one of three new models designed specifically for cyclists and runners. Vortex is among the first Bollé sunglasses to feature its new B-Clear lens technology. Ultra-

lightweight Trivex® material provides the platform for lenses that deliver the clearest possible vision on the road, track or trail. Superior impact resistance acts like an armor shell for ultimate protection. Look for it and other new Bollé sunglasses today on the NSP Pro Page under [Member Services](#).

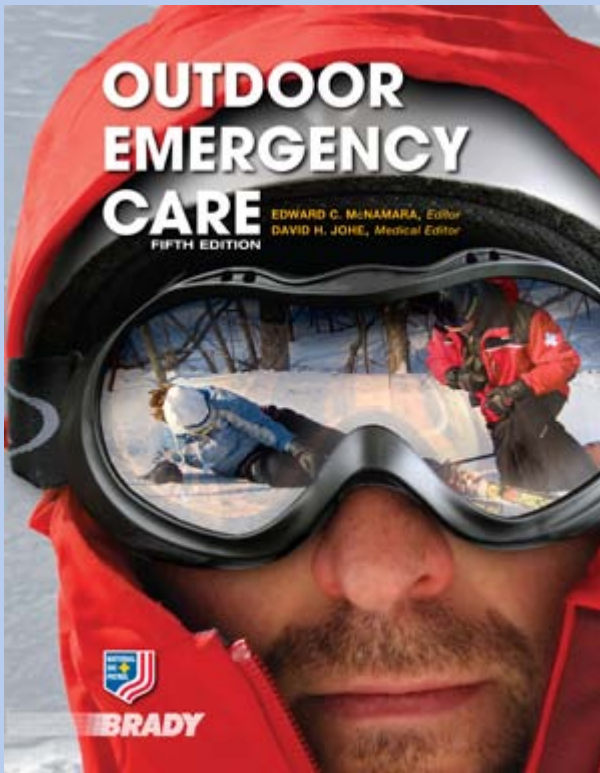
NSP has new sponsor: Medline

Want to save money? Medline, a medical supply company that has partnered with NSP, is saving patrols money on medical supplies. Medline offers patrols up to 70 percent savings from your current supplier! Check out more about Medline and this excellent cost savings program at <http://www.nsp.org/about/medline.aspx>.

NSP Photo Site

You do not need a login ID to view the photos posted by your fellow patrollers at the NSP photo site. Simply click this [link](#), or go to [Flickr](#) and search for NSP Photos under Users. The login ID is used if you want to post new photos of an event or your patrol. To post photos, go to [Flickr](#), click Sign In, enter the login ID "nspphotos" and the password. The password for May is Subaru (capitalize the "S"); if the login does not work, e-mail [Candace Horgan](#).

Education



A Message from Education Director Darcy Hanley

The Instructor Development course is now offered in a distance-learning platform. You can go to nspelearning and register to take the course.

Please read all directions when enrolling on nspelearning. Specific information and the free manual can be found on the NSP website, under Programs/Instructor Development. Taking the online course **does not** satisfy the completion of the ID course. This is a perfect way to increase the number of instructors needed in any program. This delivery places greater emphasis on the in-person, classroom part of the course! Congratulations to David Markenson! He is the first patroller that completed NSPelearning as a student!

The *Mountain Travel and Rescue Manual* will be sent to the publisher in late summer with an expected publish date of fall 2012. The book will be published by The Mountaineers Books, who will market, distribute and publish the book. The royalties will go back to the NSP Education Department. This book will be available for a Kindle, iPad, and personal computer, as well as a printed book. Members should be proud that Mountaineers Books has selected our MTR book to publish! We also want to thank Petzl, who has agreed to help sponsor the book to offset its printing costs. Their endorsement lends to the book's success!

The *OEC Fifth Edition* e-book is available on or about April 28 via CourseSmart. The cost is \$44.00 for an 18-month subscription. Please go to www.coursemart.com and register for your e-book subscription as a student.

If you are ordering the print copy of the book, please go to the NSP website, log on, click on Member Services and click on the cover of the book. That is where you will find directions for ordering, or you can opt to watch a video about the ordering process. .

OEC Fifth Edition instructor materials will be available after May 6. The access code for the MyNspKit will be located under Instructor Resources on the NSP

website. The code will allow you to access all teaching tools. Every OEC instructor will be sent an e-mail when this has become active. *Please check the NSP website for continued updates on OEC resource materials for patrollers and instructors.*

As a follow up, many of you have asked about the sales tax being calculated on the retail price of the book and not the discounted price. According to Brady, the backend of their system will calculate the correct sales tax and your card will only be charged that amount. If you see a discrepancy after the book is shipped and your card is charged, please contact [Darcy Hanley](#).

As another follow up, billing and shipping countries need to be the same. Any patrol that is using the bulk order option (50+ books) may use the NSP Account so you receive the tax exempt status. Please tell the customer service rep that you are using the NSP account. You will still be responsible for shipping and handling.

A Message from Instructor Development Program Director John Keith
NSP instructors are the heart of what the NSP is. Without you dedicated NSP instructors, our programs wouldn't get delivered. Thanks to you all, and we hope that many of you who are not instructors will take advantage of the Instructor Development Program.

I would like to thank Darcy Hanley from the NSP Education Staff for her many efforts in getting the CD portion of the ID course on the web and available to all patrollers. I'd also like to thank the division instructor development supervisors, and those individuals from the Eastern Division who participated in the test of the "beta" version of the web portion of the ID course. You were all extremely helpful. We all hope that the web portion of the course will be a more effective vehicle for those patrollers who want to become NSP-certified instructors, but don't have the flexibility to attend a traditional course.

The Instructor Development Program now has two forms of delivery: the traditional 8-hour, in-class format, and a combined course that includes the web-based portion and an in-class portion. The "old" Instructor Development CD has been formatted for the web through eMetalearning, and those interested in using that resource can register at www.nspelearning.com. However, for those who choose the web portion, to be certified as NSP instructors **YOU MUST ALSO PARTICIPATE IN AN IN-CLASS, FACE-TO-FACE EXERCISE**, which includes a presentation of a 6-pack lesson. Just taking the web portion **will not qualify you as an instructor candidate**. Of course, mentoring and certification by an IT from the specialty in which you wish to instruct is also a required step to becoming a certified instructor. ID instructor aids will soon be available to all certified ID instructors on the NSP Instructor Tools website.

The division ID supervisors, the NSP education staff, and I are working on improving the mentoring process and on certification and continuing education of ID instructors. I hope that we can have some results by next fall. Also, in the long term we want to improve and update both the manual and the web portion of the ID course.

If you have comments and suggestions, please don't hesitate to [contact me](#) (complaints, however, will be directed to the NSP staff!). Thanks for your support of the ID program and thanks for all that you do for your patrol and the NSP.

John Keith

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Industry News

New Jersey Passes Ski Helmet Bill

New Jersey Governor Chris Christie has signed the nation's first ski and snowboard helmet bill into law. The law will go into effect on November 1. Under the law, minors under the age of 18 will be required to wear a helmet when skiing or snowboarding. The bill provides for fines of \$25 for the first violation and \$100 for additional violations, to be assessed to the parent or guardian. Enforcement will be up to local law enforcement personnel. Read more about the helmet law [here](#). A helmet bill in Illinois was recently defeated in committee. Other states considering helmet legislation include California and New York.

OSHA fines Wolf Creek over patroller death

OSHA has announced proposed fines of \$17,000 in connection with the November 22, 2010 death of Wolf Creek Ski Patrol Director Scott Kay. Of that amount, \$5,000 was levied for not requiring Kay to wear a helmet while conducting control work. Read more about the fines in this [Denver Post article](#).

Fundraising

Charles "Minnie" Dole Service and Safety Memorial Fund

A salute to all of the dedicated and enthusiastic past members of the National Ski Patrol. We recognize and appreciate their devotion to skiing and patrolling, and living by the NSP creed of "Service and Safety." The Minnie Dole Memorial Fund is intended to provide a means of honoring and remembering patrollers, friends of skiing, and service to the National Ski Patrol. If you would like to donate to the Memorial Fund or would like to get more information on the fund itself, [click here](#). Contact [Josh Jacobson](#) with any questions regarding the fund.

Donate Now!

Let your friends know that they can donate to NSP! Right now, NSP is offering a FREE NSP First Aid Kit to anyone who donates \$50 or more to the NSP Anniversary Campaign. By clicking the "DONATE NOW" button with the picture of "Minnie" the St. Bernard on the www.nsp.org home page, your friends can help out NSP in a big way! Spread the word to the skiing and riding public that NSP is made up of mainly volunteers like you who give up their time to keep the slopes safer! Enlightening the public of who we are at NSP is good for all involved. All donations are tax deductible. Send them [this donation link!](#)

Spring Catalog Sale



NSP Sweatshirt Blowout!

Want to grab a smoking deal on some NSP logo wear? This is the time! From now through the end of May, you can get the NSP Half-Zip Sweatshirt (**SKU#18090**) for only \$23.00! Hoodie fan? We also are offering the NSP Fieldhouse Hoodie (**SKU#18089**) for only \$27.00! Take



advantage of these great deals now before they are gone. Sizes S-XXL are available. Visit the NSP Online Catalog to get geared up today!



New NSP Bumper Sticker

Want to show your support of NSP everywhere you go? Pick up one of the new NSP Bumper stickers to

show your year-round pride! The sticker is 12x3" and features the popular NSP slogan "We're a Different Breed." It is UV-protected, so it will resist fading from the power of the sun! This is a limited edition sticker that will be gone for good when they have all sold. Don't miss the opportunity to adorn your vehicle, window, or anything with the NSP bumper sticker! Sticker is **\$3.00** for a limited time, **SKU#150**.

NSP Staff Changes



David Frick named NSP Marketing and Development Coordinator

David Frick has been appointed NSP's new marketing and development coordinator. His duties will include increasing NSP's social media presence, selling advertising, writing copy, creating marketing materials, assisting with the implementation of fundraising strategies, and working with some sponsors.

David had his first encounter with the NSP in January 2001, when he tore his rotator cuff skiing at Hidden Valley in Missouri. Before joining the NSP team, David grew up in St. Louis, Mo. He attended Missouri State University in Springfield, studying entertainment management and marketing. However, after a few years, David decided it was time to head for the mountains. In May 2010, he joined his brother and cousin in Denver, Colo., and has loved it ever since.

When not working for NSP, David is taking classes to gain his masters in business administration with an emphasis in marketing at University of Colorado Denver.

David can be reached at dfrick@nsp.org or 1-303-988-1111 ext. 2641.

NSP Visitors of the Month



Donna and Jerry McGraw

Donna and Jerry McGraw of the Eastern Division came to the office at the end of March. Donna is the Eastern Division registrar.

Thanks for stopping by!!

Trevor and Dale Stevens

Trevor and Dale Stevens, of the Mt. Holiday Ski Patrol in Williamsburg, Mich., came by the office at the end of March.

Thanks for stopping by!!





Leo Wutke, Jay Ackland, and Doug Palank

Leo Wutke, Jay Ackland, and Doug Palank came to the office on their way from Iowa and Nebraska to ski in Colorado.

Thanks for stopping by!!

The Sweep was created to keep NSP members informed about national news. An archive of all issues of The Sweep is maintained under the Newsletters section of [Member News](#). After logging in, click Newsletters from the Quick Links menu. If you have news that's relevant to the national ski patrol audience, we invite you to submit it for consideration for The Sweep. Please e-mail it to [editorial](#) by the 15th of each month.

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