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From the Desk of Tim White

Looking Forward

With summer slipping away and vacation days behind us, the pace of the organization is picking up again. While local patrols schedule refreshers, the national office is stepping up efforts in other areas.

In the coming months, you will be hearing more about the NSP's 75th Anniversary Celebration. Slated to take place in Denver, Colo., February 1-4, 2013 (during the SIA show), it promises to be a memorable event and a true milestone for the organization. While turning 75 is something to celebrate, it also poses some tough questions for the NSP leadership regarding how we maintain and reach ever-higher levels of excellence as an organization in the immediate future, and maintain a healthy and vibrant NSP 75 years from now.

There is a business adage that states, "Average companies fold, good companies survive, but great companies thrive." While we at NSP are proud of the services we currently deliver, we have many challenges ahead if we want to continue to thrive as an organization. Without question, the greatest of these challenges will be to have adequate financial resources available to succeed. In light of this, the Anniversary

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Fundraising campaign was launched in 2008, and efforts are stepping up to raise \$1 million by January 2013. As a member-driven organization, it is hoped that everyone can play a role in achieving this goal. Watch for more information coming your way on how you can help ensure that NSP is the leading skiing-safety organization in the 22nd century.

Sincerely,
Tim White
Executive Director, NSP

Safety Team Applications

Safety is at the core of our mission at NSP. A few years ago, we re-established the NSP Safety Team in an effort to revitalize our Safety Program. The eight members of that team have done some excellent work behind the scenes in building out the NSP/Subaru *Drive for Safety program* and improving safety messaging on the NSP website. We will now be restaffing the team for 2011/2012. Members at large who wish to apply for the new team can [click on the application form here](#). If you have a background and expertise in slope safety and risk management, I encourage you to complete an application. It will be an excellent opportunity for you to apply your ideas and passion for safety at the national level. Please don't hesitate to [write to me](#) if you have questions about applying for the NSP Safety Team.

NSP meets with National Association of State EMS Officials



In an effort to build closer ties with the EMS community, Board Chair Burt Mitchell and Tim White recently met with Dia Gainor, the executive director of the National Association of State EMS Officials. Until recently, Gainor was head of EMS services in Idaho. As such, she is very familiar with NSP training and credentialing programs and their value in ski communities. White describes Gainor as an advocate for NSP.

As a result of the meeting, it was agreed to form an NSP/NAEMSO Joint Working Group. Both Burt and Tim believe the working group is an excellent step toward a stronger working relationship with the EMS community.

Patroller Education Conference 2012

Do you need a Level 1 Avalanche Refresher to keep your certification current?

NSP is offering a full, 8-hour credit course this coming April 12-14, 2012, at the NSP Patroller Education Conference at Copper Mountain, Colo. Not only can patrollers brush up on Avalanche skills, but there are also clinics like Alpine and Nordic instructor training, an OEC scenarios clinic to learn skills from the new *Outdoor Emergency Care Fifth Edition*, a three-part MTR clinic with an evening search, and a risk management clinic, among others. Room reservations are available through Copper Mountain reservations by calling 866-837-2996. Please mention the National Ski Patrol Patroller Education Conference or PEC to receive the discounted room rate. Registration will begin October 1 online through the NSP website.

FIPS Congress 2012 relocated to France

After the horrific earthquake in Japan, the FIPS Congress that was scheduled for Hokkaido, Japan, in 2011 was canceled. FIPS decided to host a Congress in 2012, and offered Japan the opportunity to host again, an honor Japan was forced to regretfully decline, while keeping open the option to host in 2014. The 2012 conference will instead be hosted at the Châtel, Haute Savoie, France. The conference will be held April 14-21, 2012. Those interested in attending will fly to the Geneva airport. More information [is available at the FIPS website](#).

Wounded Warriors

The Wounded Warrior Patrol, a nonprofit group in the Eastern Division, will be hosting a ski event at Seven Springs in Pennsylvania in February 2012 for wounded combat veterans. Read more in the [Eastern Division newsletter](#) and at the [Wounded Warrior Patrol website](#).

Recruitment



NSP once again has some recruitment material available for patrols to hand out FREE of charge; we just ask that you pay for shipping. There are three posters, as well as the "We're a Different Breed" stickers, available. These are great to hang in ski shops, grocery stores, schools, and hand out at trade shows and different on-hill events. To order, please call David Frick at 303-988-1111 ext. 2641.

Telecommunications Update

Contact your division Telecommunications adviser for help filing a new radio license. The [Telecommunications webpage](#) has a list of current narrowband-compatible radios, as well as a suggestion regarding what to do with your old radios, which will be updated as needed. [Read more on these issues here](#).

Young Adult Facebook Page

Check out the new [Young Adult Program Facebook page here](#). Chris Rosseau, the Young Adult Patroller Adviser, recently returned from a visit to Twin Falls, Idaho, where he delivered the keynote speech and promoted the creation of young adult patrols. The Young Adult startup manual is in final review, and is due to be released very soon. [Read more about it here](#).



Marketing/Communications/Events

Hestra

Since 1936, Hestra has grown to be one of the leading international glove brands in skiing, outdoor recreation, and leisure. By combining **Dedication** to making the best products for patrollers plus **Integrity** in our quality, employees, and our brand, and adding 75 successful years to the formula, we have:

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and happily provides pro deals at www.nsp.org. Shop now at the NSP Pro Page and look for our new C-Zone Coach and Tellur gloves in the *NSP Winter Catalog!*



prAna

prAna is thrilled to be in our second year of official NSP sponsorship. We have been inspired to provide patrollers with high-quality clothing that fits both their interests and activities. Originally starting as a performance brand for rock climbers and yoga die-hards, prAna has grown to be a strong force in the casual and active lifestyle clothing markets for both men and women. There's no doubt that NSP members live an active lifestyle; don't you want to be comfortable while doing it? If you haven't already, sign up for a prAna Influencer Membership (pro deal) through the NSP



Pro Page at www.nsp.org. PrAna stands behind its product with a no-question return policy, and offers 50 percent off retail discount for active NSP members.



DeFeet

Did you know that the average person takes 8-10,000 steps per day? That's equivalent to about five miles of walking every day. Take good care of your feet and buy high-quality member-



discounted socks, such as **DeFeet's new NSP-LOGOED running and bike socks** found

on the NSP Pro Page. While you're there, browse through their huge selection of socks for all activities. Whether it's running, skiing, cycling, or hiking, DeFeet's got your feet covered, literally! Log into the NSP Pro Page at www.nsp.org and shop today!

GoPro

There's no doubt patrollers spend more time on the slopes than anyone else. You see, ski, and experience the best the mountain has to offer. Want to keep those experiences with you forever? You should! Carry a GoPro camera with you this season and capture the experiences you used to only be able to tell your friends about! Shop for a discounted GoPro camera now by logging into the NSP Pro Page at www.nsp.org. GoPro: Wear it. Mount it. Love it. Get it.



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 August is Hestra (capitalize the "H"); if the login does not work, e-mail [Candace Horgan](mailto:Candace.Horgan).



MEDLINE NSP Medical Supply Purchasing Program

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Education

A Message from Education Director Darcy Hanley

I want to extend thanks to the OEC division supervisors, ITs, and instructors, as the rollouts and getting everyone up to speed on the *Outdoor Emergency Care Fifth Edition* would not have been possible without all your intensive efforts and incredible energy! Thank you to the Far West Division for your amazing hospitality and awesome *Outdoor Emergency Care Fifth Edition* rollout! The Southern Division and Intermountain Division had a successful rollout this month as well.

For those instructors needing materials for their refreshers, the OEC refresher posters and patient prompts are now available on the NSP website under OEC Instructor Resources.

Just a reminder that if you are planning to attend the FFL/SAR conference in September (patrollers are encouraged to attend), please find information at <http://www.flightforlifecolorado.org/SARConference>.

The **Know Before You Go** program has its initial school program on September 15 in Utah. Information about this program can be obtained from Mike Laney, or on the [NSP Safety page](#).

OEC replacement cards may be obtained by going to the NSP online catalog and purchasing an OEC card. We are asking that you use this method and not send a check with a written request. This will ensure that cards are processed accurately and sent out immediately.

NSP will be presenting at two NSAA conferences in September. If you are a patroller in the Eastern Division, please visit your website for information. One conference will be held at Sunday River, Maine (http://nesummit.com/forms/NES_NSP11.pdf). Patroller registration is \$25, and includes breakfast and lunch. The other conference will be held at Lake Placid (www.iskinyexpo.com).

Industry News

Vail Resorts Partners with Shawn White

Having already been represented by Lindsey Vonn, Vail resorts upped the ante this month by announcing a multi-year partnership with Olympic gold medalist Shaun White. White will represent all the Vail resorts, but will train at Northstar-at-Tahoe, where he will design a new 22-foot halfpipe. White will also design a limited-edition Epic Season Pass, and Vail Resorts will donate \$5 for each Epic Season Pass sold to White's chosen charity, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

In a [press release on the Vail website](#), White stated, "This feels like a homecoming because I have spent so much time riding at most of Vail Resorts' mountains. With Northstar as my home mountain, I now have the ideal place to train."

Ski/Snowboard Sock Sale!!



NSP is blowing out its remaining stock of Eurosock ski and snowboard socks from past seasons. Need some inexpensive socks for the upcoming season? Find them at the NSP online catalog in the "socks" section. While there, pick up our new NSP bike/running socks by DeFeet; they are the perfect match for your NSP Bike Jersey! Sizes and styles are limited, and all sales are final on sale items.



Available Styles and Sizes

- Eurosocks Digits Ski (SKU# 17227): Sizes S-XL - **\$17**
- Eurosocks Ski Elite (SKU# 379): Sizes S, M, XL - **\$15**
- Eurosocks Ski Supreme (SKU# 18078): Sizes M, L, XL - **\$10**
- Eurosocks Ski Supreme Wool (SKU# 18020): Sizes S, M, XL - **\$11**
- Eurosocks Board Supreme (SKU# 18076): Sizes S, M, XL - **\$10**
- Eurosocks Women's Snowdrop (SKU# 18077): Sizes S & L - **\$10**

New Product Preview

NSP has brought in several new products for 2011-2012 to help our patrollers get the job done safely and comfortably. When you receive the 2011-2012 *Winter Catalog* in early October, keep an eye out for these and many more great products offered at great prices!



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lightweight version of the



New products include the **Patagonia** 2-Layer and 3-Layer Patrol Jackets with Gore-Tex, **Talus Outdoor Technologies** ColdAvenger Pro and Expedition Balaclava, **Tram Bar** Natural Energy Bars in six packs with five amazing flavors, **Hydro Flask** logoed stainless for keeping items



hours and hot for 12 hours, the new **Opedix** S1 knee support tights, performance

underwear from **Polarmax's AYG** line for men and women, and new products from **Auclair, Bolle, Hestra, Ortovox** and many more!

NSP Staff



Jennifer Miller joins NSP Member Services

Jennifer Miller has been hired as the NSP's new member services specialist. Miller grew up in Milwaukee, Wis., and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, having majored in journalism and art history. She visited a friend in Denver and fell in love with the city, moving here in 2005.

Before coming to NSP, she worked for several nonprofits, including serving as the membership assistant for the Denver Botanic Gardens, and positions at the Denver Art Museum and Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

NSP Visitors of the Month

John and Debbie Kane

John Kane, the Maine Region director, stopped by the office with his wife Debbie to meet up with NSP Executive Director Tim White.

Thanks for stopping by!!



John Rice

John Rice of the Winter Park Ski Patrol in Colorado visited the office in August.

Thanks for stopping by!!





Dan Sinawski

Dan Sinawski, an alumnus from Golden, Colo., visited the office in August.

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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