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From the Desk of Tim White Halloween NSP style

How appropriate that on the eve of Halloween, many patrollers around the country have pulled out their moulage kits. Not to dress up as ghoulish characters from the *Night of the Living Dead*, but to don full costume for the MCI training exercises held in conjunction with many annual refreshers. In fact, at my recent refresher, I was fortunate enough to be charged with the challenging task of dressing the classic "stick protruding from patient's abdomen," along with other assorted lacerations and breaks that occurred during the ski area frontage road two-car pile-up scenario. I particularly enjoy the stick scenario, because it is the one time each year when I can use the saw blade on my Leatherman to cut off a portion of the limb.

Joking aside, I want to take a moment to praise the work of the NSP instructor core. They are without a doubt the very backbone of the organization. It is their dedication and commitment to teaching that makes all of us patrollers and this organization so highly respected. In my capacity as executive director, I wish to declare November the official "**NSP Instructor Appreciation Month.**" I encourage all members to reach out to an instructor they know, whether an OEC instructor, MTR instructor, Avalanche instructor, or instructor trainer, and give them a hearty thanks. They have earned it.

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Thanks for all you do for NSP, and we'll see you on the slopes.

Sincerely,
Tim White
Executive Director, NSP

NSP Board Election

The election for the NSP board of directors opened on October 17. There are six candidates running for five open positions. Please make sure you vote for your board leadership. To vote, login to the NSP website and click "Member Services," then click "Board Elections" from the "Quick Links" box. That takes you right to a button to click that says "Vote Now," which will take you to the voting site. There is also information on all the candidates under "Board Elections," including platform statements and applications.

NSP Online Auction

How much do you love new gear? How much do you love new gear at DISCOUNTED PRICES? Make sure you register for the NSP Online Auction at www.nsp.auctionfrogs.org so you can bid on items such as Nordica, Head, and Rossignol skis, Flow and RAMP snowboards, POC and Ruroc helmets, Atlas snowshoes, a GoPro camera, BCA and Columbia packs, and much, much more!

Know someone else who likes gear as much as you do? Forward them this link (www.nsp.auctionfrogs.org), post it on their Facebook wall, or e-mail it to your contact list to tell them all about it! This auction is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, so pass the info along!

Products are just starting to be uploaded. Check back often to see what's new!

Patrol Director Needed at Magic Mountain

The Magic Mountain Ski Patrol in South Londonberry, Vt., is looking for qualified applicants for the patrol director position. Interested candidates should e-mail Ted Johnson at johnsoncanedy@hotmail.com.

Patrol Training Instructors Needed at West Point

The U.S. Army at West Point is looking to fill two open positions for ski patrol training instructors. Interested candidates can find the job descriptions and [application instructions online](#).

Mike Rhode follow-up

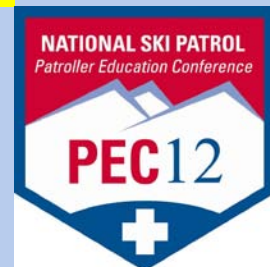


In the April edition of *The Sweep*, we told you about Mike "Rowdy" Rhode, a patroller at Hunter Mountain in New York who was critically injured while patrolling in December 2010. Mike will be in a wheelchair and his home will need extensive modifications. Mike's spirits are still up, and at the Hunter Mountain refresher, Rhode was seen trying a sit ski out. Mike hopes to still be out on the slopes this season. He also wants to extend his heartfelt thanks. See the photo of Mike at the left of him on a sit ski.

Mike is also learning how to walk using an Ekso Bionics exoskeleton. Watch an inspiring video of "Rowdy" walking with the [bionics here](#).

Patroller Education Conference 2012

Are you looking for more information on lodging at Copper Mountain? Keep reading, as we hope to answer your questions. Copper lodging is separated into three villages; check out the PDF of Copper's Village [here](#). All events of the NSP conference are taking place in Center Village around the Copper Conference Center and the American Flyer Lift (for more specific lodging and ski rental info, [click here](#)).



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Items for Ski Swaps!!

Is your patrol having a ski swap this fall? Are you looking for ways to raise money for your patrol? National Ski Patrol has the perfect answer: the NSP Travel First Aid Kit. These are perfect kits to sell to the public for them to keep in their cars and day packs, and even to give as stocking stuffers. You can sell them for \$15 at your swap and put the money back into your patrol. Order these great travel

kits online from the *NSP Winter Catalog*, or you can call Christine Albertson at 720-963-2621 and order your supply today. What an easy way to give back to your patrol!



Auclair

The Auclair Diamond Miner glove continues to be the favorite choice for working patrollers. With the cinch wind cuff preventing snow and cold from attacking the hand, the Thinsulate Liteloft 150 gram insulation for extra warm insulation, the double-thickness cowhide palm patch which extends the wear life, and the fabulous Black Diamond cuff which offer the ultimate in wetness protection, the glove is truly a patroller's dream. Now in its third season, this glove just gets better every year. Check out the Diamond Miner and other Auclair gloves in the *NSP Winter Catalog*, which is also available online under "Member Services" at www.nsp.org.

Adventure Advocates

24 HOUR ACCIDENT MEDICAL INSURANCE* FOR NATIONAL SKI PATROL MEMBERS!

Did you know that as an NSP member, you have access to 24-hour accident insurance plans that start at only \$18 per month? Most health insurance plans include large out-of-pocket expenses and deductibles; these accident plans are the perfect supplement to help cover large, accidental, injury-related expenses! In fact, Adventure Advocates has paid more than \$1 million in ski accident claims in the past few years alone! Other programs available include medical, health, life, disability, long-term care, Medicare supplement, dental, vision, and prescription discount plans. [Click here](#) to learn more!



Polarmax

Warm. Warmer. Warmest. You've probably never used these words to describe your days out on the snowy slopes, unless you're wearing Polarmax. Over 25 years of innovative performance and technology enables Polarmax to develop Advanced Base Layer technologies, easily differentiating their products from the competition. Discover for yourself the difference in being warm, warmer, and warmest while out on the snow by shopping Polarmax base layers at the NSP Pro Page at www.nsp.org, or in the

NSP Winter Catalog. Not only will the Polarmax base layer system keep you warm, but check out the cool new performance underwear line, All Year Gear (AYG), from Polarmax. These undershirts, boxers and women's briefs will keep your cheeks warm and dry too. All products are available for a discount on the NSP Pro Page. [Check it out here!](#)

FLOW Snowboarding

You've seen FLOW; you've heard of FLOW. You might even ride FLOW. But what exactly IS FLOW? Flow is original, innovative, and different-by-design. Flow is not defined by a "me too" mentality; it is a brand of leaders, mavericks, and renegades. We push the limits of design in order to maximize performance, comfort, and convenience. Don't just take our word for who we are; try our snowboards, boots, and bindings, and see for yourself why so many patrollers prefer FLOW! Browse our products, shop on the [NSP Pro Page](#) for discounted gear, and become part of our community!



Cold Avenger

NSP's Official Sponsor ColdAvenger® is now on the NSP Pro Page! Providing skiers and boarders with high performance masks designed for protection, comfort, and breathability, the ColdAvenger® helps keep patrollers performing better and staying out longer!

Want to learn more? [Click here](#) and view a YouTube video detailing how it works, and shop for the ColdAvenger® model that's best for you on the [NSP Pro Page](#). They can also be found in the *NSP Winter Catalog!*

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 November is Powder (capitalize the "P"); if the login does not work, e-mail [Candace Horgan](#)

Education

A Message from Education Director Darcy Hanley

First and foremost, thank you to all of the OEC instructors, division supervisors, and ITs who have successfully provided *OEC Fifth Edition* rollouts across every division, as well as preparing OEC instructors to teach candidate classes and do refreshers! You are to be congratulated and thanked!

By now you have received your catalog, which has lots of new products and gear to purchase! One of the new items that may be worth taking some time to investigate is the NuMask. Many of us have probably been carrying the same pocket mask since we first put our pack together. This season, you may want to take it out and pop it into your freezer and observe what happens. Is it still pliable? Could it hold a seal? Would you feel confident that the pocket mask could be used in well-below freezing temperatures? The NuMask is endorsed by patrollers, NSP medical advisers, and the OEC national program director. I suggest this is the year that if you purchase an item from the new catalog, you include the purchase of the NuMask. If you contact me, I will be glad to put you in touch with those patrols and patrollers who have tested the product.

OEC instructor resources can be found on the NSP site, as well as the Brady site. If you are an instructor and have not received a pass code for the instructor materials on the Brady website, please contact me.

The snow is falling in the mountains, the gear is ready, and I look forward to another great season. May it be a safe one for each patroller and your respective patrols. See you on the white stuff!



Industry News

Ski Area Summer Use Bill Passes Congress

On October 3, the House passed a bill that would enable ski areas to expand summer recreational opportunities on land leased from the U.S. Forest Service. The Senate then followed, passing the bill on October 18.

The language of the bill authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture, "Subject to the terms of a ski area permit issued pursuant to subsection (b), the Secretary may authorize a ski area permittee to provide such other seasonal or year-round natural resource-based recreational activities and associated facilities (in addition to skiing and other snow-sports) on National Forest System land subject to a ski area permit as the Secretary determines to be appropriate."

Among the listed approved activities are zip lines, mountain bike terrain parks and trails, frisbee golf courses, and ropes courses. Activities that are not approved include tennis courts, water slides and water parks, swimming pools, golf courses,

and amusement parks.

Regarding approved activities, the bill also states, "The Secretary may not authorize any activity or facility under paragraph (1) if the Secretary determines that the authorization of the activity or facility would result in the primary recreational purpose of the ski area permit to be a purpose other than skiing and other snow-sports."

The bill was first proposed by Mark Udall when he was in the House, and he again introduced it as a senator. In a press release from the National Ski Areas Association, Udall stated, "In Colorado, we know that the last snowflake falling doesn't signal the end to our outdoor recreation-and it's about time the law reflected that. A small clarification to the law means that appropriate activities like snowboarding, zip lining and concerts can take place on public lands, enhancing our enjoyment of them and helping mountain communities sustain local jobs through the shoulder seasons. This is a big win for mountain towns and ski areas across Colorado and across the country."

NEW Catalog Items!!

Adventure Medical Kits

Attention new patrollers! Are you looking for a patrol kit that's specially designed for injuries and instances you'll be facing while patrolling on the slopes? The *NSP Winter Catalog* ([available online here](#)) has just the thing! Following OEC guidelines, Adventure Medical Kits makes an NSP Patrol Kit that includes all the must-haves for patrollers, and it's neatly packed in a 12x12 baggie. Login to Member Services at www.nsp.org to view the *NSP Online Catalog* and order yours today! (Items that complete your kit include a permanent marker, multi-tool, flashlight, space blanket, and large trash bag.)



Deuter Freerider Pro 30 with Reflective Cross - Now Available!

Starting November 15, the already feature-rich Freerider Pro 30 is now available with an NSP reflective cross. Placed on the center of the pack, the cross will help you stand out as a patroller while on the job. This pack will be available through the *NSP Online Catalog* in the "Gear Bags/Backpacks" section, right under the original Freerider Pro 30.

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NSP Staff News

Josh Jacobson named Product Sales Manager

Josh Jacobson's job title has changed to product sales manager from purchasing

and warehouse manager. Josh's main duties are to handle all product purchasing and the creation of the *NSP Winter Catalog*.



Rachel Crane hired as Product Merchandising Coordinator

Rachel Crane has been hired as the NSP's new product merchandising coordinator. Crane is from Buena Vista, Colo., where she grew up USSA ski racing for Monarch Mountain. During high school, she stopped racing but continued as a ski instructor. She studied apparel merchandising at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, and held a part-time job with OshKosh B'Gosh as a store supervisor. In May 2011, she moved to Denver, where she

completed a college-credited internship as a merchandiser with EcoJoia, a company that provides the merchandise needs of environmental and humanitarian nonprofit organizations. She will assist Josh Jacobson with customer service, inventory monitoring, and working to place NSP-branded gear in retail locations.

Joanne Galko Receives Employee Recognition Award

NSP Accounting Assistant Joanne Galko received a special employee recognition award from NSP Executive Director Tim White at the October 25 employee meeting. Joanne was chosen for her professionalism, positive attitude, efficiency, and for serving as a role model for the rest of staff.

NSP Visitors of the Month



Gayle Kosyk, Lonnie Whitcomb, and Mike Schuman

Gayle Kosyk, the director of safety and risk management for Ski Roundtop in Pennsylvania, Lonny Whitcomb, the director of risk management for Liberty Mountain in Pennsylvania, and Tim Schuman, the director of safety and risk management for Whitetail Resort in Pennsylvania, swung by the office in early October.

Thanks for stopping by!!

Kevin Pusey

Kevin Pusey, of the Jackson Hole Ski Patrol, and his brother Adan, stopped by the office to say hi.

Thanks for stopping by!!





Tim and Denise Friebe

Tim and Denise Friebe, members of the Boston Mills/Brandywine Ski Patrol out of Cleveland, Ohio, stopped into the office to say hi in late October.

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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