



The National Ski Patrol the Far West Division and a Membership Empowered

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Objectives



- Present the NSP Charter and Mission
- Capstone the State of the Far West Division
- Identify how self-imposed limitations are overcome by member empowerment
- Introduce opportunities for us to serve the community with OEC, safety, and transportations; as well as other opportunities to serve.

NSP Charter and Mission



- **The purpose of NSP is to promote**, in every way, patriotic, scientific, educational and civic improvement activities and public safety in skiing, by such means as dissemination of information and formation of volunteer **local patrols consisting of competent skiers trained in first aid** for the purpose of preventing accidents and rendering speedy assistance to individuals sustaining accidents (36 USC Sec 152701–Statute)
- **NSP Mission Statement** – The National Ski Patrol (NSP) is a 26,000-member association striving to **be the premier provider of training and education programs for emergency rescuers** who serve the outdoor recreation community. NSP’s mission is to provide education and training in leadership, outdoor emergency care, safety and transportation services, **which enables members to serve the community** in the safe enjoyment of outdoor recreation.

Ski Patrolling – the Core



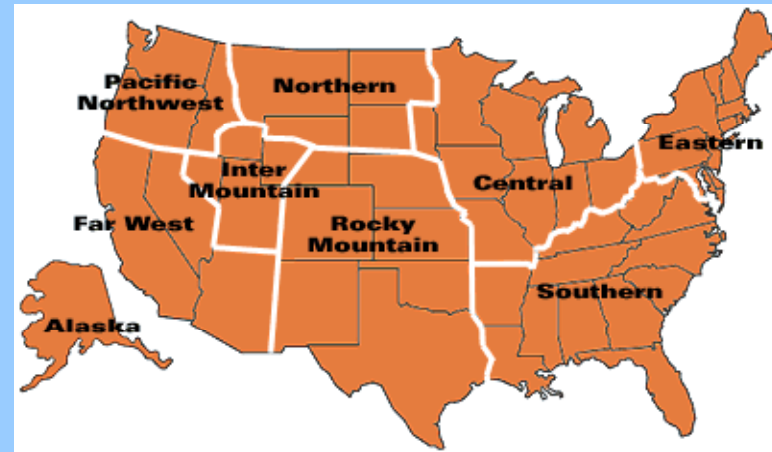
- At our core, we are leadership, OEC, safety, and transportation. We are specialized to serve ski areas and back-country with first responder, rescue, and transportation services.
- We are, to recreational folks, the first link in the EMS system. By our mere presence, we serve providing comfort to those enjoying the recreational sport of skiing. In time of need, we serve when emergency care is required. What we do is important in many aspects.



State of the Far West Division



- 1,800 members of 26,000 nationally (7%); three states of 50; ...*but* “we” have been *and* remain *very* influential on and at the National level.



- 07-08 Program Guide
 - Program-Centric Divisional Administration
 - Program Supervisors are empowered
 - Approved 07-08 Budget – we are *meeting* our member’s requests.
- The FWD is *positioned well* to serve it’s members.

Empowerment Overcomes all Self-Limiting Forces



- Last year *versus* today *versus* tomorrow
- Opportunities abound!!
- Opportunities to help others
- Opportunities as instructors and leaders within this organization to help others so that they can make an even bigger difference.
- Opportunities *within* the organization *and beyond...*



Empowerment - it Liberates us *and* it is Contagious

- While misattributed to a Nelson Mandela Inauguration speech; the following is authored by Marianne Williamson

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.
It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.
We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and fabulous?
Actually, who are you not to be? ... You are a child of God.
Your playing small doesn't serve the world.
There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so
that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We are all meant to shine, as children do.
We are born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.
It's not just in some of us, it's in everyone.
And as we let our own light shine,
we unconsciously give other
people permission to do the same.
As we are liberated from our own fear,
our presence automatically liberates others."

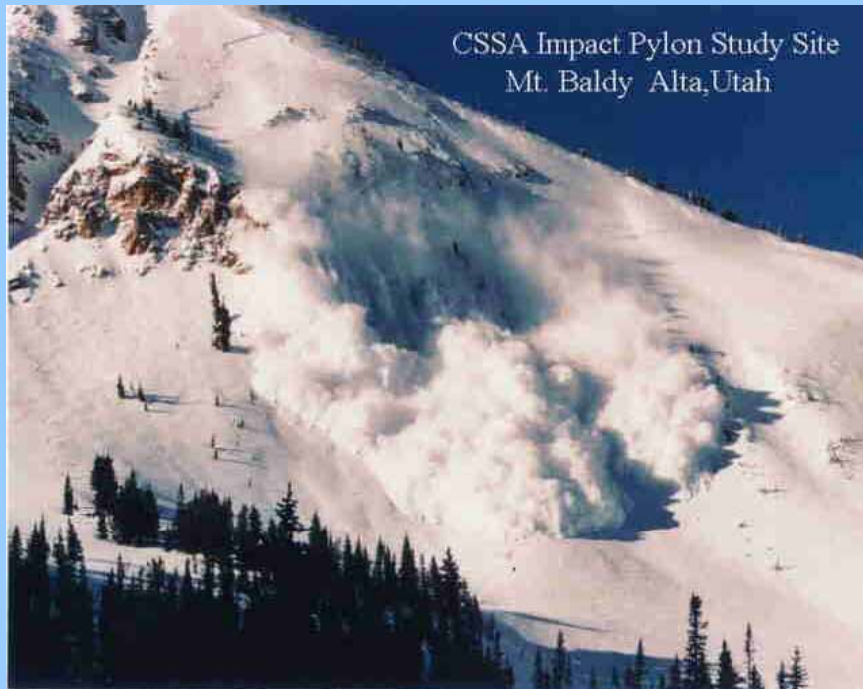
Membership Empowerment



- Do you have a sense of empowerment?
- Do you believe that others “trust” you?



What's Next?



- Do you sit-back and wait for the next slide?
- Do you stop, stand-by, and watch? ...*or*...



Interfacing with other non-Ski Area Entities

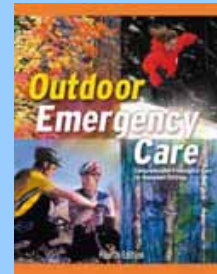
- Our rescue skills are useful on and off the ski area
 - EMS Interface and Patient Care and Quality – *Fergus Langhridge*
 - Medical Reserve Corps / Community Emergency Response Teams – *Jill Littlefield*
 - Search and Rescue – Nordic SAR Teams
 - National Water Skiing Racing Association – *Video*



NSP Mission...Premier Provider of Training and Education



- Our rescue skills and training can be honed
 - *Second Half* – Core NSP Program Break-out Sessions
 - Outdoor Emergency Care
 - Keith
 - “Doc”
 - Transportation
 - OET – Lance
 - Nordic – Jeff & Mike Kelly and Mike St.Clair
 - Safety
 - Avalanche – Tom & Mike
 - Mountain Travel and Rescue - Karl
 - Leadership
 - APP Certified Program – Dave, Rich, Scott, and Ken
 - Awards – David



Whatever is Next – Let *it* Shine...



- Grab a hold of the opportunity that has been presented to you as National Ski Patrollers, grow it, and make even more of a difference.