

Mountain Travel & Rescue

Far West Division

Summer 2012 BOD Report

Mission:

To introduce and train NSP members associated group members, and public in the travel and survival in comfort in the outdoor winter mountain environment with quality instructors and relevant up-to-date course content.

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By the Numbers:

During the past 12 months:

By course:

Course	Number of Courses	Number of Students	Number of NSP Students
MTR F	0	0	0
MTR I	3	39	11
MTR II	2	5	5
Total Students		44	16

By Region

Course / Students (NSP / Non NSP)	AZ	So Calif	No Calif	ML	ES	
MTR F / Stdnt	0	0	0	0 / 0 (0 / 0)	0 / 0 (0 / 0)	
MTR I / Stdnt	0	1 / 11 (11 / 0)	0	2 / 28 (0 / 28)	0 / 0 (0 / 0)	
MTR II / Stdnt	0	1 / 4 (4 / 0)	0	1 / 1 (1 / 0)	0 / 0 (0 / 0)	
Total Students	0	15 / 0	0	1 / 28	0 / 0	16 / 28

Approximately 0.04% of the Division NSP membership took a MTR course this past season. This is less than the historical average. The historic data falls between 0.8% to 1.4.

Challenges:

Weather is always a challenge for us. This season there was certainly a shortage of snow for traveling and shelter-building which seemed to reflect in a lack of excitement for some courses in some areas.

Events: At Tri-Advisory attending instructors will receive credit for continuing education

Up-Date from National MTR:

1. Manual:
 - a. A new manual is now being published with a release date of October for use this season.
 - b. The Mountaineers Books (publisher of Freedom of the Hills) will be the publisher.
 - c. The books will be available in print hard copy and also in electronic format that will be available on e-readers like Kindle and iPads.
 - d. The manual is also being sponsored by Petzl.
 - e. New manual will be available on Amazon.com, in the Mountaineers catalog, and other sources to promote and distribute to a wider audience.
 - f. The rough cost should be \$29.95 to patrollers.
 - g. See my Request to the Board to supply very active FWD MTR instructors with the new manual.
2. New Course
 - a. A MTR Enhancement Seminar has been released last winter. It is patterned after the other Enhancement courses, to concentrate on one MTR topic for 4 to 8 hours. It appears as a drop-down course and can be registers by any MTR instructor for students that have completed an MTR course (F, I, II) to concentrate on a topic within their completed course.
 - b. Focus on one topic for 4 or 8 hours
3. Cross promotion with the American Alpine Club (AAC) for MTR courses.
4. Agreement with National Forestry Service to recognize NSP for SAR services.

Instructors:

Mother Lode Region:— Currently there are 10 instructors, down from 11 last year, including three in the Alumni region. Three are IT's. This reflects Mike Kelly back to Tahoe Nordic.

Eastern Sierra Region: — There are 8 instructors, up from 7 last year. Three are IT's. This reflects Mike Kelly back to Tahoe Nordic.

Arizona Region: —There are 2 in the Region. I am covering for the IT.

Northern California Region: -There are no registered MTR instructors in this Region. No change from past years.

Southern California Region: -Currently there are 20 registered instructors, same as last year. With 4 IT's.

Last Season:

1. No courses were offered in the Arizona region. Lack of contusive conditions and personal scheduling problems.
2. Pinecrest conducted the MTR I aimed at local country SAR units.
3. Bear Valley conducted a MTR I with 16 students.
4. Tahoe Nordic did not conduct any MTR courses.
5. So Cal conducted the MTR I for Pinos Nordic candidates and Alpine NSP members for a total of 23 students. Field session was rescheduled from Mt Pinos to Mammoth Lakes area due to lack of contusive conditions at Mt Pinos.
6. So Cal conducted the MTR II with all students NSP members, 7 Alpiners and 1 Nordic. Field session held at the Mammoth Lakes area.
7. Northern Cal cancelled the plans to have a MTR I course. Students from the previous year's MTRF had expressed interest in the field session. Course was to be conducted by instructors from Pinecrest Nordic (Mother Lode).

Plan / Goal for next season:

1. Manual.
 - a. Plan: Introduce the new manual.
 1. Will request funds to purchase manuals for active instructors
 2. Goal: Instructors should be familiar with new material
 - b. MTR I as a senior requirement.
 - c. Plan: National MTR Supervisor stated he would work on after manual is complete. He does have support from other Divisions.
 - d. Goal: To have MTR I as a senior requirement.
2. To encourage Region administrators to increase awareness of the MTR program to the Hills in their Region.
 - a. Plan: To encourage Hill's to encourage members to attend MTR class's, and to encourage Regional Administrators to let Hill's know when a course is planned, and where. To encourage and support each Region Administrator to have at least one MTR instructor at each hill in their Region.
 - b. Goal: This may find students who want to take the class, but have been unaware of where to find a class.
3. In the AZ Region
 - a. Plan: Hold a MTR I course next season conducted locally
 - b. Goal: To have additional instructors and an IT in the region.
 - c. Goal: To have an active MTR program
4. An active MTR instructor at Pinecrest is certified for NSAR instruction.
 - a. Plan: Plan to use this resource.
 - b. Goal: MTR program to be of greater value and recognition.
5. Me or a representative visiting at least three Regions during the season
 - a. Plan: Attending a I or II field secession or classroom secession.
 - b. Goal: This is to add consistency in delivery and level of content, as well as to monitor safety considerations.

Budget:

To meet the travel goals, a travel expenditure of \$ 825.00 is requested.

Northern Calif. / or ML / or ES	225.00
Eastern Sierra / Mother Lode Instructor Meeting	275.00
Arizona	275.00
So Calif.	0.00
Copies – Phone - Office	50.00
Total:	<u>\$825.00</u>