



**Far West Division Summer Board Meeting – August 3, 2013**  
Davis, California

**EASTERN SIERRA REGION STATUS REPORT**

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**2012-2013 HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE:**

- Continue strong working relationship with MLR: communication, training, collaboration
- 2012=3 OEC classes in East Bay, Tahoe, Reno; 2013=4 classes: East Bay, South Bay, Tahoe, Reno.
- OET instructor recertification at Alpine and Northstar; trained 2 new OET at Tahoe Donner.
- Two large 2-day classroom sessions + 6 field Avalanche sessions throughout the Region.
- First Annual Instructor Development and Recertification in September, 2012 was very successful.
- Senior: 2 SEM hosted by Squaw Valley and Sierra at Tahoe; 9 evaluated from ESR and MLR
- 3 Purple, 2 Blue and 1 Yellow Merit Stars; 3 Distinguished Service and 4 National Appointments
- Website continues to be a valuable tool and the place to go to get information
- New Equipment Advisor, updated inventory and check-out of equipment.
- By-Law revision complete in November, 2012; previous revision was 1999.
- Congratulations! Tim O'Brien (Squaw) appointed to the National Safety Team.

**Registration/Membership:** 2012= 553+ pros; 2011 = 537 + 61 SV Pros; 2010 =557; 2009 = 554.

**Financial:** New budget request and reimbursement forms; no dues assessed the past 7 years nor in 2013.

**PATROL REPORTS:**

**ALPINE:** recruiting for candidates due to attrition; increased volunteer responsibilities on the hill

**DIAMOND PEAK:** 3 candidates; new PR Drew Oliphant; two new OEC IT: Oliphant, Hiemstra.

**NORTHSTAR:** ~24 candidates; 2 Tough Mudders (June/Sept); no WEC in 2014; ID class 9/28

**HEAVENLY:** 12 candidates; refresher will be partially on-line; Ava I and Women's clinic

**HOMWOOD** 7 new + 3 second year candidates; active Alumni Program

**MAUNA KEA:** did not register 2012-2013; Inactive patrol

**MT. ROSE:** 12 candidates, new PR Jeff Redmond; starting candidate Mentor Program

**SIERRA AT TAHOE** 11 candidates in new vests; new "Guidelines for Candidates"; 3 new Seniors

**SQUAW VALLEY:** 6 candidates; new PR Brian Berry; 3 new Seniors; no Senior class this year.

**TAHOE BACKCOUNTRY:** new PR Roger Yang; started Nordic Senior Program.

**TAHOE DONNER:** 8 candidates; two new OET instructors;

**TAHOE DONNER NORDIC XC** 11 primary+5 secondary members; new mgt. and patrol

**TAHOE X-C:** did not patrol last season due to late start and low snow.

**GOALS, EVENTS FOR 2013-2014: AN EARLY AND SUSTAINED SNOW SEASON**

- Zero OEC delinquencies
- Classes in all disciplines closed (current and past)
- Questions from ESR membership to National Board candidates; responses published to members.
- Advisors teach and Instructors in all disciplines participate at Instr. Recert on 9/14/13 in Davis
- Alumni Advisors in all patrols and active alumni participation in the patrols. (Cooper)
- Recruiting and educational booth Ski Dazzle in San Jose and Sacramento (Jim Margolis)
- Avalanche 1 and 2 courses (Morrow, Chernin, Derby); send instructors to Nat. AV School.
- Women's OET Clinic at Heavenly (Trudy Nye)
- OET Clinic/Senior evaluation at Squaw Valley March 19-21, 2014 (Squaw Valley)
- Every patrol submit for at least one award (Leilani Connolly)

**ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS**

- Recruitment and retention: getting better, larger candidate classes this year.
- Training of Training/Evaluators for the OEC Senior Module training: expectation unclear from NSP.
- Will there be enough space in OEC classes for potential candidates?
- 40+ registered classes "Active" but complete. IOR and/or PR contacted to complete and close.
- ESR Awards Banquet: to be voted upon at the November 24, 2013 meeting.