



**REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
PROGRAM STATUS REPORT
SEASON — FWD 2013 Winter Meeting**

PROGRAM: OE Transportation

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SEASON HIGHLIGHTS — total classes — total participants

To date - 120 total registered courses (new all time high). Region Administrators and Instructors have really bought into the program and are doing a great job.

Total participants cannot be estimated at this time due to year long problems with the national course database - but it is safe to say that we are capturing more training via NSP registration than ever before. Perhaps due to the success of the Davis Instructor Continuing Education (ICE) effort and the ability to touch a greater number of instructors pre season; should be able to verify/deny this by analysis of course reg. increases via Region during the summer months.

My travel this year has been to Tahoe twice, Ski Sunrise in the AZ Region, and an upcoming trip to NCA at Shasta. The AZ trip in particular has brought forth some issues not strictly related to the distance between ski areas.

GOALS FOR COMING SEASON:

I fell that we need to push the pre season ICE event to other Regions in order to continue the growth of the OET program. SCA should be the next event with future efforts going to NCA and eventually AZ Region.

Even with the huge increase in registrations this year, we estimate that only 70-75% of the ongoing training is being captured. Pre season events allow for the delivery of new concepts and time to discuss different ways of doing the same old things.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

While in a better state currently, the national dbase crash lost all courses, all Instructor recertifications, and a good portion of all patrol registrations and consumed a tremendous amount of Lakewood staff time to re-enter information; this effort lasted from mid December well into February. The toll on volunteer staff was unprecedented - there simply was NO communication from Lakewood, either to explain the issues or to develop a timeline for the repair work. As of December 15 I had onlt 2 OET courses reported through channels; while there was approx. 60 listed on the course calendar page of NSP.org; consequently, all FWD dbase work was done manually by pulling courses off the master calendar every week - a tedious and repetitive process that I never want to go through again, to be polite about it. If you see me drinking beers this weekend, I would advise you not bring this particular subject up. It will be a heated discussion.

The dbase is still not "fixed". While semi functional, the DPS reports are not complete and I do not think anybody in Lakewood particularly cares.

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