NATIONAL SKI PATROL ARIZONA REGION Region Director Report – Winter meeting 2013

The Arizona Region has had an up and down season for snow at Mt. Lemmon and Snowbowl/Flagstaff which both rely on natural snow. The warm spell in January hurt, but mid to late February brought snow relief. Sunrise makes snow so they have been steady. We have retained all the officers from 2012 and added a new Treasurer, Monica Martinez from the Sunrise patrol. She is quickly getting up to speed.

<u>Sunrise Patrol: Greer - White Mountains, AZ.</u> This is the largest patrol in the region with lots of opportunities for patrols to work many different kinds of situations. They have a good relationship with management and the pro division. They did an excellent job of OEC training and refreshers this year partnering with Mt. Lemmon in Tucson. They are running OEC classes up north near the resort as well as in Phoenix where many of the patrollers live. Region helped them obtain a second power point projector so they could teach classes both places. They have done some serious toboggan training this year as well as some basic avalanche classes.

Mount Lemmon Patrol: Tucson, AZ. They remain a small patrol in the desert, working hard to provide service to their local area. Their relationship with management continues to be good. Their Patrol Rep. is very well organized and dedicated. They doing ongoing training at every meeting, shared refresher duties and responsibility with Sunrise as well as Southern AZ Rescue Association.

They too are serious about toboggan and candidate training with what snow they can retain.

<u>Snowbowl Patrol: Flagstaff, AZ</u> Thanks to the tireless efforts of Steve Simi, Mike Koehlmoos, and others they remain an active patrol of 1 in our region. The pro division and management there is open to bringing more NSP presence on board, particularly as the area looks to physically expand.

Respectfully Submitted, Curt Grube