

# **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION REPORT**

**Don Harris, Region Director**

**Winter, 2013**

This season, 2012 – 2013, Southern California Region has again increased in both registered patrollers and patrols. The Region's current registration is 638 patrollers, including registered professionals; up 46 over last season. The Region also added 1 new Patrol, San Gabriel Back Country, serving the San Gabriel Mountains.

Snow pack this season has been marginal at best; despite showing early promises, Winter weather throughout Southern California has been very mild.

So Cal Region has hosted several Clinics this season for Avalanche, Mountaineering and the Senior and Certified Programs throughout the Region, including at Las Vegas. One of our field trips for the Avalanche I class had to travel to Mammoth area to conduct its weekend Field Session; there was not enough snow in our local resorts.

Five of our Senior trainers traveled to Las Vegas during the first weekend of January to conduct Senior SEM and OET Clinics. Most of the Las Vegas patrollers that participated passed the skiing requirements, and all were clinic'd on Tobaggon skills. Our expectation is that the thirteen participants will pass before the end of this season.

We are starting one OEC class series March 23rd in the Big Bear area, with several more beginning in the summer. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Avalanche I classroom training will begin March 5<sup>th</sup>. March 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>, we are conducting the Field session for a Mountaineering I class in the Big Bear area. Mountaineering II sessions will begin later this month.

Southern California Region is still exploring new and other opportunities to market NSP and recruit interested skiers and boarders into the NSP Programs.

This year's Region Awards Banquet will be held in a gorgeous outdoor setting at the base of Angeles National Forest on the private property of a non-Patroller, friend of the Region Director. Our celebration will be on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Southern California Region has begun participation in The College Fund. We started with the Big Bear OEC refresher in October 2012. With that, Division received between \$300 and \$400 from this program.

Submitted, By Don Harris, Region Director