



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
Assistant Division Director SEASON REPORT
FWD 2015 - 2016 RECAP

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SEASON HIGHLIGHTS —

El Nino was M.I.A. in SoCal...we kept waiting. End of Dec. thru Mid-Jan SoCal got good snowfall, then not so much. Warm sunny weather and melt freeze overnight made the SoCal Alpine non-resort recreation environment extremely dangerous. We experienced multiple off- resort rescues from 1st responders, due to the slippery icy conditions. A few of the events were 'recovery' and not 'rescue'. An on-duty NSP member was also injured which resulted in his demise. I traveled to the northern most resort in California and got to follow one of their 'Speed Racer Patrollers' around the hill. Positive interaction with other patrollers with 'Over-the-side' rope rescue and observed a chair evacuation demo. Powder day of training at 'Dodge Ridge' working on toboggan drills. Participated in the APP Spring Clinic at Mt. Rose in April. SoCal had 21 patrollers attend, 12 of which were candidates and they ended up with 17 Certifications. There were 20 educational programs which were available to all that attended. Two Eastern Division NSP certified patrollers attended this spring clinic and took multiple content back to the east coast with them.

GOALS FOR COMING SEASON:

- 1. Pray for bigger snow fall to the FWD ski resorts.
- 2. Continue to be an advocate to Division Advisors for support and counsel.
- 3. Explore and develop non-NSP winter travel classes at sporting goods stores.
- 4. Continue to participate at regional and division clinics as a FWD representative.
- 5. Discuss a crisis management protocol and best practices to impliment it.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

- Worked with FWD OEC advisor to engage the Arizona membership to be more involved with their region.

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