



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
PROGRAM STATUS REPORT

2016-2017 SEASON REPORT – due: JULY 5 ~~JULY 10, 2017~~

PROGRAM: Nordic

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SEASON HIGHLIGHTS — total classes — total participants

Nordic membership seems to be steady although more people are accessing the back-country.

Most patrols seem to resonate with the term ‘backcountry’ vs Nordic. Our skills, aptitudes, and capabilities should be captured within our work to develop a strategic plan to support our community. I am still looking to work with each patrol to understand their individual needs and support their advancement disires as the opportunities presents.

There was an addition to the Nordic S&T instructor base this year! I am continung to work with national on updating the manual to support this discipline. Once in another draft, I will circulate for divisional feedback on a limited basis when possible.

GOALS FOR COMING SEASON:

- 1) Continued work on competencies and exposure to the edge case techniques that will allow the patrols to become stronger, more efficient and a better resource to their local agencies. Travel and meet with the patrols on-site to talk/learn about their local needs, see their protocols, certify and re-certify on backcountry skills as needed.
- 2) Continue to develop an outline for a FWD Nordic and/or Backcountry strategic plan highlighting what is valuable to our community today and what needs to be developed for tomorrow to be stronger units for the public we serve.
- 3) Continuity of education and training standards across the patrols
- 4) Establishing a forum and means of communicating across division to allow for cross-training, membership support, and general communications
- 5) Ensuring Nordic Senior curriculum is up to FWD standards and can be easily communicated and administered across the division

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

An incident at Mt Lassen this year has possibly created more attention to bring the patrol to better standards to support patrollers on duty in a safe and supported means. Will work with the local patrol and National Nordic Supervisor, Rick Shandler. to discuss options for the upcoming seasons.

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