



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
Director and Assistant Division Director(s) WINTER MEETING REPORT
FWD 2016 - 2017 RECAP –Due February 23, 2017

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SEASON HIGHLIGHTS —

- Snow, Snow, Snow, Snow, Rain, Snow, Rain, Snow.....2 B continued
- The merger of the two largest volunteer patrols in SoCal Region are moving forward and a work in progress. The members are working well with each other and there is a transition to absorb all the information for each area's operation.
- Volunteers are getting re-aquainted with runs that haven't been available for use in years.
- Patrols are looking forward to more snow through the end of our season, 'happy patrollers'.
- Avalanche and Mountaineering classes have product to work with.
- 65+ Avalanche 1 students in SoCal Region.....Only 10 of them NSP students.

GOALS FOR COMING SEASON:

- 1. Continue to be an advocate to Division Advisors for support and counsel
- 2. Continue to participate at regional and division clinics as a FWD representative.
- 3. Represent the FWD membership at April Powderfall event.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

- Hikers out of ski area have triggered avalanche in Baldy Bowl.....3 rescued by helicopter from the avalanche.....
- Hikers on icy slope out of ski area unable to go up or down and rescued by helicopter.....
- Hiker on icy ridge out of ski area slips and falls, 1000 feet recovered not rescued by helicopter.....
- It's dangerous out there.....

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