



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION  
PROGRAM STATUS REPORT  
MID SEASON – FWD 2016 – 2017 RECAP  
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**PROGRAM:** Community College Program

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**SEASON HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE:**

Total classes	18	Total participants	506
OEC	7		62
Refresher	11		444

OEC: Only two OEC classes were submitted last season. An effort was made to get the OEC instructors to participate this season. As a result there were 7 OEC classes this year representing 62 students enrolled. One class is currently finishing and one more class will start soon (not included in the totals).

REFRESHER: 11 patrols participated this season. 10 of the 12 classes enrolled last year participated, Pinecrest Nordic plans to participate next year and China Peak simply stopped communicating. Squaw Valley was added to the list of participating patrols.

PATROLLING 101: Submitted as a three credit semester class similar to the current OEC. If it is approved we can expect earnings equal to the OEC classes as they will be the same students.

**OTHER ITEMS:**

1. Creation of a new Roster/Grade Sheet.
2. Increased communication with The Academy to identify applications that will be rejected and to return those applications to the patrol for corrections.

**SEASON GOALS:**

1. Maintain the Increased participation of OEC instructors.
2. Add one new patrol to Refresher Program.
3. Supply to each patrol the list accepted patrollers and an estimate of the funding earned.
4. Make available to each SI ideas to help enroll their patrol.
5. Make available to each Region in the FWD the materials to start a Community College program in their state - Arizona and Nevada.

**ISSUES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Refresher enrollment is down at a number of patrols.
  - a. Requirement of SSN
  - b. Getting proper forms to students in a timely manner.
  - c. Some Supervisory Instructors (SI) are getting tired of the paperwork.
 Resolution:
  - a. Better communication on SSN requirement.
  - b. Instruct the SI how to sent the forms via email before the OTH portion of the Refresher.
  - c. Suggest methods to reduce paperwork hassels.
2. Squaw Valley's SI changed the SSN on applications
 Resolution:
  - a. I have talked with the SI about changing the SSN and that any future altering of applications will not be tolerated.
  - b. I will direct the SI this next season on how to deal with patroller issues with the application process and assist him with the paperwork flow. My plan is to help with the SI via email and phone prior to the OTH. At the Squaw Valley OTH I will be present with the SI to assist him with the application process.