



**REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
PROGRAM STATUS REPORT
2017-2018 SEASON REPORT – due: JUNE 30, 2018**

PROGRAM: OEC

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SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

This season has been a transition for the OEC Supervisor from Kevin to myself. It's been an eye-opening, learning experience for me, thus far. I have not dived into the reports as much as I hope to do this coming year. I've been familiarizing myself with the goal of the position and learning the teams I have to work with.

- * Many resorts had short seasons due to the lack of snow.
- * 2 SEMs (1 @ Dodge and 1 @ Heavenly) There was a 50% pass rate (5/10 tested).
- * 10 OEC coursed with approximately 98 students registered.

Attended an OFC course and saw a true interest to help patrol more from this group.

- * Began working directly with the Assistant Patrol Representative from the US Ski Patrol in Korea.
- Attended my first OEC Supervisor's meeting and met counterparts from each Division, as well as the education team from National.

Plan on attending Powderfall in 2019 at Snow Bird.

GOALS FOR COMING SEASON:

- * Continue to develop my understanding for the position/role within the division/national.
- * (Realistically) visit as many refreshers as I possibly can (I can't do all of them).
- * Organize myself to better serve the region OEC advisors and the Division.
- * Encourage Region OEC Advisors to work with patrol representatives to manage their delinquent reports!
- * Encourage feedback and ideas from Regions. How can we better serve the regions?
- * Challenge each region to have an Instructors Continuing Education Clinic (ICE). Discovered this past season that smaller ICE Clinics seem to work well. Gives each person the opportunity to "teach" and the class to share ideas. This is not always possible with the larger ICE Clinics we have had in the past.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

ISSUE - the ongoing challenge of working the delinquent report

RESOLUTION - still looking for one.

ISSUE - IORs not being able to add students to their course (on the back-side). This is how a lot of patrollers get put into the "delinquent" bucket.

RESOLUTION - work with National to see if we can provide a viable option for all.

ISSUE - OEC MSP evaluations. There seems to be some dissatisfaction on the overall testing process.

General consensus is evaluators as well as candidates would like to see the previous testing process be brought back.

RESOLUTION - OEC Supervisors began this conversation at our meeting in April. We hope to have more on this in the upcoming season.

Are you planning on attending the August 2018 Board Meeting and Awards Banquet? NO



YES NO