



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
PROGRAM STATUS REPORT

2017-2018 SEASON REPORT – due: JUNE 30, 2018

PROGRAM: OE Transportation

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SEASON HIGHLIGHTS — total classes — total participants

A remarkable and difficult winter that featured a very dry season through February, followed by a significant rebound in March with many areas reporting 18-20 feet of snow for the month. A total of 82 Transportation courses were registered with the NSP, which represents a 35% decline from preseason expectations. These 82 course events touched approximately 670 Far West Division patrollers spread across the five Regions. Courses taught by Region were: Arizona Region - 3 courses; Southern CA Region - 9 courses, Northern CA Region - 2 courses, Mother Lode Region -33 courses, Eastern Sierra Region - 35 courses
Highlights were the very successful, but dry, early March trip to Southern CA to assist in a mid season ICE event to recertify some expired instructors; the Sugar Bowl Senior Event held in April, with the season ending for many at the Pacific North West Division's Nuts & Bolts OET clinic at Mt. Hood June 1-3, with 15 FWD patrollers in attendance, 6 out of 10 Division OET Supervisors, and National OET Program Director Marc Barlage present.

GOALS FOR COMING SEASON:

Spring and summer will feature work on a FWD Senior Scorecard project which will feature all the elements required for a Senior OET event in the Far West Division. This will give the Region Administrators more support and assist in the Division effort for consistency in delivery of the senior training product. We will also develop a pre season ICE event in SCA which will deliver a key component required for instructor recertification, which is intended to alleviate the weather related scheduling difficulties recently associated with on-snow ICE events.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

This report was delayed due to difficulties in obtaining correct data from NSP.org. The season end course roster, downloaded from the NSP website, contains multiple inconsistencies which make compilation of the data necessary for this report difficult at best, and requires consultation with other levels of Division management to confirm accuracy of the reported data.

Resolution to this issue will need to be driven from the political line of the association, but it is critical that input from the Educational line of the NSP be given greater priority in the next evolution of NSP.org

It should also be noted that this report reflects only completed NSP courses; NSP.org no longer tracks all course registrations; cancelled courses are no longer visible once the cancel option is used. It is estimated that the FWD OET Program had approximately 30 course events cancelled due to weather this season, with 16 cancelled courses in the SoCA Region alone..

Are you planning on attending the August 2018 Board Meeting and Awards Banquet?

YES NO