



National Ski Patrol

CENTRAL DIVISION

Ohio Region

OEC REGION REVIEW

Welcome to our Ohio Region OEC IT Team E-letter. The purpose of this correspondence is one of sharing information and ideas that will allow us to continue to offer a high quality OEC program to our Region. You are receiving this because you either have undertaken the role as a patrol OEC POC, OEC IT or are currently being mentored as an OEC IT.

Region OEC plans and formats are outlined below for this upcoming season. Please feel free to contact me anytime to ask questions, share ideas or provide suggestions. My intent is to have an open door policy and utilize a "TEAM" approach in solving issues and achieving our ultimate goal of providing a quality program for our fellow patrollers in our Region.

Thanks in advance for your participation this year and I look forward to working with all of you.

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I. **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Region OEC Administrator (ROA) - Dave Baumlein dbaumlei@insight.rr.com 419-560-2322

Background: Patrolling for 10 years, Home Patrol – Snow Trails, Senior Patroller, Administrative experience – APD 3 yrs, PD 4 yrs, Patrol Treasurer, OEC instructor – 8 yrs; OEC IT – 7 yrs

Assistant Region OEC Administrator (AROA) - Laura Scott familyscott@roadrunner.com 440-537-4045

Background: Patrolling for 10 years, Home Patrol-Alpine Valley, Alpine Patroller, Administrative experience – OEC instructor – 10 yrs, OEC IT

Senior Program Administrator – Tom Tavenner tom@tavgroup.net 937-206-9603

OEC Patrol Contacts (OEC POC's)

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OEC IT's – see attachment

II. **OEC ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

See attachment

III. **OEC EVENT CALENDAR 2010-2011**

See attachment

IV. **OEC INSTRUCTOR RECERTIFICATIONS**

NSP mandates that all OEC instructors recertify at least once every 3 years to continue as an OEC instructor. Region will offer three (3) OEC recertification clinics – see attachment for dates, times, places Any clinics planned must be coordinated through me and QA'd

V. **QUALITY CONTROL (QA)**

The National QA mandate for every Patrol is 4 items: OEC Refresher, OEC instructor refresher, OEC class and OEC Practical Final. All IT's must be involved in this process as it is key in the participation process when making yearly OEC IT appointments. IT's will need to perform 1-2 QA functions at an area outside of their own. I'm in the process of attempting to provide minimal financial travel reimbursement. More to follow on that matter.

VI. **SEM/ARM**

The SEM/ARM test clinic is deviating in its timeframe from years past. This has been implemented because of the need to adhere to ever changing NSP requirements. This event MUST be held "on snow", skiing candidates must be able to ski to the scene (if required) and it allows candidates the opportunity to practice in the environment in which they will be tested. It is noteworthy that ALL of the other Regions in the Central Division are already doing their SEM's at the end of the ski season.

This will obviously create the need for a change in our training format from years past. To that end I have set up a pre-season SEM calibration clinic to start this program off. Please note on your event calendar that this is scheduled for Saturday November 13 at Snow Trails from 1-4 p.m. Those that should attend are local patrol SEM IOR's, SEM evaluators, advocates and all potential SEM candidates. This format will cover SEM procedures, the rules of engagement, and specifically what we are looking for to help our candidates to be successful! We will actually demonstrate live scenarios for the candidates' behalf and allow the candidates a chance to participate in a scenario. This will allow them first hand experience on a Senior scenario, offer constructive feedback, and a dress rehearsal for evaluators. Participants attending

should be prepared to be outside and have their patrol packs.

SEM training schedules for each local Patrol are to be determined by that Patrol's SEM IOR or whoever is responsible for SEM training. The same paperwork checkoff's in the past will still need to be used and sent to the Region Senior Program Administrator Tom Tavenner as before.

VII. **CONCLUSION**

The OEC courses for the year have already started up or will shortly. Refreshers (including instructor) have been planned and QA assignments are in progress. It won't be long then until we can perform our skill sets in an environment of play that we call work.

I appreciate everyone's efforts to help to continue to set a great example within the Central Division and to allow our local Patrols ways to continue improving the OEC program in our Region. Your comments are welcomed and Laura and I look forward to working with you in any way we can.

Best regards,

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