

- 7.1 **QUALIFICATIONS:**<sup>11</sup> Shall meet the minimum requirements of being acceptable to Area Management and being a registered NSPS member of the Patrol and be elected or otherwise selected as provided by the constitution, bylaws or other Patrol operating rules.
- 7.2 **REPORTING CHAIN:** Reports to the Section Chief, thence to the Assistant Region Director for Line, and then to the Region Director.
- 7.3 **REGION MEETINGS:** As an Officer of the Ohio Region, is to attend general business meetings of the Region Board of Governors, or shall send an alternate.
- 7.4 **INTERMEDIARY WITH AREA MANAGEMENT:** Shall be the primary intermediary with Area Management in all business between Area Management and the Patrol, the Section, and the Region.
- 7.5 **PATROL STAFF:** Shall designate Patrol staff members in accordance with Patrol constitution, bylaws or operations manual. It is recommended that the Patrol staff include at the least OEC, Ski and Toboggan Training, and Testing (Proficiency) Advisors/Officers. Patrols are also encouraged to name an Awards Chair or Advisor to help ensure that all deserving Patrol members have a chance to receive recognition for achievements and service to the NSP, Patrol and skiing public. Other Advisors to support NSP Education Programs (*e.g.* Ski Mountaineering, Avalanche, etc.) to be responsible for equipment and other needed duties may be appointed.
- 7.6 **REFRESHERS:** Shall be responsible for organizing and holding Patrol annual OEC, On-the-Hill/On-the-Trail, and On-the-Snow refreshers meeting NSP standards. Refreshers for alpine ski areas served by chair-lifts will include chair evacuation training meeting National and Central Division standards. If an alpine Patrol serves an area that has no chair-lift, the Patrol Director must confirm before submitting annual registration for Senior alpine Patrollers, that each has participated in a refresher in chair-lift evacuation procedures at some chair equipped ski area.<sup>12</sup>
- 7.7 **CPR-BLS CERTIFICATION:**<sup>13</sup> A current CPR-BLS card is required for Patroller registration. Patrol Directors are responsible for certifying that all members registered have a current CPR-BLS card from the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association, showing course refresher completion since the last ski season.

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<sup>10</sup> *NSP Policies and Procedures*, section 6.4.3, Articles and Bylaws Art. III, section 17  
*The Ski Patroller's Manual*, 13th ed., Chapter 12

<sup>11</sup> *NSP Policies and Procedures*, section 6.4.3A, Minimum recommended requirements for Patrol Director candidates include two years experience since becoming a Basic Patroller, one year's experience as a Patrol Advisor, instructor or Officer, a minimum level of activity in the past season and familiarity with Section, Region, Division and National Policies. The Ohio Region has long recommended that Patrol Director's hold a Senior Classification.

<sup>12</sup> *NSP Policies and Procedures*, no longer a National level requirement, See section 16.5

<sup>13</sup> *NSP Policies and Procedures*, section 7.1.3, 7.4.9, and 7.5.4 OEC and BLS-CPR requirements for registration

- 7.8 PATROL AND PATROLLER REGISTRATION:<sup>14</sup> Shall be familiar with and follow the current registration procedures for Patrols and Patrollers found in the most recent update of the *NSP Policies and Procedures*. Shall comply with any current Division and Region supplementary registration policies and deadlines.
- 7.9 PATROLLER RECORDS: Shall assist individual Patrollers with their membership records by prompt distribution of registration cards and assuring that record updates for member classification and education course completion are maintained and that upgrade data is sent to the National Office. Shall verify and if necessary correct each Patroller membership record on the Patrol Patroller Roster printout from the National Office. The Region strongly advises that a Patrol maintain individual Patroller history records of service, training and accomplishments for record validation, preparation of award nominations and publicity releases.
- 7.9.1 SENIOR RECORD UPGRADE: At least 30 days prior to the annual Region Awards Banquet, the Patrol Director shall forward to the Region Senior Program Administrator a copy of the ADivision Activity Records for Senior Core and Elective Components@ form for each Senior Candidate who has fulfilled all the requirements for the Senior Program and for which an AUpdate and Change In Classification@ form has been submitted to the National Office.<sup>14</sup>
- 7.10 AREA EMERGENCY PLAN: Shall be responsible for the preparation, updating and coordination with local Area Management of the area disaster plan for handling extreme emergencies at the local ski area.
- 7.11 AREA LIFT EVACUATION PLAN:<sup>15</sup> Patrol Directors serving alpine areas equipped with chair-lifts shall assist Area Management, if necessary, to assure that an area Lift Evacuation Plan (LEP) exists for all lifts and specifying the general protocols that all area departments to follow if a lift becomes inoperable. The LEP will be reviewed with Area Management prior to the start of each ski season and prior to the on-the-hill refresher to assure that it is current.
- 7.12 ANNUAL PATROL ACTIVITY REPORT: An annual end of season report shall be prepared describing the Patrol's activities and accomplishments. This written report shall be delivered to the Section Chief prior to the Region Spring Meeting. The Patrol Annual Report format provides a guideline about the minimum information content. A brief oral summary will be presented to the Region Board of Directors by the Patrol Director or the Section Chief.
- 7.13 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: Each Patrol Director shall submit a Financial Report (Division form) for the NSP fiscal year, from 1 July to 30 June. That report is to be delivered to the Section Chief by August 15 (45 calendar days after the close of the fiscal year).
- 7.14 AWARD NOMINATION SUBMISSIONS: The Patrol Director is strongly encouraged to submit to the Section and Region nominations for all awards for which the Patrol and its Patrollers are eligible. Since the nominations must meet stringent documentation requirements and strict deadlines, the Patrol Director or designee should carefully study award nomination requirements and consult with the Region Awards Advisor far in advance of the submission deadlines.
- 7.15 SENIOR ALPINE SKI AND TOBOGGAN CLINIC: When sending candidates to a Senior Clinic, the Patrol Director shall coordinate the clinic=s support by the patrol=s Senior Clinic Instructors. (see 51.4 and 52.3.7)

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<sup>14</sup> *NSP Policies and Procedures* section 8 - Registration; The entire section describes at great length the many aspects of registration including the calendar cycle, codes, Patrol and Patroller registration, refresher and fee requirements and other items. Section 8.3.9.B describes the Update and Classification Change Form.

<sup>15</sup> *NSP Policies and Procedures*, section 2.2.4 area management is responsible for Lift Evacuation  
*The Ski Patroller's Manual*, 14th ed., page 55  
*The Lift Evacuation Technical Manual, 1990 Edition* a joint NSAA-NSP publication