



OHIO REGION OUTDOOR EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

End of Season Report: May 2025

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OET Events:

Events were held on Zoom, at Boston Mills, Mad River Mountain, Perfect North Slopes, Paoli Peaks, and Snow Trails. We had a great season with great snow! Our participation numbers were very similar to last year. Thank you PDs for informing your patrollers about the events and providing lunch for participants. Members did a much better job this year registering for events early; in many cases, registrations were closed early before the event as we were at capacity. We are limited by how many toboggans we can put on the hill for the conditions. We also try to keep the group size to 5 or under so everyone has more time on the sleds. We are utilizing the option to have a waiting list on the National Page.

BREAKDOWN OF OET EVENTS 2024-2025:

AREA	SR OET TE	SR Tob TE	SR Ski/Ride TE	TES Participants	TES Instructors	TTW Part	TTW Instructors	DIVISION Fall/Spring FESTIVAL Part/Inst
Big Creek	1	0	0	* NO SESSIONS SCHEDULED THIS YEAR *				2/1
Boston Mills	6	6	2	14 (+4)	3	3 (-6)	1 (-1)	4/3
Mad River Mountain	1	4	3	10 (-7)	1	5 (+1)	1 (=)	2/0
Paoli Peaks	1	0	0	10 (+10)	2	4 (=)	1 (=)	1/0
Perfect North Slopes	5	4	5	16 (-12)	4	8 (-4)	2 (+1)	9/4
Snow Trails	2	NA	0	14 (-1)	3	9 (-1)	2 (=)	8/0
TOTALS	16	14	10	64	13	29	6	26/8
Gain 2023 to 2024	NA	NA	NA	-6	-2	-10	0	18/3

TOTAL REGION OET & SNOWSPORTS INVOLVED:

Participants: **186**
(not counting STW)

Instructors: **30 slots** covered by 17 Instructor Trainers.

NEW OET Instructors

Paul Fleischman (MRM)
Jacki Kim (ST)
Stuart McDowell (PNS)
Tom Mostyn (MRM)
Kristine Nichols (ST)
Sean Power (BMBWAV)
Suzanne Tkach (MRM)
Tyler Williams (MRM)

Recerted Ski/Ride TE

Kevin Fultz (PNS)

NEW/CONVERTED OET TE:

Amy Arnold (ST) C
Tracy Buchanan (BMBWAV) C
Jim Burns (ST) C
Pat Conochan (BMBWAV) New
Colleen Fisher (BMBWAV) C
Andrew French (PNS) C
Jonathan French (PNS) C
Scot Gilb (PNS) C
Bruce Heichelbech (PP) C
Richard McNitt (BMBWAV) C.
Chris Miller (BMBWAV) C

Mark Misulich (PNS) New
Brian Monroe (BC) C
Peter Oka (PNS) C
Chris Raudabaugh (MRM) C
Jay Zedak (BMBWAV) C

NEW OET ITs

Amy Arnold (ST)
Jim Seeger (PNS)

Instructor Data: for 2024-25 OET: Recertified in 4/30/25

REGION OET IT	TOTAL OET Inst.	Number of OET Inst. in Training	Number of SR Toboggan Not Calibrated	Number of SR. S/R T/E
19	85	25	4	1
===== DUE FOR RECERT IN 2025-26 =====				
2	17	NA	13	8
===== NUMBER WHO DID NOT RECERT IN 2025-26 =====				
0	6	NA	7 (1 Injury)	0

2025 - 26 RECERTS NEEDED:

<u>IT RECERTS:</u>	<u>OET RECERTS</u>	<u>CONVERSION TO SR OET TE</u>
David McKinley *	BMBWAV	Greg Schoeneman (AL)
Jim Seeger *		Chris Miller (credit)
		Marge Ricksecker
	Mad River	Wally Taylor
		Cheryl Raudabaugh
	Paoli Peaks	Leah Morgan
		Greg Dillon
	Perfect North	David McKinley *
		Kevin Rankey
		Andrew French (credit) *
		Jonathan French (credit) *
		Jim Seeger (credit) *
		Yvett Gerdes
		Mark Misulich
		Greg Schmidt (due in 25)
		Bev Benzing (due in 25)
		John McGoff (due in 25)
		* Division Staff Member.
	Snow Trails	Paul McAlaster
		Tim Durbin
		Charles Mardis
		Allen Wheller

OET INSTRUCTORS BY AREA:

Ski Area	Instructors	Instructor Trainers	Mentoring Instructors.	Total
Boston Mills/Brandywine Alpine Valley	17	6	11	34
Cleveland Ski Club	0	1	1	2
Mad River Mountain	12	5	1	18
Paoli Peaks	6	2	2	10
Perfect North Slopes	17	3	3	23
Snow Trails	10	2	7	19
TOTALS	62	19	25	106

2024-25 UPDATES:

- * **National:**
 - * Online Learning for OET is still in the works.
 - * New Mentoring Instructor Reporting via the Web is being developed.
- * **Division:**
 - * The Spring Festivals a Nubs Nob on 3/8-9 was a great! Low attendance due to so many ski areas still being open.
 - * Division Webpage is getting some TLC
 - * Will be some slight alterations to the Senior OET Cards for next season.
 - * We will be moving into year 2 of the OET TE training program.
 - * Spring Festivals with another Southern Division (Timberline) and Rocky Mountain Division Winterpark, is being planned for next year.
 - * The December 2025 festivals are being planned, and courses are being developed. We will be working to maintain participation and add new faces. Numbers on participants are somewhat capped for each Region, however, we have had good luck in getting people into the event. Division is looking to add more Snowboard and Tele courses. Hopefully we can get word out faster next year!!
- * **Region:**
 - * Welcomed two new ITs to our Region: Amy Arnold & Jim Seeger but we still need to develop the next generation of instructors at several resorts.
 - * Six OET instructors did not to recertify this year. Two were injured but will recertify next year
 - * Set up OET Records on the Region Google Drive to maintain
 - * Thank you to **Dale Mihuta** who is leaving our IT cadre after many years. Over the years he has worked to develop and foster many techniques we currently use in OET at Region and Division level. He was also instrumental in developing the NSP-C Ski School. Please thank Dale for all his efforts on behalf of the OET Program.
 - * Thank you also to **Greg Schoeneman** who became an Alumni Member this year. Hopefully we will consider joining us again! Greg has also been a longtime OET Instructor and IT for the Region!
 - * OET New Instructor Zoom Session continues to help candidate be successful by providing them with an overview of the program and necessary paperwork. Please help us identify patrollers who should become OET Instructors. The Zoom clinic is the start of the training! The OET Instructor Path includes teaching, evaluating, and demo skills. It takes time to develop all of them. Your local IT is a great resource and an important part in your journey.
 - * Continuing to expand the links and info on the Region Webpage linking it to Division page for the most up to date info.
 - * We are looking to add a few STWs (Snowsports Trainer's Workshops) in the Region next year as we work to improve the teaching skills of our instructors.

ACTION POINTS: OET

- * **RECRUITMENT:** Continue to get younger patrollers involved with our OET program.
- * **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT as Instructors:**
 - **Yearly IT & T/E Skills Refresher @ Local Area with your staff:** We don't practice enough as instructors.
 - Host a Region MA Zoom Course tied to an STW for instructors in the early season.
- * **Fall/Winter Festivals: Dec 13-14 (not confirmed) @ the Highlands at Harbor Spring** *
- Division:** Continue to nominate new people to attend.
 - Investigate bringing back the Region Training event (Held in early Jan. We got away from it because of conditions and lack of snow)
- * **TTW/TES:** We still have larger events at PNS, so we might investigate holding on Saturday against the SES.
- * **SENIOR TEST: TEs:** Continue working to Convert our TE to the OET TE certification.

- * **MVP Program & Frosty Refreshers:** The MVP program was never designed to replace the Frosty Refresher at your home area. The organization/structure of the Frosty is a local decision. If an alpine patroller is not successful in the Frosty, we suggest having a written policy with the steps needed to become proficient. Again, please include your ITs in these training decisions.
- * **MVP Program:** Needs better control for a Region Supervisor and guidance from Division. These are being addressed currently.
- * **National Waiver:** It would be wonderful if we could have a waiver on the National page so registering in two places is no longer required.

Thanks to everyone for a great season! Thanks to the Patrols and PDs who helped get the word out about events! A special thanks for providing lunch to the participants and staff. This helps us by reducing the time we spend inside. Also a huge thank you to ROSE!!!! She maintains the webpage and the registrations on the Region's behalf and in very short notice, updates them when they reach capacity. Thanks again Rose!!!

Overall, I am proud to serve the Ohio Region as your OET Supervisor. Please let me know if there is anything I can ever do to help you and let's hope for a better season next year!!!