**2023 – 2024 Recap**

The Senior OEC Evaluation was conducted the weekend of December 2nd, 2023 at Mad River Mountain. The 2023 – 24 season set yet another record with 22 Senior OEC Candidates being evaluated. Strong participation from across the region with over 60 assisting & support patrollers. This continued, broad-based support ensured a successful event. This was also the first season that the “Re-Test” option was available for those Senior OEC Candidates who were unsuccessful in one of the two evaluation scenarios at the primary testing event. Those candidates that met these criteria would be eligible for a single scenario evaluation within the season. This re-test event was also held at Mad River Mountain the weekend of March 23rd, 2024. Many thanks the Mad River Mountain team for supporting the region for both Senior OEC events.

The results:



Seventeen of the Twenty-One candidates were successful at our Senior OEC events.

**Learnings**

1)    Senior OEC Clinic, held ~ 1 month prior to the evaluation, was generally successful.  Our format was to divide the day into Senior OEC Skills in the morning, followed by Senior OEC scenarios in the afternoon. It was a busy day.  Some thoughts for next season.

* For the Senior OEC & ARM clinic, focus on Scenarios with all candidates to drive more evaluation of Leadership, Decision Making, and Problem Solving.  The OEC skills need to be focused in the training defined by each patrol.

2)  Drive to do more across-Region training.

* Chris Miller initiated a shared training calendar this past season to encourage patrols to attend training outside of their primary patrol.
* The intent is to expand and standardize the ways in which we all execute OEC skills, especially at the Senior level.
* Adoption was limited on 2023 - 24.  We look to expand this in 2024 -25 as we observed in the evaluations there was some local variation in protocol, especially in the back-boarding process steps.

**2024 – 2025 Planning**

For the 2024- 25 season, the format and calendar we piloted this season will be used.

***Pre-Evaluation Clinic***

1. Candidates should attend a division or region clinic that covers what needs to be accomplished to be successful. Must include Leadership, Decision-Making, and Problem Solving. This clinic can be electronic or in person.

* Tentative Date: Saturday, November 9th, 2024
* Tentative Location: Columbus Public Library, Dublin – 75 North High Street, Dublin

***Evaluation***

1. Candidates will successfully complete two scenarios as leader.
2. If a Candidate is not successful on one of their scenarios, they will be allowed to take an additional scenario on that day or a mutually agreeable time.

Suggested testing dates for the Senior Program 2024 – 2025 season.

* Tentative Aid-Room Module: Saturday, December 7th, 2024
* Tentative Senior OEC: Sunday, December 8th, 2024
* Tentative Location: Snow Trails

For planning purposes, we are asking each patrol to submit their number of potential Senior OEC and ARM candidates by September 1st, 2024. This will ensure we can enlist the needed support for testing.

Please also ensure that all Senior OEC and ARM applications and associated paperwork is complete and submitted 2-weeks prior to testing. Once our date is finalized, reports should be sent to Chris Miller @ [lastchair23@outlook.com](mailto:lastchair23@outlook.com)

Patrol leadership should also identify and communicate who, from their patrol, will be the primary point of contact for Senior OEC & ARM related information including ongoing training, testing updates, potential Senior OEC T/E Candidates, and general Senior OEC / ARM communications. As of now, the contacts of record are:



Please send any revisions to these contacts to Whitney Eakin @ [weakin123@gmail.com](mailto:weakin123@gmail.com)

A reminder, patrols sending Senior OEC & ARM candidates for testing must send support personnel. We continue to need broad support from the region to serve as patients, bystanders, trained help, station managers etc. The number of support personnel must be in proportion to the number of candidates that are being sent to the test. If we don’t secure appropriate support personnel, it may be necessary to limit the number of candidates an area will be able to participate in the test.

*Senior OEC T/E Recertification*

Process to recertify and engage the Senior OEC T/E team will require we meet face-to-face with a larger proportion of our Ohio Region team. We have leveraged the virtual modality to conduct these recertification meetings; given the evolving nature of our Senior OEC and ARM programs meeting in person makes more sense. We will continue to cover and content from our OEC Cycle B Refresher that may impact Senior level OEC scenarios. Meetings will be held in person at various locations around the region. Coordinating these Senior T/E recertifications with the Patrol OEC Refreshers would been prudent to consider.

Tentative Senior OEC T/E recertification dates would be generated once Patrol OEC Refreshers dates are confirmed. Suggest 3 events with similarly located patrols eligible to join:

* Boston Mills / Brandywine / Alpine Valley: Date:
  + Co-located Patrols: Snow Trails / Cleveland Ski Club/ Ohio Nordics
* Mad River Mountain Date:
  + Co-located Patrols: Snow Trails & Perfect North Slopes
* Perfect North Slopes Date:
  + Co-located Patrols: Paoli Peaks & Mad River Mountain

Following these two recertification clinics, we will send a complete attendee roster to Chris Miller of 2024 – 2025 Senior OEC T/E’s.