**2024 – 2025 Recap**

The Senior OEC Evaluation was conducted on the weekend of December 8th, 2024, at Mad River Mountain. Many thanks to the Mad River team for being wonderful hosts. That team continues to do an excellent job of supporting such a large event and creating a space for region camaraderie.

The 2024 – 25 season had 11 Senior OEC Candidates being evaluated. Strong participation from across the region with over 57 assisting & support patrollers. This continued, broad-based support ensured a successful event. This was the second 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. This re-test event was also held at Mad River Mountain the weekend of March 22nd, 2025.

The results:



10 of the 11 candidates were successful at our Senior OEC events.

***Learnings***

1)    Senior OEC Candidate Clinic, held 1 month prior to the evaluation, built upon our prior years and was viewed as a very successful event.  Our format was adjusted to a full day of Senior OEC & Aid-Room Module scenarios. Most candidates were able to complete 2 full, scored scenarios as lead gaining critical feedback from our seasoned Ohio Region Senior Trainer / Evaluators.

2)  Drive to do more across-Region training.

* The drive to share specific patrol training calendars has been in process over the past two seasons. The intent is to encourage patrols to attend training outside of their primary patrol when practical and feasible. Geography and conflicting demands are always barriers to making this routine.
* The intent is to expand and standardize the ways in which we all execute OEC skills, especially at the Senior level.
* As noted, adoption was limited over the past two seasons.  We look to continually advocate for this in 2025 -26. Early indications and actions have already seen increased collaboration across the patrols at Boston Mills / Brandywine / Alpine Valley & Snow Trails are actively planning coordinated Senior candidate training in the late summer / early fall. Additional interest from the Mad River and Perfect North teams to engage more broadly when timing and geography permit.

**2025 – 2026 Planning**

For the 2025- 26 season, the format and calendar we piloted this season will be used.

***Pre-Evaluation Candidate 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 8th, 2025
* 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 2025 – 2026 season.

* Tentative Aid-Room Module: Saturday, December 6th, 2025
* Tentative Senior OEC: Sunday, December 7th, 2025
* Tentative Location: Snow Trails OR Boston Mills & Brandywine

For planning purposes, we are asking each patrol to submit their number of potential Senior OEC and ARM candidates by September 1st, 2025. 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

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

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 C 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 are below; we can adjust once Patrol OEC Refreshers dates are confirmed. Recommendation now is for 2 events with similarly located patrols eligible to join:

* Northern Ohio
	+ Date: Sunday, September 14th, 2025
	+ Location: Snow Trails OR Brandywine Ski Resort
	+ Targeted Patrols: Boston Mills, Brandywine, Alpine Valley / Snow Trails / Cleveland Ski Club/ Ohio Nordics

* Southern Ohio
	+ Date: Saturday, September 20th, 2025
	+ Location: Mad River Mountain OR Location South of Columbus
	+ Targeted Patrols: Mad River Mountain / Perfect North Slopes / Paoli Peaks

Following these two recertification clinics, we will send a complete attendee roster to Chris Miller of 2025 – 2026 Senior OEC T/E’s.