



OHIO REGION OUTDOOR EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

End of Season Report: April 2024

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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. With the challenging season, I'm very happy to report that our enrollment was larger than last year despite one canceled event. 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 most cases, we had to close registration by the Wednesday 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.

BREAKDOWN OF OET EVENTS 2023-2024:

AREA	Mentor Inst. Zoom	Senior Calib. Tob	Senior Calib. Ski	TES Participants	TES Instructors	TTW Part	TTW Instructors	DIVISION FALL FESTIVAL Part/Inst
Big Creek	0	NA	NA	* NO SESSIONS SCHEDULED THIS YEAR *				0/1
Boston Mills	3	6	4	10	2	9	1	12/3
Mad River Mountain	0	NA	NA	17	3	4	1	6/2
Paoli Peaks	0	NA	NA	CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER (4)	0	5	1	5/0
Perfect North Slopes	3	4	3	28	7	6	1	14/4
Snow Trails	3	NA	NA	19	3	10	2	3/0
TOTALS	9	10	7	74	15	34	6	40/10
Gain 2023 to 2024	6	NA	NA	15	7	9	2	18/3

TOTAL REGION OET & SNOWSPORTS INVOLVED:

Participants: **174**
(not counting STW)

Instructors: **24 slots** covered by **14** Instructor Trainers.

NEW OET Instructors

Matthew Baughman: ST
Cary Gant: PP
Scott Gilb: PNS
Chet Stanley: MRM
Alan Wheeler: ST

NEW Sr. Ski Ride T/Es:

Staci Klainer: BMBW
Shawn Rousch: MRM

NEW Instructor Trainers

Chris Korte: PNS
Josh Hershil: BMBW

NEW Sr. Toboggan T/Es

Scott Chmielecki: BMBWAV
Rashid Farahati: BMBWAV
Brook Patten: PNS

Colleen Fisher
Piotr Mroz

Instructor Data: for 2024-25 OET: Recertified in 4/30/24

REGION OET IT	TOTAL OET Inst.	Number of OET Inst. in Training	Number of SR. TOB T/E	Number of SR. S/R T/E
20	78	30	25 calibrated 8 not calibrated	17 calibrated 3 not calibrated
===== DUE FOR RECERT IN 2024 =====				
7	26	30	16	8
===== ENROLLMENT CHANGE SINCE LAST SEASON =====				
+4	-8	+8	+5 (w/non-calibrated)	0 (w/non-calibrated)

2024 - 25 RECERTS NEEDED:

IT RECERTS:	OET RECERTS-----	SR. TOBOGGAN TE-----	SR. SKI/RIDE TE
Jim Burns	BMBWAV	Staci Kaliner	Tracy Buchanan
Richard McNitt		Pat Conochan	Jim Burns
Tracy Buchannan		Scott Chmielecki	Frank Cleary
Bruce Heichelbech			Vern DeHaven
Dale Mihuta	Mad River	Matthew Collins	Andrew French
Jay Zedak		Thomas Reichart	Jon French
Jim Vickroy			Bruce Heichelbech
	Paoli Peaks	David Busick	David McKinley
		Greg Dillon	Richard McNitt
		Leah Morgan	Dale Mihuta
		Jeff Schneider	Chris Miller
			Brian Monroe
	Perfect North	Brett Hochman	Greg Schmidt
		Brook Patten	Jim Seeger
		Mason Boswell	Troy Southwick
		Greg Schmidt	Jay Zedak
		Bev Benzing	John McGoff (Need Cal)
		Stephen Jarboe	
		John McGoff	
		Peter Oka	
	Snow Trails	Dia McDermott-Hall	
			Brook Patten (NeedCal)

2022-23 UPDATES:

- * **National:**
 - * Online Learning for OET is still in the works.
 - * Powderfall was held this year at Vail.
- * **Division:**
 - * New Senior Scorecards were rolled out. 2 Regions did not have tests. Those that did all used the new Toboggan Cards: One Region did not use the Ski/Ride Cards, although they will next year. Updates will be made to the scorecards before next season
 - * A Toboggan Tips Document that went out across the Division.
 - * Updated a Teaching Basic Maneuvers Document for all OET instructors went out to regions. They are in process of adding Tele for next season.
 - * MVP Program rolled out to assist older patrollers (>60) learn new techniques to maintain their skills. Jim Vickroy & Dale Mihuta attended the training.
 - * Developing a mentoring program for OET Instructor Trainers in training.
 - * The December 2024 festivals are being planned, and courses are being developed. The region has a list of people who are interested in attending or need to attend. If you are interested in attending, please let me know. If you have any ideas for courses, please let us know. Division is looking to add more Snowboard and Tele courses.
 - * The Spring Festivals for 2025! Northern Michigan 3/8-9, and in Western Region. (Wisconsin)
 - * In discussion: permitting ITs to recertify at a regional event with Division staff teaching the event.

- * **Region:**
 - * We welcomed four new ITs to our Region! We will continue to work to bring new blood into the program. We still could use additional ITs at PNS and Snow Trails.
 - * Five OET instructors decided not to recertify this year. Two were injured but will recertify next year when they are well, one needs to practice before recerting next season.
 - *. The OET Webpage now includes updated OET Instructor & Senior TE lists.
 - * OET New Instructor Zoom Classes continue to be helpful in getting people to complete the forms correctly let them understand the program and will continue it next year. Please help us identify patrollers who should become OET Instructors. The Zoom clinic is the start of the training! Please remember that the training 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.
 - * We are Looking to offer a movement analysis course tied to an STW for our instructors next year.
 - * Continuing to expand the links and info on the Region Webpage.
 - * MVP program was held at Snow Trails with 16 participants. We have 2 new facilitators and , hopefully, more classes next year offered throughout the season.

ACTION POINTS: OET

- * **RECRUITMENT:**
 - We will continue to recruit Instructors, especially ITs. Snow Trails has only 1 Toboggan IT.
- * **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 @ the Highlands at Harbor Bay (Boyne Highlands)**
 - * **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:** We must continue reinforcing our skills so that demos are at the standard.
- * **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.

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. 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!!!