



Eastern Division

NATIONAL SKI PATROL



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Happy Fall to all Region Directors and Eastern Division Leadership,

Information was sent to you in October 2020 regarding the Youth Protection Policy and its requirements: [Resources – YPP](#) [NSP P&P Chapter 13](#).

As a quick reminder, ALL Region and Division **leadership are required** to take the training. If you are new to your leadership position, this must be **completed by December 31, 2021**.

The completion of this training is a requirement of Mountain Guard, the NSP's corporate insurance company, and it aligns with the Federal SafeSport act. Your course completion information will be shared with the National office and will be reflected in your member profile.

It is important to note that NOT all instructors need to complete this training. Essentially there needs to be one trained individual at an event that involves protected youth. If it is an overnight event, there needs to be at least two. The Eastern Division is encouraging all **instructors** to participate in the training anyway. While we do not want to discourage anyone else from participating in the training, candidates and non-instructor patrollers do not need this training and are not the target audience defined by P&P.

According to P&P, this training must be completed **every three years** and it must be the complete training as described in P&P, NOT a refresher course. Although many patrollers take a refresher to meet their coaching/school requirements, we ask that you do not submit this information as it does not meet the intent of our P&P.

- **Praesidium:** **Must** include these exact modules: 1. Duty to Report; 2. Preventing Sexual Activity among Adolescents; and 3. Meet Sam.
- **BSA:** **Must** complete the BSA course that gives you a certificate **with an expiration date**. Taking the YPT test does not count. BSA certificates expire after two years.
- **SafeSport:** **Must** be the entire course, not just a refresher module.
- You must take one of the three courses or an external YPT course with a minimum of two hours of training. Submit a completion certificate for Division Director approval.
- Do not submit background checks. They are not youth protection training.
- Ignore Praesidium's email about courses "resetting" one year after completion. Their certificates are good for three years. Eastern Division will notify members when certificates are about to expire; or you can check your own profile.
- Finally, all certificates must be submitted [via this form](#). Do not email Chris Tota.

Please share this information with your respective staff (PD's, RA's) and post on your Region's website.

While Chris Tota, YAP Assistant Supervisor is managing the data, compliance needs to be monitored at the Region and Division levels. Chris and Craig are not responsible for disseminating that information. Please direct any questions to Cal or me regarding the requirements or policy.

Thank you for disseminating this information and supporting this important program and its requirement.

Respectfully,
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