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-- By Jim Giffin, Northern Vermont Region Director

When I took on this position, I did not know what to expect. I have been surprised by the amount of emails from the Eastern Division and National Division. Most are not in need of immediate response. Instead of sending the information out as I receive it, I thought it would be good to consolidate into a 'newsletter' format and let people follow up with items that interest them. Thank you Geneviève for the idea! Not sure how frequently this will come out. I plan to collect information and wait until I have 'enough' to send it out. Expect maybe every two months during the summer. I will do my best to avoid duplicating information that is included in other newsletters.

**Alumni Advisors Meeting**

-- By Allan Miller, Eastern Division Alumni Supervisor

We have approval to conduct a face-to-face Alumni Advisors meeting; we talked about November 13-14<sup>th</sup>. The Division will pay for one delegate per region; once we have a headcount, we can figure out how to get everyone who wants to join in. We invite partners to join (separately covered by you).

Since NVT currently does not have an Alumni Advisor, we could send a representative of the Regional Director's choosing. Please let Jim Giffin know if you have a recommendation for someone to attend this meeting as an NVT representative.

The meeting will be conducted in accordance with whatever COVID restrictions are in place at the time. Hopefully none! The location will be **Dunham's Bay Resort on Lake George**.

**Please respond and RSVP** to: [allancmiller48@gmail.com](mailto:allancmiller48@gmail.com)

**HIPAA Policy Update**

-- From the desk of Aaron Brillhart, MD, Northern Vermont Medical Advisor

The Eastern Division medical advisors met to discuss two updates:

- 1) **Patient follow-up post-injury** - going forward the medical advisors will not be able to open a patient chart at a hospital to follow up on an injury result. We want to avoid a situation where a medical advisor is removed from a medical staff or fired for this kind of non-hospital-based chart access. The following was recommended:
  - ➔ Set up a protocol for every patient that before they go to ask them "is it ok if we call YOU to follow up on your injury and see how you are doing, and which specific phone number would you like us to call?" and include on the patient's chart.
- 2) **Non-OEC standard procedures** – it was clarified during the medical advisor meeting clarified that any procedure that is not OEC standard such as shoulder reduction should have a letter of authorization from the ski resort.

## Youth Protection Policy Training

-- By Geneviève Talbert, Northern Vermont Section Chief (Jay Peak)

During our Northern Vermont meeting we discussed the training requirements with regards to the Youth Protection Policy. ***ALL Region and Division leadership are required to take the training.*** At least one instructor at an NSP educational event that has young adults involved needs to have the required training (OEC Class, Senior EMM, Senior OET).

Once you have completed the training, you may consider offering it to your entire patrol as an optional training. At your discretion! There are three (3) required modules:

- Meet Sam
- Duty to report
- Preventing sexual activity among adolescents



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**STEP 2 – LOGIN** at <http://website.praesidiuminc.com/login> (Enter your login and password and click the orange Login button.)

**STEP 3 – COMPLETE COURSES** by scrolling down the page a bit until you see the courses listed. Click the title of the course to open and view it.

**STEP 4 – SUBMIT** your certificates via this [this link](#). Our Eastern Division representative is Chris Tota, [chris.edyap@gmail.com](mailto:chris.edyap@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## By-Laws and Policies and Procedures (P&P)

-- By Jim Giffin, Northern Vermont Region Director

The regional by-laws were written soon after the division adopted the 2004 version. The premise was our by-laws said what we had to do and the Policies & Procedures (P&P) was a companion document that supported the by-laws with more detail. I would like to get electronic voting as an option for elections in the by-laws and if approved, amend the P&P to reflect this change. This would require a vote at the fall membership meetings. I am working with Dave Carter, NVT legal advisor on how to do this.

There are a variety of other changes suggested by Teigh Southworth for P&P updates, including the expense reimbursement process. P&P changes can be made with the approval of the NVT Executive Committee and do not require a vote of the membership. I am looking for the best way to involve people while respecting their time; I am not looking to wordsmith a document in a group meeting, but more a way to send something out for comments to develop a consensus on recommended updates and then voting on them. Let me know if you have ideas on how to approach this or are interested in working on changes to the P&Ps.

## Awards Draft P&Ps

-- From Sue-Ellen Helmacy, Eastern Division Awards Supervisor

I am drafting award P&Ps. Comments have to come back through me. Let me know if you would like to see them. Any suggestions due no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> at: [sueellenh96@gmail.com](mailto:sueellenh96@gmail.com)

## Awards Board

-- From Chris Greenwood, Northern Vermont Awards Advisor (Mad River Glen)

I am working on pulling together an NVT Awards Board. Contact me for more information at: [mrgskier3@netzero.net](mailto:mrgskier3@netzero.net)

## OEC Training

-- From Chris Southworth

There are currently no Summer or Fall OEC training listed on our website, stay tuned for more information on upcoming classes.

## Patroller School

-- By Tom Wallin, Ski  
Patrol Director (Swain)



We are offering this as a one-day course in Genesee Valley. It is always a day filled with lots of fun, and low pressure. It is an opportunity to learn some new skills and try some techniques or equipment you may not know about or have ever seen before. If there are any questions, they can contact either Jeff or myself.

**Program:** Advanced Patroller School (One Day)

**Date:** Sunday, August 1st

**Time:** 7:30AM - 5:00PM

**Location:** Hunt Hollow Ski Club, **Genesee Valley Region**  
7532 County Rd #36, Naples, NY 14512

**Course #:** E328210003

**Course Lead:** Jeff Baker [jbaker@timberhomedesignbuild.com](mailto:jbaker@timberhomedesignbuild.com)

**Cost:** \$25

#### Program Description:

This program is open to any patroller: Candidate, Basic, Senior candidate, Senior, Certified candidate, Certified, Mountain Host. In this very concentrated day, we will cover the areas of OEC skills, Low Angle Rope Rescue, and Chair lift evacuation. We will work on skills throughout the day and apply them at the end of the day with a mini-MCI drill where you will put those new skills to work. This program counts as a Senior elective.

The hallmark of this program is that every attendee brings something to the event, skills, life experiences, ideas, and questions. We learn from each other. We discuss skills, techniques, risk management issues, and look for ways to improve our patroller skills. This program is hands-on with a focus of sharing knowledge. OEC will work on refining our patient assessments, bandaging and transportation techniques. Low Angle will practice how to set up a variety of low angle rope rescue rigs. Chair evac will practice various techniques for evacuating skiers and snowboarders out of a chair and discuss the pros and cons of each of these techniques.

There will be patrollers here from many different Regions, with different approaches to everything we do as patrollers. You may very well see an idea that answers a question that your mountain has struggled with for years. Our hope is that after attending this you will have learned some new ideas or techniques that you can take back to your area and share with your fellow patrollers.

At the end of the day, we will stage a mini-MCI and put these skills to work to rescue a number of injured persons. Our OEC program is always fully moulaged for the realism, and that aids us as patrollers down the road.

There will be another opportunity early this fall for our traditional three-day Advanced Patroller School. More details to come.

#### What to bring

- a. Yourself
- b. An open mind
- c. Questions that you have always wanted to know relative to ski patrolling
- d. Any gear you would like to use, whether it be chair evac or low angle
- e. Your first aid pack with gloves and disposable supplies
- f. Gear appropriate to the weather forecast

#### What will be provided:

- g. Continental breakfast in the morning
- h. Lunch
- i. A positive, no pressure learning environment
- j. Answers to your questions
- k. A chance to try gear and techniques you have never tried, didn't know existed, or hadn't thought to use

***Come prepared to get dirty, and maybe a little bloody (again fully moulaged). Have fun and come to learn. This class will fill up quickly, so do not hesitate, register today!! We look forward to seeing to you in August!***