



# NEWS RELEASE

## National Ski Patrol

### **NSP and Canadian Ski Patrol System Leaders Sign MOU to Strengthen Ties**

**October 30, 2007—Lakewood, Colorado**—In an effort to promote communication and work more closely together, leaders from the National Ski Patrol (NSP) and the Canadian Ski Patrol System (CSPS) met in Chicago on Oct. 10. As a result, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed by the heads of each group to progress a working relationship between them.

“It’s important that we continue to focus on improving our organization, but we can’t lose sight of the fact that we’re a global community, and we don’t want to miss this opportunity to reach out to our neighbors to the North,” said NSP Executive Director Tim White.

The Chicago meeting included NSP Board Chair Terry LaLiberte, NSP Rocky Mountain Division Director Ed Gassman, White, CSPS National Chairman Brian Low, and CSPS Acting President John Leu.

The MOU, signed after the meeting, solidifies an agreement to strengthen ties between the organizations in order to enhance the quality services and products they each provide to the snow industry. These steps include ongoing communications, exchange of information between the groups, and the establishment of joint task groups to address specific issues facing ski patrolling in North America.

“The Board is enthusiastic about working with the CSPS and felt that it is appropriate and the right way to go,” said LaLiberte. “We look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship in the future.”

The U.S.-based National Ski Patrol System Incorporated was founded in 1938 and currently includes approximately 28,000 professional and volunteer members. The CSPS has a membership of 5,000 across Canada. Both groups exist to provide safety and service to ski areas and their customers, primary filling the role of on-hill medical first responders.

#### **About the National Ski Patrol**

The National Ski Patrol is a Federally Chartered nonprofit membership association dedicated to serving the public and the mountain recreation industry. For more than 65 years, the NSP has been at the forefront of safety and emergency care education programs. The association's 28,000 members represent 98 percent of the nation's patrollers. For more information access [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org).

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