



# NEWS RELEASE

## National Ski Patrol

### Staff Changes Announced at NSP National Office

**August 11, 2008—Lakewood, Colorado**—In an effort to further improve efficiency at its Lakewood, Colo.-based national office, the National Ski Patrol (NSP) has announced the restructuring of several key staff positions and the addition of two full-time staff members.

“The past year has been one of constant change, and the changes continue as we work to improve the overall efficiency of the office,” said NSP Executive Director Tim White. “These changes will help clarify the roles of the staff and ultimately provide better service to our membership as we move into a busy season.”

The following staff changes are effective immediately.

Wayne Block has been hired as finance director. Block comes to the NSP with a 20-year career in finance and accounting, and experience in both the non- and for-profit sectors. Block replaces Tom Spiess, who is now with the American Snowsports Education Association (ASEA).

Christine Bourne has been named corporate relations and meeting planning manager. In addition to planning NSP meetings and conventions, she will be involved in the fundraising initiative and sponsorship and advertising sales. Bourne replaces Karen Hagaman and has absorbed advertising and sponsorship sales duties from Michelle Perry.

Scott Spakes, who was part of a team overseeing the NSP and ASEA IT department, has assumed the role of IT director and now works solely for the NSP. Spakes will manage the upcoming software and website upgrade, maintain the database and oversee other responsibilities related to the network infrastructure.

Carol Hudson has been promoted to education assistant. In her new role, she'll work with the education department to maintain NSP education programs including Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC), Avalanche, Mountain Travel and Rescue, and Transportation. This includes overseeing OEC course registration data, completion records and instructor reports.

As catalog sales and purchasing manager, Michelle Perry has assumed all duties related to *NSP Winter Catalog* product purchasing and sales. She'll work closely with warehouse inventory and with NSP official suppliers, and will continue to represent NSP as a buyer at the SIA and Outdoor Retailer snowsports trade shows.

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Christine Gouwens has been promoted to assistant office manager. In addition to overseeing front office activities she will assume some Board-related administrative duties.

Longtime Warehouse Manager Stan Anthony will again fill the role of warehouse manager for the 2008/09 ski season.

Executive Director Tim White, Member Services Manager Cheri Overton, Education Director Denis Meade and Communications Director April Darrow round out the remainder of the national office staff. Direct phone extensions and emails for all staff are listed at [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org) under "contact us."

### 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 70 years, the NSP has been at the forefront of safety and emergency care education programs. The association's 27,000 members represent 98 percent of the nation's patrollers. For more information access [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org).

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