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National Ski Patrol

New NSP National Transportation Director Appointed

December 27, 2007—Lakewood, Colorado—Randy McNeil, a patroller at Holiday Valley, N.Y., has been named National Transportation Program director for the National Ski Patrol (NSP). He replaces longtime program director Cliff Chewning, who stepped down last month. The NSP Transportation Program establishes performance objectives for toboggan handling, as well as Alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, and snowboarding.

“After interviewing several qualified candidates it was the Board’s decision that Randy was the best person for this position based on his background, his experience in Ski & Toboggan, and the numerous leadership positions he’s held during his NSP tenure,” said NSP Board Chair Terry LaLiberte.

McNeil started patrolling at Ohio’s Clearfork Ski Area in 1978. In 1983 he moved to Northeastern Ohio’s Brandywine Ski Center. He held a variety of positions in his four seasons at Brandywine including assistant patrol director, Ski & Toboggan trainer/examiner and regional advisor—chair evac. He was awarded a Yellow Merit Star in 1986. He moved to the Holiday Valley Patrol in the WNY Region of the Eastern Division in 1987, where he’s worn many hats including PSIA ski school director, OEC trainer evaluator, OEC instructor, Ski & Toboggan trainer evaluator, WNY assistant regional director and patrol director. He received National Appointment # 7687 in 1993 and sits on the Eastern Division S&T steering committee.

As national transportation director, McNeil will be responsible for reviewing NSP’s existing Transportation Program. He’ll work closely with division directors, Ski & Toboggan instructors and instructor trainers, and also with transport supervisors to promote a team approach to required transportation-related trainings and evaluation work. Ski & Toboggan performance objectives are outlined in several NSP manuals: *Outdoor Emergency Transportation: Principles of Toboggan Handling*; the *Nordic Training Manual*; and *The Ski Patrollers Manual, 14th Edition*.

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, NSP has been at the forefront of safety and emergency care education programs. The association's approximately 27,000 members represent 98 percent of the nation's patrollers. For more information access www.nsp.org.

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