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**National Ski Patrol celebrates 75th Anniversary**

Lakewood, Colo. - Over the weekend of Jan. 31-Feb. 3, 2013, the National Ski Patrol celebrated its 75th Anniversary in style, with exhibits at the SIA Snow Show, two ski days, and a Gala dinner event.

"The 75th Anniversary Gala celebration was a wonderful opportunity for patrollers from around the country to gather and celebrate NSP's illustrious history with some of the most important people in the snow sports industry," said NSP Executive Director Tim White.

White was presented a commemorative cowbell at the opening of the SIA Snow Show on Thursday, Jan. 31, and he joined Denver Mayor Michael Hancock and Visit Denver President/CEO Richard Scharf, as well as representatives from Colorado Ski Country, on a stage adjacent to the NSP exhibit to formally open the Snow Show. Featured at the SIA Snow Show was an exhibit showcasing the 75 years of NSP's history, including memorabilia both from patrolling and the 10th Mountain Division. Hundreds of individuals helped kick off the weekend of events at the exhibit's ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday afternoon.

Patrollers enjoyed two exciting days of skiing at Ski Cooper and Winter Park Resort, the highlight of which was a line of patrollers being led by Mint Dole, the son of NSP founder Charles Minot "Minnie" Dole, skiing an American flag down the front of Ski Cooper at the close of the ski day Friday, Feb. 1.

The 75th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, Feb. 2, was the pinnacle event, and raised over \$10,000 for the NSP Education Endowment Fund, which provides for the development, maintenance, delivery, modification, and outreach of NSP education programs. Over 350 individuals attended the dinner, which featured a veritable "A-list" cast of celebrities, from Mint Dole to astronaut and patroller James F. Reilly II.

A photo collection of all four days is posted [at the NSP Flickr Page here](#), and [videos from National Day are posted here](#).

### **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 75 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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