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**Five inducted into National Ski Patrol Hall of Fame**

Lakewood, Colo. – On Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013, the inaugural class was inducted into the new National Ski Patrol Hall of Fame during the NSP's 75th Anniversary celebration. The five inducted are Charles Minot "Minnie" Dole, Roger Langley, Harry Pollard, Dr. Warren Bowman, and Dr. Gretchen R. Besser.

"The NSP Hall of Fame honors those who have served and bettered the NSP for many years," said NSP Executive Director Tim White. "This inaugural class has contributed greatly to making the NSP what it is today."

Dole founded the NSP in 1938 and was an early promoter of ski safety. He also was the impetus for the creation of the 10th Mountain Division during World War II. Langley had the idea of turning Dole's "Super Patrol" that was created for the 1938 National Downhill at Stowe, Vt., into something national. Pollard, the fifth director of NSP, brought the NSP into American Society for Testing and Materials standards and encouraged the development of Nordic patrols. Bowman authored the first emergency care manual specific to the nonurban rescuer, and oversaw four editions of the *Outdoor Emergency Care* textbook. Besser served as the first-ever NSP historian and has written hundreds of articles related to patrolling for *Ski Patrol Magazine* and its predecessor, *National Notes*. Her book, *The National Ski Patrol: Samaritans of the Snow*, won a ULLR award in 1997 from the International Skiing History Association.

**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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