

Election Coordinator Communications Director

Elections

During the 2009-2010 season, the election process for all offices of Region Director were scheduled. -
There were no more than one candidate for the open offices of Region Director (RDs). As a result, the
RDs for the next 2 seasons 2009-2011 season are:

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Mountain Travel & Rescue Survey – First Steps to Defining the Next Generation of NSPS Mountain Travel, Search and Rescue Courses

Based on an initial plan from the Rocky Mountain Division MTR Instructor Corps Task Force --- September 2007

Introduction

The Mountain Travel and Rescue Instructor Corps Task Force in the Rocky Mountain Division is initiating a re-design of the existing MTR curriculum. This survey is our means for requesting input from the patroller “on the hill.” Our vision for the new curriculum is well voiced in Minnie Dole’s original description for NSPS responsibilities: “Safety and Service.” In service to the ski patroller, area management, the community and the nation, we seek your input to develop what will be the premier curriculum for winter travel, search and rescue.

Restructuring

In order to meet the diverse needs of local patrols, regions, divisions and the national system, we seek to form a flexible structure including (1) a common core of skill sets, (2) enhancements for particular disciplines, and (3) modular elements for specialized needs.

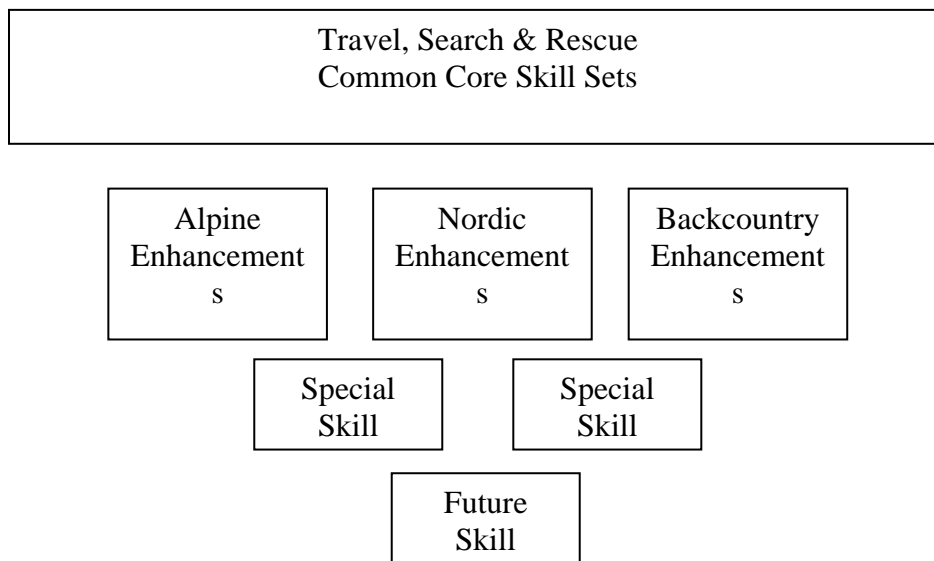


Figure 1. Core and Modular Framework for Restructuring Curriculum

Program Assessment

Following the model of certification and re-certification associated with the Outdoor Emergency Care, Ski and Toboggan, and Avalanche programs, we propose to include structured skill assessments, including end-of-course student evaluations, as well as required periodic refresher elements.

Next Steps

Following refinement of the core curriculum, based upon your input, we will expand the survey to additional audiences including area management, outside agencies, and the winter sporting public. **Your input is critical to carrying this process forward.**

A First Draft

The following topic list comprises what we propose as a first draft for the core curriculum elements as well as examples of enhanced elements for the alpine, nordic, and backcountry disciplines. **We seek your response to this initial attempt at a core definition, recognizing that our task force needs your confirmation and corrections in order to achieve the stated goals.** We foresee, in the final product, that the core will serve the common requirements of all constituents, while enhancements for alpine, nordic and backcountry disciplines will be required in some topic areas.

Many patrollers participated in the Rocky Mountain Division Mountain Travel & Rescue survey, and requested to be notified of the results. As part of the evaluation, 74 patrollers in the division completed the survey. Results of the survey and evaluation are attached as a PDF file

The Survey

Members of the team evaluating the MTR course and manual conducting the survey include:

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A copy of the survey follows this report.

Rocky Mountain Division Web Site <http://www.nsprmd.org>

A new look and feel for the RMD web site was introduced at the 2009 Annual Meeting. The site operates under new software known as CMS – Content Management System – with Joomla! as the platform. Philippa Lawton, past RMD Administrative Assistant, has assumed responsibility as Webmaster.

A number of improvements were made to the e-mail lists and the division calendar to assist communications. Specific e-mail lists are obtained from National Ski Patrol database, and used to create reflectors to the active patrollers, alumni, division officers, division staff and others that allow communication to targeted audiences.

Respectfully submitted,

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