

# Winter Park Volunteer Ski Patrol Annual Report

For the 2009-2010 ski season, the Winter Park Ski Patrol consisted of 243 patrollers. The member breakdown is as follows; 54 Professional Patrollers, 18 Veteran Alpine Patrollers, 102 Alpine Patrollers, 13 Alpine Candidates, 19 Auxiliary Patrollers, 29 Junior Patrollers and 18 Junior Candidates.

The Veteran and Alpine Patrollers dedicated a total of 2,015 days of on-the-hill patrolling during the 2009-2010 ski season, while the Auxiliary Patrollers dedicated 256 days at the Base Patrol Clinic. 80 days of educational and instructional development were observed while the candidates also devoted 176 days to on-the-hill training.

In addition to the regular Ski Season, about 20 to 30 volunteer Patrollers assist with Bike Patrol each summer and dedicate a total of 280 hours on-the-hill.

During the 2009-2010 ski season the Winter Park Ski Patrol administrated 7 instructional courses; Outdoor Emergency Care Course, Level I Avalanche Course, Level II Avalanche Course, Mountain Travel and Rescue Fundamentals, Instructor Development, Senior Emergency Management Course, Chairlift Evacuation Course.

Winter Park had 4 patrollers attend last years Patroller Education Conference and will be sending patrollers to the upcoming OEC Senior Training Classes and OEC Instructor Development Classes for certification.

Winter Park had a couple outstanding individuals recognized with Yellow Merit Stars (YMS) for their achievements during the 2008-2009 ski season. Jim Olson received a YMS for his instruction of the 2008 OEC Course and Paul Tourangeau received a YMS for his service as Patrol Leader during the 2008-2009 season.

Winter Park Ski Patrol has a good relationship with the Resort Area Management Staff as both organizations recognize the importance and benefits of operating together. President and Chief Operating Officer of Winter Park Resort, Gary DeFrance speaks yearly at our season opening meeting to discuss and outline new changes and goals for the resort. Gary DeFrance also maintains a high level of communication with the Patrol Leader throughout the season.

Currently, no major projects, additions or changes to the Winter Park Resort are being implemented for the upcoming ski season. However, the Resort is gearing up for a big summer of biking. The Trestle Bike Park is the fastest growing bike park in the USA. It will host Crankworx Colorado, a gravity fueled mountain bike festival, this summer and they will be adding some new mountain bike trails. The resort will also be adding three new attractions, a small zip line, gold panning and a jumping castle, at the base of the resort for small children. Additionally, they will also be hosting the Zoppe Italian Circus for two weekends along with a Circus Camp for kids.