

Toboggan Trainers Workshop – Toboggan Handling for Alpine Patroller, Senior Patroller, and Instructor Trainer level trainers.

Thank you for taking the time and giving of your talents to help administer this Toboggan Trainers Workshop. This document will help you by providing insight to your position as the facilitator of this workshop. Your job is to allow your fellow toboggan trainers to make evident that they understand the responsibilities and best practice of the Lead operator, the Tail rope operator and how the toboggan maneuvers aid in accomplishing the end goal. That of delivering the toboggan to the accident scene, then safely and expeditiously transporting the injured guest to the next level of care. You are being asked to moderate, evaluate, and certify to the level of expertise specified for the group you are assigned.

- **Moderator** You will lead your group through discussions and demonstrations of each task from your score card.
  - You will assign topics or ask for volunteers to instruct the group. Topics may be combined or split to best suit your group.
  - Emphasize the Six Pack Method of teaching.
  - Interject only when necessary. Additional ideas or comments should be kept for after completion of the topic. Allow for discussion from the group.
  
- **Evaluator** You are evaluating the teaching ability and demonstrations of the trainer and the skills shown by all participants in the group.
  - Look for skills to be executed to the level for which you are leading i.e. Trainer of Alpine Patrollers, Trainer of Senior Patrollers, or Instructor Trainers.
  - Use Score card to make notes of “=” or “-”.
  - Request anyone performing too far above the curriculum to work on performing closer to an equal.
  - Try to help those who are performing below the curriculum to raise their skill level to equal.
  
- **Certifier** You are certifying that all participants in your group are teaching and demonstrating at a level to begin or continue to work with patrollers at the specified level.
  - By certifying the instructors you are confirming a level of competency in both teaching and demonstration.
  - Your certification will be communicated back to region and local patrols with your recommendation of promotion, recertification, or suggested improvements to be made.
  - You must tactfully communicate to those who cannot teach and/or demonstrate to the level you are moderating, that they will need to continue to work, and try again at another time, to get the needed certification to become or continue as a Toboggan trainer at this level.

Keep in mind the audience and level of those you are working with. Alpine Toboggan trainers and Alpine Toboggan trainer candidates are looking for ways to improve their teaching and demonstrations to be used in training Candidates and Local Patrollers. Senior Toboggan trainers and Senior Toboggan trainer candidates need to be focused on the Senior Standard, what it looks like and how it would be scored at a Senior Test. Instructor Trainers will be focused on how to help toboggan instructors learn and progress in their teaching/demonstrations. Your job as the facilitator is to work through the process of Moderator, Evaluator, and Certifier while blending the focus of your group.

Thanks for all you do in the advancement of the NSP and its membership.

