



# NEWS RELEASE

## National Ski Patrol

### The Magnificent Seven: Official NSP Safety Team Announced

**January 18, 2008—Lakewood, Colorado**—In partnership with Patagonia, the National Ski Patrol (NSP) has revived the historic NSP Safety Team. Seven team members have been chosen from myriad qualified applicants and were announced today. All are active ski patrollers who have contributed significantly to slope safety during their NSP career and will serve as visible ambassadors for the NSP and for ski/snowboard safety over the next two years.

“This is a tremendous opportunity for NSP members to be recognized for their contributions to slope safety and make the slopes even safer,” said NSP Executive Director Tim White. “We received many applications from strong candidates, but the seven that were chosen have truly gone the extra mile to make the slopes a safer experience for the skiing and riding public.”

The NSP Safety Team is a diverse group that includes Paul Baugher (Crystal Mountain, Wash.), Dennis McMahan (Apple Mountain, Mich.), Jim Phillipe (Aspen, Colo.), Craig Simson (Keystone, Colo.), Ed Strapp (Sugarloaf, Maine), Jean Webb (Sugar Mountain, N.C.), and Lonny Whitcomb (Liberty Mountain, Pa.). Bios of all team members are available at [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org).

The seven were chosen because of their demonstrable successes in ski/snowboard safety, from avalanche education to terrain park safety to community outreach. Each will participate in a variety of NSP safety programs and initiatives, will apply their experience to safety-related focus groups and industry discussions, and will be featured in NSP materials—starting with safety tips at [nsp.org](http://nsp.org) during National Safety Awareness Week, Jan. 19-25. Team members will also receive a team uniform from Patagonia.

NSP has utilized a Safety Team in the past, but the concept had not been used in recent years. The NSP, founded in 1938, is celebrating 70 years of service and safety in 2008, which provided the ideal backdrop for reviving the team. For more information contact Tim White or April Darrow at the National Ski Patrol: 303.988.1111.

#### 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 more 70 years, the NSP has been at the forefront of safety and emergency care education programs. The association's 27,000 members represent 98 percent of the nation's patrollers. For more information access [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org).

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