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National Ski Patrol

NSP Reauthorizes Telecommunications Assistance Program after 11 Years; Woolf Named National Telecom Advisor

August 22, 2007—Lakewood, Colorado—In response to changing FCC regulations, the National Ski Patrol (NSP) Board of Directors has voted to reinstate the NSP Telecommunications Advisory Program, which was suspended in 1996. Dick Woolf, who served as National Telecommunications Advisor from 1986-1996, has been appointed advisor of the revived program.

“The program was discontinued because it was felt that there was no longer a need,” said Terry LaLiberte, NSP national chairman. “Now, the FCC is setting up new rules and changing the bandwidths of the frequencies that we utilize in the public safety and EMS systems. The changes will affect all segments of the NSP. Dick Woolf will bring the NSP up to speed so we will be ready to comply with the new FCC rules by 2013, and be able to continue operating our radio systems.”

The telecom program will provide services to ski patrols and patrollers on a number of important issues, including guidance on FCC licensing services, technical assistance, and information on regulations that affect patrols’ use of radio. Specifically, the program will work to: ensure patrols who need a radio license have one; ensure that patrols with licenses are properly licensed; ensure that NSP has control of its licensing process; assist patrols with technical matters; keep members apprised of changes in the regulatory climate; and keep members informed of new technologies. The revival of the program and appointment of Woolf are designed to return NSP to an advocacy role regarding telecommunications and is a service to NSP members.

Woolf has a long history with the NSP and its telecom needs. He joined NSP as a junior patroller at Sterling Forest, N.Y., in 1970 and later patrolled at Bristol Mountain, N.Y., and Magic Mountain, Vt. He is currently a senior patroller at Stratton Mountain, Vt., where he’s been an active patroller since 1977. Woolf was named Eastern Division telecom advisor in 1973 and national telecom advisor in 1986. He served in that role until the program was suspended in 1996. He is the principal of Xtech Systems, a New York City-based wireless infrastructure and critical notification systems integrator.

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 than 65 years, the NSP has been at the forefront of safety and emergency care education programs. The association's 28,500 members represent 98 percent of the nation's patrollers. For more information access www.nsp.org.

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