

Patrol Biography for: Jay C. Whitney of Smuggler's Notch Ski Patrol

1. 1986-1990 Member Bolton Valley Ski Patrol
2. 1990-Present Member Smuggler's Notch Ski Patrol
3. 1989 Senior Ski and Toboggan
4. 1990 Avalanche Awareness
5. 1990 Instructor Development
6. 1991 Senior First Aid (Senior EMM)
7. 1992 Global Phase 1
8. 1993 Senior S and T Trainer Evaluator
9. 1997 Global Phase 2
10. 1997 OEC Instructor
11. 1999 Attained Certified Level, National Certified No. 476
12. 2003 Appointed OEC Instructor/Trainer
13. 2003 Alpine Toboggan Instructor
14. 2004 -2009 Region OEC Administrator
15. 2005 Recipient of National Appointment No. 10248

Platform Statement for Jay Whitney:

I have been nominated to run for the open position of Section Chief in the Northern Section of the Northern Vermont Region of the Eastern Division of the National Ski Patrol. It is with honor that I accept.

The position of Section Chief is one that acts as a direct Liaison to the Region Director in all matters regarding the services to the membership of the Region. Kelly Cota, the outgoing Section Chief, established as a goal, one of being absolutely certain that the membership records of the NVT Region, NS, were/are accurate and complete so as to minimize the need for Region Director (RD) oversight. As a result the RD has been able to focus on the business of managing the Region's needs without having to become involved in the more mundane details of running down solutions to every little problem that may arise in the Region. This has been a very helpful direction to take the position and has eliminated a lot of un-necessary work for the RD. The Section Chief(s) is/are the alternate RD's in the event that the current RD cannot continue in their capacity.

Running the Region is not unlike running a small business, and I would like to continue in the same direction that Kelly has taken, and work to ensure that the records of membership in the Region are correct and up to date. This level of record keeping is what enables National to provide the appropriate level of service to you, the front line patroller. By keeping this in order it allows for you to make direct contact with a caring individual who has the tools and desire to assist you with any patrol related

problems that may arise. I have also seen this in my tenure as the NVT Region OEC Administrator. Many of you have asked questions and hopefully have had them answered and/or had problems resolved at the local level, as opposed to having to talk to the Eastern Division or the National Office. I would like to continue to be in service to you as the NVT Northern Section Chief.

In my professional career I deal with Military, Government and private aerospace and armament specifications on a daily basis. The company I work for is a contract machine shop meeting the exceedingly precise demands of the aerospace industry and requires a great deal of attention to detail. I am a Mechanical Inspector and I am responsible as a Level III NDT (Non-Destructive Testing) Authority for the precise inspection and certification of flight safety critical components. This gives me a perspective eye for details. I do believe that this is what is needed as Section Chief.

I consider this a position not to be taken lightly and will work to serve all in the best interest of the Region(s), the Division and the National office. I will look forward to seeing you at your refreshers and the various programs that are delivered here in the Region. Hopefully with your support, I will also look forward to serving as your representative to the Region Director and the Eastern Division.

Respectfully Yours in Ski Patrolling,

Jay C. Whitney

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