

ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL PATROLLERS

CERTIFICATION TESTING CRITERIA - RISK MANAGEMENT

BASIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED TO ATTAIN **ASSOCIATE** STATUS:

1. Know the term risk management
2. Discuss your ski areas prevention programs:
 - a) Related to employees
 - b) Related to guests
 - c) Helmet policy?
3. Describe your ski area's mountain education programs:
 - a) Be able to discuss in detail "Your Responsibility Code".
4. Discuss snowmobile and snow cat policies and procedures
5. Discuss "red flag" incidents:
 - a) Identify the types
 - b) Know how they are different and why
 - c) Be able to give examples
6. Know all laws governing mountain user behavior:
 - a) State laws
 - b) County laws, if applicable
7. Know the importance of accident or incident report forms:
 - a) Discuss the significance of each entry
 - b) Be able to critique an accident report supplied by the judge(s)
8. Describe your ski area's programs related to Terrain Parks:
 - a) Smart Style
 - b) Marking and signing

No judgment will be made of your ski areas actual procedures. You will be judged on the depth of your knowledge of these procedures.

ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED TO ATTAIN **CERTIFIED** STATUS:

1. Be able to discuss thoroughly Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) laws and regulations as they relate to ski areas:
 - a. Blood borne Pathogens
 - b. Hepatitis B vaccinations/tuberculosis
 - c. Material Safety Data Sheets
 - d. Lock-out/Tag-out
 - e. Qualified Climber

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2. National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) programs
3. Other Laws and Regulations:
 - a. Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP)
 - b. Good Samaritan Law
 - c. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA)
 - d. American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)
 - e. Statute of Limitations
 - f. Actual law numbers for mountain user behavior
4. Be able to describe what you would do as a ski area manager (General Manager or Patrol Director) to set up your own programs in:
 - a. Mountain user education
 - b. Marking and signing
 - c. Terrain Park prevention
 - d. Accident or incident investigation
5. Know the term "accident scene management" and all that it entails.
6. Given a scenario or scenarios know the associated documentation and photography that would accompany a "red flag" incident package.

Note:

This is an indoor oral test. It is about an hour and a half in length. As with all practical tests you may be asked if your evaluation can be audited by a non-testing person for education purposes. You have the right to deny this opportunity. More than one judge may be present during your evaluation for consistency of evaluation.

Required Items for Testing:

If new to testing you will need your Patrol Director's sign-off to confirm that you have the skills and knowledge to perform the testing criteria.

References:

- Federal, State, Local laws and ordinances
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) Accident Investigation Manual and "Your Responsibility Code" www.nsaa.org
- Terrain Park Safety www.terrainparksafety.org
- Local Ski Area Protocol
- Association of Professional Patrollers – Study Guide