

PLATFORM

Peter Buss

To all patrollers of the Western Appalachian Region,

I am seeking the position of Regional Director for the Western Appalachian Region.

First and foremost I want to express my sincere thanks to all my fellow patrollers for the tireless and often thankless job we perform for our resorts. We do this for a love of the sport and a sense of duty to help those that need it. As I like to say "Freezin' our butts off to save yours!!"

I have been a patroller for the past 30 years working as both a volunteer, team leader, patrol president, and paid staff member. I am a current OET trainer / examiner and certified program candidate. My volunteer home patrol is Hidden Valley and I work on the paid staff at Seven Springs.

This year we were asked to go above and beyond in the performance of our duties as they were related to the Covid19 pandemic. A great winter, and skiing being one of the few "open" activities, resorts across the region had unprecedented crowds. The region's patrols stepped up, relied on their training and handled the added work load without missing a beat.

I'm a firm believer that training as a patroller doesn't end when you pass the candidate class and earn your first cross. Training goes on for a lifetime and we should all keep learning. With the pandemic, many of the patrol events were canceled this season. Candidate's programs were postponed, senior track patrollers couldn't complete a missing part, patroller schools weren't held. If elected as RD I will make it a priority to ensure that programs are reinstated as quickly as allowed under Division and National guidance. Anyone that wants training will be able to get training. I'll also work to maintain the high standard of the Senior Program and personally talk to anyone that is interested in learning more about it.

Communication is paramount to the effectiveness of the Region, the patrols and the patrollers. Especially this past season as protocols seemed to change on a weekly basis. I would anticipate this will continue in the foreseeable future. If elected, I'll provide the Region with timely updates and information from the Division and National offices. I will also be available to field questions and concerns from the membership as they pertain to patrol activities. While I may not always have the answers I do have the contacts to get the answers.

I will always support the patroller's rights as individuals. I will attend all Region and Division meetings representing the patrollers of the Region. There are many issues and concerns facing the future of ski patrolling and I will also consider it my responsibility to express these concerns to the Region, Division and National offices. Let me be your voice with the National Ski Patrol.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Ski Patrol Experience**Patrols / Status**

1986/87	Laurel Mountain Ski Patrol – Candidate
1987/88	Laurel Mountain Ski Patrol – Alpine Jr. Patroller
1990	Hidden Valley Ski Patrol – Alpine Patroller Volunteer Staff
1996	Hidden Valley Ski Patrol – Alpine Patroller Volunteer Shift Supervisor
2003-2007	President Hidden Valley Ski Patrol Inc
2011-2015	President Hidden Valley Ski Patrol Inc
2013-2018	Hidden Valley Ski Patrol – Alpine Patroller Paid Staff Shift Supervisor
2018 – current	Seven Springs Ski Patrol – Alpine Patroller Paid Staff
2019	Certified Program Candidate

Certifications

1991	Avalanche 1 MTR 1
1993	Senior Alpine Patroller Phase 1
1995	Phase II Global TI
2012	Patroller Achievement Award
2017	Division OET Trainer / Examiner
2019	Patroller Cross ICS 100 & 700 certified