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My name is Joel Sevick and I have been a member of the Butternut Ski Patrol for the past 13 years. I initially joined the ski patrol for its OEC training because I was an avid mountain biker and felt these were great skills to have to help others. I like the NSP programs and community and want to give something back to the organization that has offered me great training, recreational opportunities, and camaraderie. This past year I served as one of your Assistant Region Directors. Our Region Director, Bryan Sinclair is stepping down after this term and I am running to fill the position. I am retired and have the time and energy to devote to our Region and you, its patrollers.



I have only held my office as ARD for one year but during that time I have worked very hard to build my understanding of our region, its patrols, and its needs with the following:

- Participated in the 2009 Eastern Division Spring Officers' Meeting which included a new officer's orientation.
- Appointed as a member of the Eastern Division Marketing Committee.
- Worked on the Eastern Division Web Forum Committee which researched if we should have an internet forum.
- Participated in the 2009 Region Fall Officers' Meeting where I did a presentation about the new online registration process.
- Participated in the 2010 Eastern Division Winter Officers' Meeting during the Young Adult Training Seminar held at Jiminy Peak where the 2010-11 budget was discussed and reviewed.
- Taught at the Region OEC course and assisted at the mid-term and final examinations.

Although I was on the 'disabled' list this year due to two knee replacements (both on the same knee!) I have worked hard to make sure that I visited and talked with our patrol directors to discuss how the Western Mass Region could better serve their patrols. It has been noted that our organization is "graying." We need to actively recruit young patrollers; they are the future of the National Ski Patrol. Areas I visited this winter were:

- Berkshire East
- Blandford
- Bousquet
- Butternut
- Jiminy Peak
- Mt. Greylock
- Northfield Mountain
- Otis Ridge

I joined NSP in 1997 and attained Senior Patroller status in 2001. I am currently an Alpine Toboggan and OEC Instructor and I have participated in many of the courses that the National Ski Patrol offers.

- Instructor Development, 2000
- Global Phase II, 2000
- OEC Phase II, 2000
- Alpine Toboggan Phase II, 2001
- Toboggan Enhancement Seminar, 2001
- Ski Trainer's Workshop, 2002
- Ski Enhancement Seminar, 2004

I have a B.S. in Business Administration from Quinnipiac College. After college I served as a volunteer in Honduras with the Peace Corps. Upon my return I started my own business, Studio Workshop Ltd., which restores furniture, antiques, and stained glass.