

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## AUGUST 2020



## calgary ZONE

### 2020 RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Calgary Zone has consulted with CSP Division and National during the pandemic response to keep up to date on how training practices and protocols are evolving. The situation is dynamic as provincial health authorities issue new guidelines. Keeping up-to-date has been a major undertaking.

A plan is now in place to enable returning patrollers to requalify for the coming patrol season. It relies on online training. This will allow us to learn about changes to the manual and refresh AFA skills sets while staying healthy and safe from COVID-19.

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- CSP regular members' current Advanced First Aid (AFA) certification has been extended by 12 months, to expire on December 31, 2021.
- There will be **no zone recertification weekends**, diagnostic, written or CPR exams for returning patrollers. **Please consult your PL about requirements for any patrollers returning from sabbatical.**
- Each returning patroller will be required to complete the 2020-2021 e Learning training update modules and quizzes online. The modules are presented as narrated presentations, and cover topics such as workplace safety, AFA techniques, and medical conditions. There is a series of videos as well; returning patrollers are requested to watch these videos in lieu of having skills signed off on the AFA Training Record.

#### ONLINE TRAINING GUIDELINES:

- The online training and quizzes should take approximately two hours to complete. It will be tracked and **should be completed by November 1, 2020.**
- The quizzes must be corrected to 100 per cent, but correct answers are provided for subsequent attempts so it shouldn't be an issue.
- The online 2020-2021 **training update modules and quizzes will be made available to returning patrollers on September 1, 2020.**

**The new e Learning website address is: [courses.edu.skipatrol.ca](https://courses.edu.skipatrol.ca)**  
Your former login credentials should work on this new site.

For manual updates, the focus is now on the e Pub version, which is available on the NDS. Current changes will be incorporated directly into that document. National will maintain a PDF version for the time being, and will list current changes in an appendix with references to the main document.

**If you have questions or concerns about any of the above details please contact [john.bannerman@skipatrol.ca](mailto:john.bannerman@skipatrol.ca).**

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### EXECUTIVE SPOTLIGHT

#### Cody Whitten

##### ZONE PRESIDENT

*Years with Canadian Ski Patrol: 5 Years*

*Patrol Area: Lake Louise*

*Previous Roles in the Calgary Zone:*

VP Administration 2016 – 2020 (2 terms)

##### Hobbies/Interests

- Master SCUBA diver
- Watching my boys play hockey, and coaching my son's Midget team
- Wicked slice and epically high golf handicap

"I want to carry on the groundwork laid down by previous Zone Presidents and continue to help redefine the organization. The CSP needs to ensure that it places its client first – the Members... you and me. The CSP operates as a federated charity, and I believe that the National organization should provide standards, structure, and identity... and allow Zone's to operationalize the National mandate."



### SEEKING I.T. SUPPORT

Are you looking for an opportunity to put your professional skills to use?

The Calgary Zone Executive is looking for a volunteer with skills in information systems that can assist with reviewing, recommending and implementing required changes to existing systems.

**CLICK FOR JOB DESCRIPTION**

Please contact [amy.kraemer@skipatrol.ca](mailto:amy.kraemer@skipatrol.ca) if you are interested in discussing the role further.

### **NEW PATROLLER COURSE CANCELLED**

In light of the current pandemic, we have made the difficult decision to not hold a new patroller course this fall.

While we recognize that the course is our opportunity to refresh the organization with new members our core value as an organization is safety and risk mitigation. Protocols for training practices and operations continue to evolve, and at this time, it has been decided that the risk exposure outweighs the potential benefits of holding a new patroller course this fall. Our priority is to keep everyone safe – including instructors and candidates.

There is an important potential benefit of this situation. The Zone Executive has previously discussed restructuring the course to ensure on snow capability is assessed before

the commitment to the New Patroller Course. This situation provides the opportunity to pre-qualify candidates based on their on snow abilities in the Spring. The intent is to improve the new patroller experience by setting on-snow expectations earlier.

Given the cancellation of the fall course and desire to make structural changes to the new patroller program, the Executive has decided that next season (2021-2022) will be an opportune time to try out this new approach.

In addition, resources will be made available for potential recruits *this* season to participate in extra shadow/Experience Patrol (EP) days to keep them interested and motivated. We are working with Patrol Leaders on these plans.

### **CANCELLATION OF CALGARY NEW & USED SKI SALE**

The Calgary New & Used Ski Sale has made the extremely difficult decision to cancel its 2020 event due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19. The team considered various solutions and ultimately concluded that cancelling the event was the best and safest decision for this season. Visit <http://www.skisale.ca/> for more details. In light of this cancellation, the Calgary Zone Executive are assessing the impacts, along with deferral of casino events, on the budget as well as potential implications on fee credits for the 2021/22 season.



### **MEMBER NEWS**

Malcom Eaton, a member of the CSP since 2014, has embarked on a journey to find hidden gems around Calgary by riding 2020 KM through city streets. He has been documenting his journey and concurrently raising money for the Alberta Childrens Hospital Foundation, labeling the experience as Ride YYC.

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**>> Click to hear more about the Ride YYC Journey**

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# **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

As an organization built for and by its members, we want you to hear from you! If you have an item to submit for inclusion within monthly newsletters or a fellow member of the Calgary Zone you'd like to see featured, please submit to VP Communications, [amy.kraemer@skipatrol.ca](mailto:amy.kraemer@skipatrol.ca).