



## Fall 2011 Region Directors Report

Well it has been a very busy and productive year in the region this past winter and over the summer. I had the opportunity to visit Wachusett, Blue Hills and Yawgoo over the winter. It was great to mingle with patrollers and get a walk thru of these patrols and see folks in action. I also attended the Division YAP Seminar @ Sugarloaf in March. I worked at the OEC area evaluating students as well as putting a video together which was viewed at the Spring Officers Meeting in Albany.

We had changes on region staff this year also. Dennis Gauvin became the Communications Advisor and has made significant progress in coordinating the Region's Radios and patrols licenses in preparation for narrow banding coming in 2013. Chuck Kornely became the region YAP advisor. He set out to meet with region patrol directors to re-establish a YAP program in the region. Chuck attended the NH YAP seminar this past winter and has folks interested in an EMARI/NH YAP seminar this season. Chuck also coordinated an introduction for young adults in March at Bradford. The region had great turnout for our senior programs this winter for both EMM and S&T. This coming season Steve Suomala will be taking over S&T from Cal Goldsmith who did an outstanding job for the past 5 years. We look forward to Steve to continue this important program. Jonathan Goldfield becomes the region legal advisor. Jonathan took the reins from Curt Varone who has been the region legal advisor for many years. Jonathan brings knowledge around legal issues with non-profits, so I look forward to his assistance going forward.

On May 1<sup>st</sup> this year Sheila Daly became the ROA (Region OEC Administrator) from Dave Hemendinger. Dave has been the ROA for the past 6 years and decided it was time for a change. Sheila took the over just as the planning for the OEC5th edition was ready to kick-off. Sheila has done an outstanding job over the last few months coordinating the OEC5th rollout in the region. The Region BOD approved funding of \$40 towards new OEC5th manuals for instructors and full funding for Region Instructor Trainers. A total of 100 EMARI Region instructors & ITs went through the OEC5th rollout over the summer. On June 4<sup>th</sup> several Region ITs attended the Division OEC5th initial rollout at Gore Mountain in NY. ITs then ran additional OEC5th rollouts to Region Instructors on June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ Nashoba, July 23<sup>rd</sup> @ Yawgoo and September 18<sup>th</sup> @ Nashoba. These were 5+ hour sessions to review the new material for OEC5th as well as online instructor resources. Significant effort was put in by the region ITs and instructors this summer to make sure we are ready for OEC courses and refreshers this fall. Outstanding efforts to all the Region ITs and I truly say THANK YOU for all that you have and will continue to do for the region membership. A huge THANKS to Sheila Daly for all of the hard work over the summer too.

As we look to fall approaching I look forward to attending region refreshers again this year to speak to the membership as I did last fall.

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