

## What does the EMT to OEC pipeline look like?

### Becoming a volunteer NSP ski patroller at Montana Snowbowl as a CURRENT EMT

If you have a current EMT, Advanced EMT, or Paramedic certification and are in good standing we'd love to have you join our team! Following please find the details for how that can happen. Don't hesitate to reach out to us with further questions.

National Ski Patrol (NSP) uses the standard of care called Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC). As a current EMT, Advanced EMT, or Paramedic in good standing you can complete a Modified OEC training.

*We want you to succeed and we look forward to working with you!*

#### Modified OEC Program

Modified means you don't have to complete the written test as your current certifications count toward it, but you do have to complete the Practical portion of the exam and National Ski Patrol requires that you practice the skills defined in OEC 6 with an OEC Instructor.

*What does this look like?*

1. [Contact us](mailto:recruiting@snowbowlskipatrol.org) at [recruiting@snowbowlskipatrol.org](mailto:recruiting@snowbowlskipatrol.org), to let us know you are interested and get information about the next opportunity to complete the Modified OEC Program

#### When Ready to Move Forward

2. [Sign up](#) for the test online at NSP and [pay](#) the \$60 test fee. *You'll be given the class information for sign up.*
3. You are encouraged to [purchase](#) a 6<sup>th</sup> edition Outdoor Emergency Care book. You will be refreshing in OEC every year and the book will be helpful to complete the online portion of the training and study the difference between the OEC and EMT trainings.
4. [Practice](#) the OEC 6 skills with an OEC instructor, there are 2 ways this might happen.
  - a. By attending at least 5 weeks of the current OEC class. We will tell you which 5 weeks cover the content that will most benefit you and give you practice.
  - b. If we have enough challengers, we can offer a Modified OEC course just for challengers. Our instructors are all volunteers, this depends on availability.
5. [Pass](#) the practical portion of the OEC exam, which includes both full scenarios and skill stations. Snowbowl patrol usually offers an OEC class every year, culminating in testing late April/Early May. The modified candidates would test with the regular class.

#### To Be a Ski Patroller at Montana Snowbowl

1. [Complete the modified OEC program and test.](#)
2. To join the patrol the first year you need to [pay](#) the following.
  - i. Parka - \$200
  - ii. National and Division Dues - \$120
  - iii. Workman's Compensation - \$50Total = \$370.00

Note, this is only for the first year. *After the first year, the patrol pays the dues and workman's compensation for all our patrollers in good standing!*
3. [Complete our On-The-Hill training and test.](#) This includes skiing/boarding & toboggan skills, and mountain protocols. This training usually takes *10+ on-mountain days* depending on the skills brought to the mountain and may take more time. You do not have to have passed OEC to begin this process.

#### A couple Extra Notes

1. Yearly OEC refreshers are [mandatory](#), but [free](#) & you can attend at any NSP patrol. Easy refresh!
2. On-The-Hill and toboggan training is usually done with the class in progress.