

## **Season synopsis Mont Ripley Ski Patrol, Brett Hamlin PD.**

My first season as Patrol Director has not been uneventful. This year our active roster dropped to 38 patrollers. The prior year we had nearly 68. The major of this was due to a large graduation class of students and a small incoming candidate class. However two new patrollers accounted for over 500 hours (Patric Peters @ 361, and Weilue He @ 264)

Our toboggan class was unable to complete this year due to Covid19 restrictions. We will complete this as soon as the hill opens this upcoming season

Our program has continued to support continuous learning. Prior to Mont Ripley's re-engagement with the senior program, we had five Senior patrollers, four of whom are in their 7th decade (or more) of life. Currently we have 23 Seniors or Senior candidates (includes four secondary patrollers) with 13 under the age of 30..

The season ended with 28 minor incident reports (bruise and sprains), 27 moderate (injury up to and including MCL/ACL knee injury) and 7 high level, 4 of which required immediate life saving interventions (major spine, collapsed lung, etc.).

We are continuing to refine our refresher model. This past fall we included chair evacuation into our station model approach. We were able to complete all OEC refresher outcomes, plus chair evac within 4 hours. Two additional hours were set aside for CPR. All requirements were completed by 2pm.

For Toboggan refresher, we ran this as a shift based approach, and were able to complete everyone within one week.

As I write this, we are developing "remote" hands-on activities for our Fall Candidate class as Michigan Tech is preparing to teach in a social distancing mode.