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To: Eastern Division Board of Directors
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Subject: Candidate for the Eastern Division Director's Position

This past November I wrote to Don Weaver, our ED Election Committee Chair, and accepted the nomination for the ED DD position. In accordance with the ED by-laws, this April at the Spring Officer's Meeting in Albany, NY, the ED BOD will vote for a Division Director.

The Division Director's eligibility requirements and duties are clearly stated in the ED By-laws, (Article 6.2 and 6.3). Additionally, below is my biography of 25 years of NSP membership.

Biography –

- Active and registered 25-year NSP/Wachusett Mtn. volunteer patroller. Became a Senior Patroller 24 years ago.
- EMARI Region Senior OEC Program Director (now Senior EMM) – 4 years
- EMARI Region OEC Program Administrator – 10 years
- EMARI Region Awards Advisor – 10 years
- OEC T/E and I/T
- Elected to 3rd term EMARI Region RD - (Fall of '09)
- Appointed and confirmed by the ED BOD (4/09) - Assistant Eastern Division Director
- NSP awards – NA 8174, DSA, 2 Yellow Merit Stars, Wachusett Outstanding Patroller and others
- Involved in a number of NSP programs – Co-Chair of NSP's 50th Anniversary Celebration - Boston, MA; Region and Division Young Adult Patroller Seminars; Region and Division Special Olympics; Chair of Wachusett Patrol's Advisor Board; Member of Wachusett Patrol's Awards and Banquet Committee.
- EMT - 18 years and currently
- 2008 to present - Vice Chair, Town of Princeton, MA Advisory Board (Finance Committee) and Capital Improvement Planning Committee
- Retired after 36 years as sales/marketing director of an international wine and spirits importing firm.

My belief is that the management of the division should be run for the entire patrol membership, in good faith, openly, honestly and transparently with clear lines of effective communication. The Division Director and the BOD should have the vision and the ability to implement strategies to meet the needs and expectations of all patrollers. An energetic, organized and fiscally sound division with effective personnel delivering up-to-date NSP programs can be an asset to every patrol and patrol member.

The division needs to continue to excel in program delivery and maintain its focus on providing important program resources. In addition, the division needs to encourage and support program staff development, patroller enhancement seminars, Women's S&T clinics, meaningful division working committees and promote alternative avenues of recruitment and income.

I look forward to working with the Eastern Division Board of Directors and the division's talented and dedicated staff and patrollers.

Thank you.

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