

Tom Byron: Resume

I have been a ski patroller and NSP member since 1998, and Senior Alpine Patroller since 2007. I am also a Nordic/Backcountry ski patroller, and a mountain bike patroller. I have been an OEC instructor since 2001, and an OEC IT since 2009. I am an active member of the Massanutten ski patrol, and a secondary member of Shenandoah Nordic patrol (where I previously served as Patrol Representative). I was a member of the Soldier Hollow Nordic Patrol, part of the Salt Lake Olympics, from 2000-2002. I received National Appointment # 11828 in 2016. I was the National Outstanding Administrative Patroller for 2014-2015.

Since 2019, I have been Division Director of the Southern Division, coordinating all aspects of NSP programs and operations, and representing the Division before the NSP National Board of Directors and the Division Directors Team. In that capacity, I have served on two national standing committees, Finance and Planning, and several non-standing and ad hoc committees. In 2020, the Division Directors elected me as their chair and spokesperson, and I currently serve as the principal liaison between the DD team and the national board and office staff.

Before being elected Division Director, I was 1st Assistant Division Director, overseeing administrative programs of the Division and assisting in all aspects of Division leadership. I previously served as the Assistant Division Director – North, overseeing the Virginia and West Virginia Regions. I also served as the Region Director and Assistant Region Director for the Virginia region. And I have been a member of the Legal Committee, advising the Division and its patrols on legal questions, since 2005.

My ski patrol responsibilities are a volunteer effort. In my primary career, I am an attorney, serving as Senior Appellate Counsel in the Appellate Staff of the Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice, supervising and handling litigation involving the federal government in appellate courts around the country. I am also an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown Law. I was previously an active volunteer EMT, serving as President and training officer of the Falls Church Volunteer Fire Department, Chief and President of the Arlington-Falls Church Volunteer Rescue Squad, and Virginia EMT-Instructor and Adjunct Instructor with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy.

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**Platform Statement
for position of Division Director, Southern Division**

I believe that I can continue to serve the National Ski Patrol and the Southern Division by focusing on the needs of individual patrollers throughout our Division. Every patroller should expect that they will receive the most current training and support for their efforts to serve the skiing public, as well as those engaged in mountain biking and other outdoor activities. And the management of ski resorts throughout the Division should know that NSP members are committed to safety and service, and will provide essential risk-management efforts and the best care for guests who are injured or ill. We are an integral part of the industry, and we are committed to the highest levels of emergency care and safety efforts.

The Southern Division has an extraordinary wealth of knowledge and experience. Throughout my years working with the leadership of the Division, I have had the opportunity to meet committed patrollers who selflessly offer their time, experience, and expertise to make our organization the leader in providing emergency care to outdoor enthusiasts. I want to do everything I can to make it possible for all patrollers to work to make the National Ski Patrol the gold standard in outdoor education, service, and safety.