

Granite Peak Ski Patrol

Alternate EMS Location

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The team gathered to determine best practices for responding to life threatening EMS transfers occurring in outlying hill areas. On busy days, it is difficult for EMS to navigate through the crowded parking lot to the Lower Ski Patrol room. It was determined that a total of 3 (2 alternate) locations were needed:

- Location B - At the east end of the parking lot, at the bottom of Santa lift. There is a gravel drive which provides ample room for Ambulance to pull in and back up. This location is to be used for life threatening EMS transfer that occur on the east side slopes and the east central slopes (east of Blitzen lift) or when navigating the area in front of the Chalet with a snowmobile is prohibitive especially during busy weekends and holidays.
- Location C - In the chalet/ski village area. Ambulance will pull up on the east side of the parking lot in front of the offices, between Blitzen lift and office, and move through the village. Ski Patrol will position a patrollers outside the building to guide EMS. This location is to be used for life threatening EMS transfer that occurs in the Chalet's or Ski Village, such as medical emergencies, etc.
- Ski Patrol (Location A)- Lower Patrol Room (LPR) continues to be the main location for patient transfer and for those life threatening emergencies which occur on the west central and west side of the ski hill.

Further:

- Signs will be placed by hill ops at the new Location B and C entrances to guide EMS.
- Patrollers on scene will communicate with their Slope Leader to determine the best location for pick up. Slope Leader **only** will direct EMS to location.
- Slope Leaders will speak directly with EMS once radio communication can be established.
- When responding to Ski Patrol room (Location A), EMS will use the parking lot lane closest to the Golf Course to enter and to exit, avoiding the busy parking lot lane in front of the ski village.
- There are many instances when the Patrol has difficulty navigating through crowds in front of the Chalet area. It was discussed the hill would do their best to

keep skis in racks and also create a safe, groomed path for snowmobile/patient transport.

Other points discussed

- Inviting SAFER to Chair Evac each year
- Invite SAFER to meet occasionally with hill and patrol.

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