

Good Morning Region Directors and Eastern Division Leadership,

Attached to this email is information regarding the Youth Protection Policy and the expectations for the Eastern Division.

It is recommended that you read the NSP's P&P Chapter 13 to gain a thorough understanding of the policy and training requirements. It should be noted that "protected parties" include all youth under the age of 18, not just YAP's. The attached will provide you with succinct information.

In summary, ALL Region and Division leadership are required to take the training. This must be completed by December 31, 2020. We have created a quick link for a form to complete and upload certificates from training. This allows us to maintain a Smartsheet database for training completion. This link is on the attached document as well as on the Division website. It is our intent initially to give Division Supervisors and Region Directors access to the database under a secure, password protected location on the Division website.

The completion of this training is a requirement of Mountain Guard, the NSP's corporate insurance company, and it aligns with the Federal SafeSport act. Your course completion information will be shared with the National office and will be reflected in your member profile.

It is important to note that NOT all instructors need to complete this training. Essentially there needs to be one trained individual at an event that involves protected youth. If it is an overnight event, there needs to be at least two. P&P addresses this. The Eastern Division is encouraging all instructors to participate in the training anyway.

Please share the attached information with your respective staff and post on your Region's website. Time is of the essence to meet the training completion deadline.

While Chris Tota, YAP Assistant Supervisor is managing the data, compliance needs to be monitored at the Region and Division levels. Chris and Craig are not responsible for disseminating that information. Please direct any questions or needed clarifications to me or Kim regarding the requirements or policy.

Thank you for disseminating this information and supporting this new requirement.

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