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Awards: What they are.

Chapter 10 of the NSP’s policies and procedures goes into a lot of detail explaining what each of the awards are, and what actions will qualify for which award. While extremely detailed, I thought I would summarize these awards for your convenience. They are as follows:

Merit Stars:

PURPLE STAR: Given to the leader of the effort that saves a life thru emergency care. This would be given to the patroller who was in charge of the rescue.

BLUE STAR: Given to those who assist the individual who is getting the Purple star.

YELLOW STAR: Given to those who commit an outstanding act or service to the NSP. Can also be given for lesser assist on the team that merited Purple/Blue stars.

GREEN STAR: Given to a patroller who uses their NSP training while conducting an outstanding act of heroism. (Airplane crashes, car crashes, mountain rescue, etc.) Usually given for arduous and/or hazardous rescue work.

GOLD & SILVER STARS: These are only given once a year at the National level for things like Outstanding Alpine Patroller, or Outstanding Student Patroller. These are very prestigious awards and those nominated are in competition throughout the nation. Gold is for 1st place and silver is for the runner up. These automatically accompany the National Outstanding awards.

PATROLLERS CROSS: Given to a patroller hurt during the course of duty.

NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION: Used for both NSP and non-NSP personnel (area managers/owners) who deserve National Recognition.

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION: Used for situations that affect NSP at the local, region or division level.

SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS: Given in increments of 5 years.

UNIT CITATION AWARDS: Given to a patrol for outstanding contribution rather than to an individual(s)

NATIONAL OUTSTANDING AWARDS: These are given once a year at the National level. These are submitted by the division director and are very prestigious. They include:

- Outstanding Alpine Patrol
- Outstanding Nordic Patrol
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- Outstanding Student Patroller
- Outstanding Paid Patroller
- Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller
- Outstanding Instructor
- Outstanding NSP Patrol Representative

MINNIE DOLE AWARD: Given very rarely to members who have shown long term dedication and commitment (minimum of 25 years)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: Generally only given once, this award is given to an individual to recognize excellent contributions to the NSP system.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD: Given to those individuals for outstanding service at the regional or division level.

NATIONAL APPOINTMENT & LEADERSHIP COMMENDATION: Very prestigious awards. Please see the requirements in chapter 10.

HONORARY NATIONAL APPOINTMENT: Given to non-NSP members using same criteria as the National Appointment.

ANGEL PIN: Given to NON- NSP members for contributions to NSP

If you are ever unsure of what award is in order for a particular event you can consult Chapter 10 of the NSP policies/procedures for guidance. Or, if you prefer, please call me anytime and I can help assist you. Both my cell and home phone #'s are listed above. I want to make this process much easier for you to give those individuals that go above and beyond the call of duty the recognition they deserve. Please call me anytime if you would like to discuss this process.

