

Summary of Medical Protocol

Ski Patrol can be reached on channel 1

The Ski Patrol has a top shack at the entrance to the race trail "Gunbarrel". This facility is manned at all times and is ready to respond to any possible medical emergency on the race course within 2 to 3 minutes. All expected equipment needed to respond to medical emergencies is also on hand at the top shack. Upon arriving at the scene, the Ski patroller makes an assessment and determines the level of care needed.

Scenarios could include.

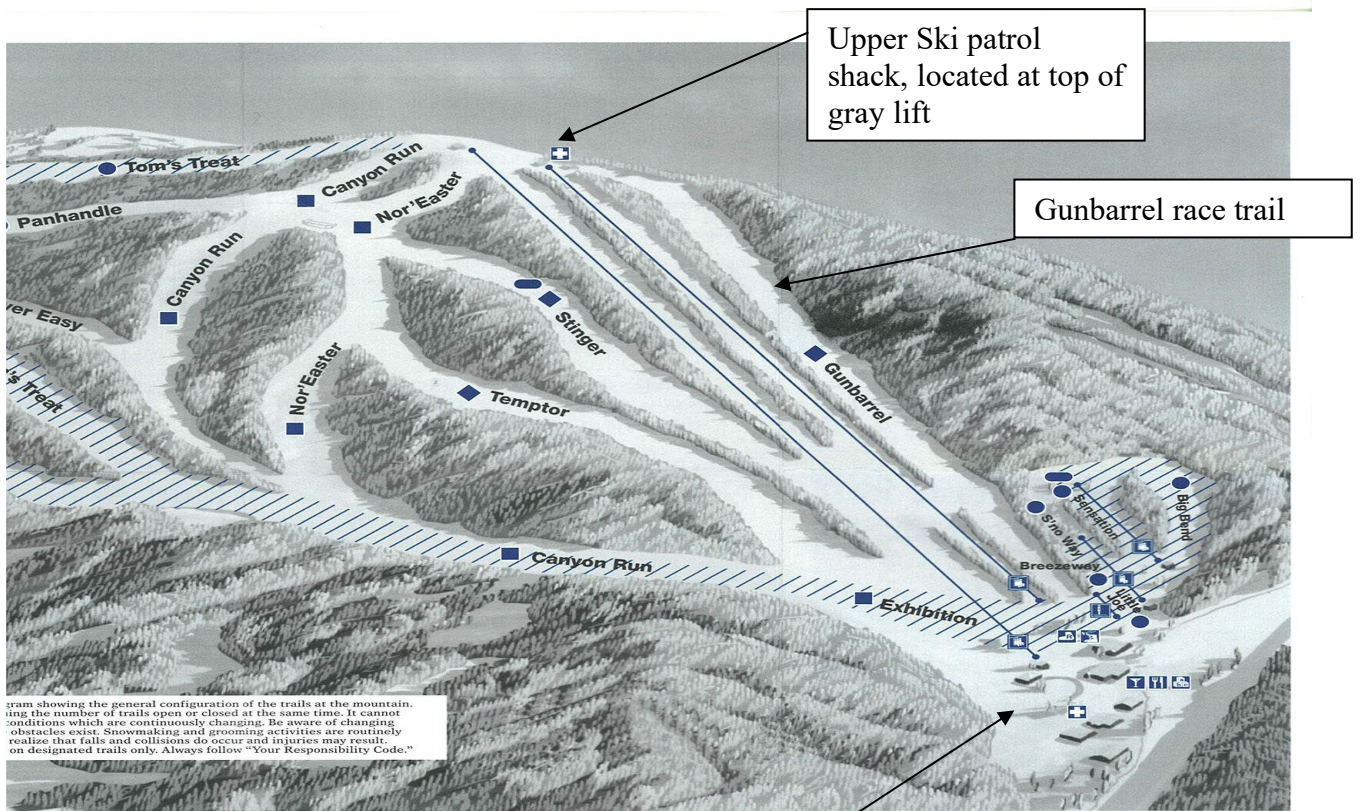
- No care needed.
- Treat on hill and transport to the base area treatment room. Assessment in the treatment room may result in no further treatment, transport to more advanced medical treatment center, transport to emergency room via ambulance or in the most severe cases helicopter.
- If during initial on hill assessment it is determined that the injury or illness requires advanced medical attention EMS can be activated from the scene. The patroller radios the patrol base and the base will call 911.

The New Hartford Volunteer Ambulance is located 2.12 miles away and it takes five to seven minutes to respond. Should a racer be taken by ambulance to a hospital, it is up to NHEMS where they will take the patient. They are not always going to Charlotte Hungerford in Torrington, although it is the closest. Sometimes they will go to Children's / Hartford, or UCONN in Farmington. A patient (or family) may request one of these hospitals. The decision is usually based on: level of care needed, how long the ambulance will be out of the service area before returning, and patient choice....in that order. Again, ultimately up to the responding crew.

If it is determined helicopter transport is necessary. Lifestar has three helicopters, based in Norwich, Meriden, and Westfield MA. We will get whatever they send us. Ultimately once one of them is in the air, difference in flight time from any of those locations is minimal. If a helicopter is called, it is likely a serious injury and patient would go to a Level 1 trauma center. Closest would be Hartford, Children's, and Saint Francis all in Hartford. Yale New Haven is also Level 1. Life Star is dispatched from Hartford Hospital in Hartford, CT. Arrival and transport times are typically 15-20 minutes.

Transport from the bottom of the race course via toboggan to EMS is about 225 feet.

Ski Sundown Ski Patrol is a member of the National Ski Patrol.



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Lower Ski Patrol
Headquarters