

Utah Snow & Avalanche Workshop

Saturday, Nov 2, 2013
Southtowne Exposition Center, Sandy, Utah

Please join us at the 6th Annual **Utah Snow and Avalanche Workshop**. Avalanche pros and serious backcountry travelers from around the West will gather to share knowledge, analyze accidents, get the latest beta, and network.

Agenda

Avalanche Pros Only

07:00 Pro check in, continental breakfast
08:00 Welcome to the 2013 USAW Pro session
08:05 Airbags: The New Standard for Snowbird Ski Patrol: A look into the decision-making process & policies surrounding Snowbird's airbag program. Randy Trover
08:30 Evolution of Jackson Hole Ski Patrol's Avalanche Safety Program: Successes, failures, & policy changes implemented since 2010. Mike Rheam.
08:55 Avalanche Worker Safety Roundtable: An in-depth review of guidelines & procedures affecting avalanche professionals in the US & Canada. Liam Fitzgerald, Matt Huber, Simon Trautman, Karl Klassen, & Jimmy Lawrence
10:20 Break
10:40 Medicolegal Death Investigation: A Medical Examiner's Role in Avalanche Investigations. Jill Haslam
11:00 ICAR Medcom Avalanche Victim Resuscitation Guidelines: A synopsis of the most recent guidelines for avalanche victim resuscitation, with attention towards CPR advances & concepts. George Vargyas
11:20 Personal Liability: Insurance issues in the backcountry. Parker Lindsey
11:30 Zona de Comienzo, The South American Beacon Project: The process of introducing avalanche awareness & rescue infrastructure in the Andes. Alex Taran
11:50 Lunch

Open to Everyone

12:15 Public Check in
13:00 Welcome to the 2013 USAW public session
13:05 Utah Winter Review 2012-13: A look back at the events that shaped the winter of 2012-13
13:20 ISSW Cliff Notes: A summary of selected topics presented at the ISSW 2013 in Grenoble, France in October 2013. Bob Comey
13:40 Anatomy of a Backcountry Rescue: A behind the scenes view of what happens when your day goes bad. Round table discussion featuring presentations from professional rescuers Travis Skinner, Brett Hutchings, Dave Richards & Dale Atkins. Sharing their close call tales- Elisabeth & Adam Morrey, Sheldon Smith, & Gary, Lyman & Caleb Stoker.
15:00 Break
15:20 Sheep Creek & how it could happen to you: A springtime avalanche kills 5 savvy riders in Colorado's worst avalanche accident in 50 years. What happened? Why? And what can you do to avoid similar accidents? Dale Atkins & Halsted Morris
15:45 GPS tracking in a Backcountry environment, a greater understanding in decision making: The results of a pilot study from the 2012/13 winter using a paradigm shifting alternative which combines GPS tracking with a detailed participant logbook & robust participant interviews. Jordy Hendrik & Jerry Johnson
16:10 Airbag Stats / New Technology Demo: Dispelling airbag myths & a first introduction to battery-powered, fan-filled airbags. Bruce Tremper & Nathan Kuder
16:40 Human Factors & Decision Making: Lessons learned from the aviation industry. Julian Pridmore-Brown
17:15 Social in the main foyer of the South Town Expo Center



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