

Richard Lubin Safety Person of the Year Barbara Razo



Barbara Razo, a woman of boundless energy, a positive attitude, selfless volunteer, and dedicated to any task she undertakes, has been named the 2023 Richard Lubin Safety Person of the Year.

Barbara serves on the Big Bear Ski Patrol (BBSPP) for the Big Bear Mountain Resorts, in the Southern California Region of the National Ski Patrol (NSP). She received the NSP 20 Year Service Recognition Award in 2021.

She is a member of the Southern California Region Safety & Wellness Team at her local Big Bear Mountain Resorts. This is a new national NSP Education program that teaches patrollers how to “bring the calm” during times of trauma, anxiety and distress while responding to injured and ill resort guests.

This past year she attended the St. Alphonsus Medical Center 15th Annual Ski & Trauma Conference in Sun Valley, Idaho, representing the Far West Division and Southern California Region of NSP.

Barbara is an Active Emergency Medi-

cal Technician (EMT) / Field Training Officer Licensed in the State of California and trained in prehospital trauma, cardiac, pediatric, pregnancy, burn emergencies / Emergency Disaster Planning / Fire Extinguisher since 2000.

She is also licensed as a Basic Life Support Provider in CPR and AED, with the American Heart Association. She has served as the Big Bear Ski Patrol Room Lead Patroller and Candidate Trainer since 2006. To have someone with her training and experience in a mountain patrol room is truly a blessing.

An Executive Secretary to the President/CEO of Rise Management Group, a consulting company that manages hospice agencies during the week, she then devotes her time to National Ski Patrol duties in the evenings and weekends.

Until recently, when not patrolling, she also drove an ambulance on weekends and was a healthcare worker on the front lines during the COVID pandemic.

Last year Barbara decided to take her skills to yet another level and became certified in Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC), and is now the Lead OEC Instructor for the OEC Course in Orange County, California.

She is an integral part of the training team for new patrol candidates and serves as the Human Resources Liaison to the volunteer patrollers and resort area management.

Barbara Razo has the distinct honor of being named the “Outstanding Patroller of the Nation” in 2016, receiving a gold star from National Ski Patrol after being awarded the Outstanding Patroller of BBSPP, NSP Southern California Region and the Far West Division. She was also named the NSP Runner-Up Outstanding Patroller of the Nation in 2008 and presented with a Silver Star.

In 2006-2007, Barbara designed and managed a program raising \$160,000 in donations to help build a state-of-the-art Ski Patrol Station at the top of Snow Summit Resort called the Jay Otto Station, honoring one of Barbara’s first trainers who passed of melanoma at the

age of 37.

Barbara’s special interests include organizing and writing. She established the patrol department files of NSP members as working personnel records for historical and geographical data return for BBSPP and is an integral contributor to the creation/writing of the Volunteer Management Policies handbook as an Advisor on the Board of the Local Patrol.

Barbara first became involved in FWSPA assisting with the Silent Auction conducted at the Annual Convention for ten years, and Silent Auction Chair for three years. Following in her mother’s footsteps, who was a volunteer in FWSPA during the 1940’s, she also served as FWSPA Secretary for two years. In 2016 she presented a Snowsports Leadership Academy session “Safe Travels on the Slope,” and has contributed several articles for the *Far West Skier’s Guide*: “The Future of National Ski Patrol Volunteers” and “National Ski Patrol - Recruitment Efforts on the Rise.”

Last November she was appointed the National Ski Patrol Liaison to the Far West Board of Directors, a position formerly held by Ron Anderson, NSP. This appointment was in recognition of the importance ski safety is, and will continue to be, in snowsports.

Barbara is a member of Huntington Beach Ski Club, Orange Council of Ski Clubs.

This year’s new sponsor of the Richard Lubin Safety Person of the Year is Holiday Ski Tours and Mammoth Mountain. Barbara will receive four days lodging and 3 of 4 day lift passes for two to Mammoth Mountain Ski Area.

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