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Mr. Hepler:

This is in response to your letter of February 19, 1997 and subsequent telephone conversation with David McLaughlin, requesting clarifications on 1910.1030, "Bloodborne Pathogens."

As you explained, the Mt. Hood Nordic Ski Patrol is a non-profit organization, there is no remuneration, financial or otherwise, and employees are not covered by workers compensation insurance while on normal patrols.

As long as these conditions remain unchanged, Oregon OSHA's rules do not apply to your organization during normal patrols.

Also, you explained that volunteer members do take part in Search and Rescue (SAR) missions for the various sheriff's offices, and are covered by that particular sheriff's office workers compensation insurance for the duration of that SAR mission.

Under these conditions, patrol members are covered by Oregon OSHA's rules, including the Bloodborne Pathogens rules. In these instances, it is the responsibility of the sheriff's office to ensure that all of the requirements of the Bloodborne Pathogens standard are met.

We hope this answers your question regarding this matter. If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please contact [David McLaughlin](#) at (503) 378-3272.

Sincerely,

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