

Mt. Rose providing higher level of medical care on slopes

Mt. Rose ski resort is providing paramedic advanced life support through a cooperative agreement between the Regional Emergency Medical Service Authority and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District.

Advanced Life Support (ALS) allows paramedics who work as ski patrollers to perform advanced skills and procedures on patients who normally could only have been done by paramedics on an ambulance or medical helicopter.

ALS involves the use of invasive and non-invasive procedures such as cardiac monitoring, pacing and defibrillation, pain management, advanced airway management for respiratory emergencies, intravenous access and the ability to administer numerous emergency medications prior to the arrival of ground or air medical transport. These skills and procedures can prove to be the difference in the survival of critically injured or sick guests and many can be done while the skier is still on the ski slopes.

The Mt. Rose ALS service is not available at any other ski resort in the Sierra.