Avalanche accident in France
2014 – 2015
Avalanche accidents 2014 – 2015 – France

One of the « worst » year since 1980

- 134 people caught
- 29 fatal accidents (10 years average = 22)
- 45 fatalities (10 years average = 32)
- 25 skitourers
- 10 off piste skiers or snowboarders
- 8 mountaineers
- 2 other activities
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- homogeneous weak layers in the snowpack on large uncommon surface
  (at least uncommon for the recreationnists and their representation of danger)
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  - April 1st: 3 skitourers
  - September 15th: 7 alpinists (8 involved)
Thank you for your attention ...