

## *About the Presenter*

**Art Fortini:** Art has been a member of the Sierra Madre Search & Rescue Team since 1991 and is currently president of the Team and chairman of the R&D Committee. He has been researching the behavior of snow anchors since 1995 and has performed testing in many different snowpacks in several western states. Art has a Ph.D. in chemical engineering and is currently the Director of Science and Technology at Ultramet, a firm in southern California that specializes in material science. He's here today to tell us about the work he's done on drop testing of snow anchors.