



TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT SEARCH MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

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Search Management Systems (SMS) is a 24-hour classroom based course presenting integrated, practical, and field-proven techniques and tools for responding to missing person incidents. Course strengths include:

- Focus on the key, essential components of all search incidents,
- ICS based;
- Approaches search from the perspective of “missing” (rather than “lost”), thus considers other possibilities such as crime, fraud, and simple overdue.,
- Supported by a comprehensive workbook,
- Organized and presented in a logical, integrated, and sequential process reflecting actual incident evolution.
- Builds team performance between participants, and emphasizes the importance of teamwork on actual incidents,
- Frequently updated and revised to incorporate best practices by experienced SAR practitioners
- Taught by instructors with extensive search experience and proven teaching skills.

Course Objectives

- Appropriately initiate searches.
- Form, communicate, and implement effective and meaningful decisions.
- Manage and utilize crucial search management information.
- Direct searches through the initial response phase.
- Anticipate and manage changes in complexity, and set the stage for expanded response.
- Transition to a relief incident commander.

Target Audience: SAR team members, rangers, land management law enforcement officers, deputies, rural fire and emergency services personnel, leaders of outdoor adventure groups, and others responsible for initiating, implementing, or assisting with searches. In short, anyone concerned with what to do when faced with a missing person report.

Location: Whatcom County SAR Building

Length: 24 hours

Time & Date: Friday, September 12th, 6PM-10PM; Saturday, September 13th, 8AM-7PM; Sunday, September 14th, 8AM-7PM.

Cost: \$35 for text. Bring a 11/4” 3 ring binder for text materials. *Please pay in advance.*

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