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Course Title: Wilderness Search and Rescue/Search Responder (WRSR)

Length of Course: 16 Hours

Lecture/Lab Breakdown: 9/7

Prerequisites: None

Referenced Texts:

Course Goal: To familiarize the student basic Search and Rescue techniques to begin initial operations and provide organization to the search operation.

Description of Course: Course is presented in a combination of classroom and field work to present basic search operation techniques and organizational skills to the first responding units on a lost person incident.

Description of Methodology to be used: (Brief) The class uses a combination of lecture, demonstration and practical field exercises to teach the material.

Student Equipment/Supply Needs: Field clothes, Field Coordinators Guide Book

Equipment/Audiovisual/Supply requirements: Classroom facilities, Outdoor class area (1/2 sq. mile), map, overhead projector, overhead transparencies, portable radios (1/team). Slide Projector, VCR and Television, Instructor Kit. Max students 30.

COURSE OUTLINE **(General - Not Detailed)**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Instructor Notes</u>
2:00	Search Management	Lecture
2:00	Initial Response Techniques	Lecture
6:00	Planning Information	Lecture
4:00	Operations Information	Lecture/Demos
2:00	Map Problem	

Competency Evaluation Mechanism (Brief description-attach copy): Instructor assessment of student performance

Course Objectives (specific): The student will:

1. understand Search Management techniques
2. understand importance of initial search organization
3. understand briefing and debriefing
4. learn investigation and interviewing techniques
5. use initial tactic skills in map problem
6. learn basic resources and tactics in initial search operations

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