

EMERGENCY RESPONSE INTERNATIONAL

Presents

Managing the Urban Missing Person Search

2 Day Course

The "Managing the Urban Missing Person Search" 2-day course is designed for those who have the responsibility to plan, prepare for and conduct search operations in urban (city), suburban & transition zones between rural and housing development areas.

This training is management oriented & focuses on conducting missing person searches in urban environments. Both the training & map exercises emphasize practical information specific to urban areas.

Prerequisite training for this course is the standard three day *Managing Land Search Operations - Basic course.*

Preplanning and Vulnerability Assessment

Preplanning issues are discussed to include the components of a SAR vulnerability assessment for urban and suburban areas:

- **History of missing persons in the area**
- **At-risk populations**
- **At-risk facilities** (nursing homes, care centers, etc.)
- **Hazards and attractions**
- **SAR statistics - what are they in your area?**
- **Helpful national and international data bases that can be useful in the urban missing person search.**

Find out what is involved when these facilities or structures must be searched.

- **Neighborhoods**
- **Residences**
- **Streets**
- **Alleys**
- **Housing Blocks**
- **Single & Multi-story Buildings**
- **Public Facilities**
- **Malls, etc.**



84 year old Alzheimer's subject returned to her family after an urban search.



- A child safely returned to parents -



Course Content

- Differences in rural and urban/suburban SAR.
- The Incident Command System for urban search.
- Most probable categories of missing persons, for all age groups.
- Selection and use of traditional and special SAR resources: Transitioning from rural to the city streets.
- The planning process, the key to efficient operations.
- Review of SAR theory and principles of incident management in the city.
- Investigating the urban missing person case.
- Developing effective strategies and objectives.
- Tactical operations and efficient use of resources.
- Information management and the effects of external influences.
- Managing the media, the family and the casual volunteer.
- Logistical support and operation of the incident base.

Much More !

Course Benefits

The real value of this course lies in the experience base that was used in the development of the strategies and tactics advocated in the curriculum. The training is a well balanced mix of academic presentations and practical table-top map exercises.

The course relies on the most up-to-date training materials, case studies and research documents combined with the experience & knowledge of the instructors & course participants. The learning environment is enhanced by the use of practical map exercises that are real life incidents. The course features the option of different map exercises that can be used depending on where the course is being conducted and the experience level of the participants. The course addresses the issues of multi-agency operations, the use of volunteers and a multitude of external influences bearing upon any urban search operation.

Course Text - Urban Search

Managing Missing Person Searches in the Urban Environment by Chris Young and John Wehbring The course text is the first of it's kind as a comprehensive guide to urban search. It compares factors in an urban/suburban incident with a wilderness search. Components include preplanning, managing the operation, special investigation considerations, urban strategy and tactics that are unique, as well as the use of specialized resources.



City Vs Rural

*Some things
are the same.*

*Some things
are different.*

Urban Search

Managing Missing Person Searches
in the Urban Environment



Christopher S. Young
John Wehbring

Course Objectives

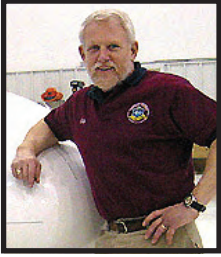
Participants attending this course should be able to:

- ✓ Apply the fundamentals of missing person search in urban/suburban environment practical map exercises.
- ✓ Describe appropriate actions in a missing person incident to include appropriate protocols for the following:
 - Obtain sufficient information to complete an initial report.
 - Determine possible subject behavior that could influence search strategy or tactics.
 - Evaluate the need to search as apposed to waiting (*Search Urgency*).
 - Determine appropriate resources & applying them in an urban setting.
 - Organize & manage the initial search effort (*Reflex Tasking*).
 - Determine strategy & tactics that will produce the greatest chances for success.
 - Communicate with & manage casual volunteers & family members in an urban area search.

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R. Skip Stoffel is the founder of Emergency Response International, Inc. He has over twenty six years training experience in search management, SAR skills, survival and emergency management. He has written and/or coauthored 34 books on multiple aspects of emergency response, SAR and survival. His experience base includes working at local, state and federal levels throughout all regions of the United States. Skip continues to spearhead books and training programs on SAR and Survival around the world.

- ◀ This course is POST certified.
- ◀ 10 places on this course have been booked by the Flathead Co. Sheriff's Dept. (That leaves fourteen (14) places for outside participants from the surrounding region.) **First come, first serve!**

Specific Course Information

Course Hosted by:

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Course Location & Dates:

Dec. 14-15, 2013
Smith Valley Fire Dept.
3496 Hwy 2 West
Kalispell, Montana

Registration Deadline:

December 2nd 2013

Tuition Fee: \$185.00

Book: Urban Search - Managing Missing Person Searches in the Urban Environment
included with patch & certificate.

→ Cut Here

Students MUST preregister, and payment will be accepted via the web or at the time of the class.

→ Cut Here

Registration Options: MAKE CHECKS OR USE CREDIT CARD:

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