

NASAR Education Track

The NASAR SARTECH II Evaluator Workshop and NASAR SARTECH I and II Certifications will be offered during the 2009 National Search and Rescue Conference. Pre-registration is required. Please contact [Janet Adere](#) to register. **NO** onsite registrations will be accepted for either the Evaluator Workshop or the SARTECH Certifications. The SARTECH I Certification has a 15 person limit.

If you wish to attend the SARTECH II Evaluator Workshop you must submit the [Evaluator Candidate Application Packet](#) to Janet Adere by May 18th.

*Fees for all events during this track are covered with the conference registration fee.

Thursday, May 28 – 1330-1700

Workshop NASAR Edu #1, NASAR Education – NASAR SARTECH II Evaluator Workshop

Eric Martin, NASAR Ground SAR Committee Chair

NASAR SARTECH II Evaluators are (non paid) contract employees of NASAR who donate their time and skill in evaluating the practical stations of the SARTECH II certification examination. NASAR Lead Evaluator positions are upgrades from the cadre of NASAR Evaluators.

Prerequisites: Applicants must be a voting member of NASAR in good standing and have earned the NASAR SARTECH II certification. They must have submitted the Evaluator Candidate Application Packet and received approval to take the SARTECH II Evaluator Workshop.

Friday, May 29

0830-1000

Workshop NASAR Edu #2, NASAR Education – NASAR SARTECH Evaluator and Lead Evaluator Information Session

Eric Martin, NASAR Ground SAR Committee Chair

John Boburchuk, NASAR SARTECH Certification Review Manager

It is requested that all current NASAR Lead Evaluators and Evaluators (both ground and K9), attending the NASAR Conference, attend this SARTECH Evaluator and Lead Evaluator Information Session. Items that will be discussed include recent issues that have arisen with the certification process, upcoming changes with certifications and the updating of SARTECH certifications. Lead Evaluators and Evaluators will have the opportunity to ask questions and voice their concerns with the certification process. This meeting will allow all evaluators to network with other evaluators.

1030-Evening

Workshop NASAR Edu #3, NASAR Education – SARTECH I/Crewleader Certification

Allen Lawrence, Arkansas Explorer SAR

The SARTECH I/CREWLEADER level of certification is the advanced level for SAR personnel. It is recommended only for persons who function on SAR missions as field searchers and who may function as Crewleader. Persons who obtain this certification are to function within the limits of the certification described on our website at <http://www.nasar.org/nasar/education.php?id=10>. The NASAR course that prepares one to challenge the SARTECH I/CREWLEADER examination is Advanced Search and Rescue.

The SARTECH certification program is an evaluation process not a learning process. This examination consists of both a written exam and a practical exam. The written exam includes one hundred and twenty (120) questions covering the candidate's knowledge of search and rescue. A passing grade is 70% or above. The candidate is also required to successfully complete a four station practical exam. Should the candidate not successfully complete the practical exam, only the stations that are failed need be repeated within one year of the original testing date. The re-testing may be completed at any SARTECH I/CREWLEADER examination.

Prerequisites: Candidates must be certified at the NASAR SARTECH II level. Candidates must have a current Advanced First Aid certification or higher and a current CPR certification or higher and provide proof at exam. An ideal Crewleader should be at the EMT level or above. It is recommended, but not required, that candidates have at least one hundred (100) hours on SAR missions; one hundred (100) hours of land based SAR training; and at least two (2) years active membership with a SAR organization.
Candidate needs to attend exam with all equipment required for the written and practical exam.

Schedule

1030-1230 SARTECH I Written exam (must pass exam in order to proceed to practical stations)
1230-1330 – Lunch on your own
1330-1530 Skills Testing
1600-1830 – Conference Attendee BBQ and Boat Demonstration
1900-???? Night Land Navigation testing. (Can also finish any stations not tested yet).

Saturday, May 30 – 0800-1730

**Workshop NASAR Edu #4, NASAR Education –
NASAR SARTECH II Certification**

David Comstock,

The SARTECH II level of certification is the intermediate level for SAR personnel. It is recommended for any person who functions on SAR missions as field searchers. Persons who obtain this certification are to function within the limits of the certification described on our website at <http://www.nasar.org/nasar/education.php?id=9>. In addition to the information provided on the website, the NASAR course that prepares one to challenge the SARTECH II is Fundamentals of Search and Rescue. The newest edition of the Fundamentals of Search and Rescue textbook was released in 2005. Previous editions of the textbook will not prepare one to challenge the SARTECH II certification.

The SARTECH certification program is an evaluation process not a learning process. This examination consists of written exam and a practical exam. The written exam includes one hundred and forty-five (145) questions covering the candidate's knowledge of search and rescue. A passing grade is 70 or above. Successfully passing the SARTECH II written test assures the candidate to be certified at the SARTECH III level whether the practical exam is passed or not.

Upon passing the written exam, the candidate is then required to successfully complete a six station practical exam. Should the candidate not successfully complete all of the practical exam stations, only the stations that are failed need be repeated if this is done within one year of the original testing date. Up to two failed stations may be repeated on the day of the original exam. If necessary, the re-testing may be completed at any subsequent SARTECH II evaluation.

Prerequisites: There are no prerequisites required for a person to challenge the SARTECH II examination. Certification history does indicate persons who have had formal SAR training and experience on SAR missions successfully pass the examinations more frequently than others do.