

Government Interface, Homeland Security and Urban Search and Rescue Track

Thursday, May 13

Workshop Govt/HLS/USAR #1, Government/Homeland Security/Urban SAR –

Workshop Govt/HLS/USAR #2, Government/Homeland Security/Urban SAR –

Wilderness and Remote First Aid Training: Essential knowledge and skills for the Backcountry

John E. Hendrickson, American Red Cross, Jeffrey L. Pellegrino, Ph.D, Kent State University

This session addresses a new program, developed in collaboration with a range of subject matter experts, that helps to set a standard for the training of anyone who may be called upon to help another who is injured or ill in locations distant from EMS. Teachable within a single weekend, the training course provides the essential knowledge and skills that everyone in search and rescue should learn and can readily acquire. This session will provide some history on how the course came to be, the range of subject matter experts who contributed to it, its major topic areas, how it fits the needs of NASAR's members and how the Search & Rescue community can take advantage of it

Friday, May 14

Workshop Govt/HLS/USAR #3, Government/Homeland Security/Urban SAR –

CERT as a SAR Resource

Kenn Silligman, South County Fire Authority CERT, Tracy, CA

The Community Emergency Response Team as a resource in the Urban/Suburban Search can be a valuable resource to SAR Teams in both personnel and local knowledge. We will discuss the training of CERT Teams and how they can be used, using examples and lessons learned from the Sandra Cantu search in 2009. We will also discuss how SAR Teams can be valuable in the disaster setting. Training of and with SAR Teams can provide valuable insight and resources during a normally manpower intensive urban/suburban search.

Workshop Govt/HLS/USAR #4, Government/Homeland Security/Urban SAR –

Risk Management and Search Operations – Evaluating and Managing the Risks You Face

Mark Jones, White Oak Search and Rescue, White Oak, PA

Just about everything we do in our day-to-day lives involve risk and risk management. Without thinking, we manage risk constantly. From setting our alarm to wake us in the morning, to putting a lid on our hot coffee, we are managing the risks we face. Managing our risk will depend on whether or not we recognize the source of risk and also on our perception of how that risk will impact us in our operations. This 60 minute session will discuss the 3 areas we need to evaluate risk in for our search operations (organization, mission and individual) and discuss ways in which we can: Identify the risks, Estimate how it is going to affect our operations and Manage the risk. We will discuss ways in which pre-planning, training, and communications assist in our ability to manage risk as well as discuss processes and procedures your team can put in place immediately to help you manage your risk.

Workshop Govt/HLS/USAR #5, Government/Homeland Security/Urban SAR –

Recent Advances in SAR

Robert J. Koester, dbS Productions, Charlottesville, VA

Search & Rescue is changing. New products, new technologies, new research, and best of all – new toys. This talk will highlight some of the new innovations that have an impact on Search & Rescue. Topics range from SAR theory, Probability of Detection, New Beacons, New process, to technological advances.

Saturday, May 15

**Workshop Govt/HLS/USAR #6, Government/Homeland Security/Urban SAR –
Urban SAR for the Wilderness State of Mind**

Bill Weber, Alameda County Sheriffs Office – Search and Rescue, Castro Valley, CA

On February 5, 2004, the State of California's Office of Emergency Services Law Enforcement Branch approved the Mutual Aid Guidelines for use of Wilderness SAR Teams when responding to catastrophic disasters or other USAR related incidents in the urban environment. This guideline was established after several incidents within the state that defined the need for additional resources that could respond and function as stand alone units within an established ICS system. This guide outlines the minimum skill requirements and the equipment needed for wilderness teams to meet the requirements of a type 3 or type 4 USAR team so they can respond as mutual aid resources when the need arises. The presentation will cover some of the history that showed the need for the program, talk about the process to get the guideline developed, explain the details of the program in depth, and give updates of the current status and success of the program.

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Workshop Govt/HLS/USAR #8, Government/Homeland Security/Urban SAR –

**Workshop Govt/HLS/USAR #9, Government/Homeland Security/Urban SAR –
Behavioral Analysis of Victims and Suspects**

Sheri Cox Bowling, Virginia College, Biloxi, MS

Behavioral Analysis of Victims and Suspects will provide the participant with analysis skills to maximize the resources of their search team in locating lost victims, victims of violent crime and locate evidence of criminal activity. This workshop will focus on behavioral actions of victims and suspects along with the basics of movement and criminal psychology related to geographical dump locations. Crime and Lost Person scenarios will be utilized to provide a basis for practicing behavioral analysis skills. Participants will work as teams to anticipate suspect and victim behavior in tabletop exercises.