



# Pre-Conference Workshop

## Lost Person Behavior – Updates and Advances

This two day workshop will present the most recent advances in lost person behavior, the latest research, new models of behavior, and several new behavioral profiles. Data comes from the new International Search & Rescue Incident Database (ISRID) which contains over 50,000 SAR incidents. The data has only recently been formally examined. New work has been conducted building lost person profiles. Important regional differences have been documented. From abduction to lost workers a total of 41 different subject categories now exist.

Participants will learn how to separate fact from legend, use data that is applicable to their unique region, receive a rapid introduction to key points of each profile, and most importantly learn where to send teams.

### Presenter

**Robert J. Koester** first joined the Appalachian Search & Rescue Conference in 1981. He has participated in hundreds of searches. He holds a Master of Science degree in biology (neurobiology) from the University of Virginia. He has contributed significant research on lost person behavior, with emphasis on dementia, and created the International Search and Rescue Incident Database (ISRID). A type one incident commander and instructor for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) and president of the Virginia Search and Rescue Council, Robert has also worked for the United States Coast Guard, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, National Park Service, and Federal Emergency Management Agency. He is the author of numerous books and articles on search and rescue. He is currently working on starting the *International Journal of Search and Rescue*. He has presented in the Australia, Canada, Iceland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and across the United States.



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**Workshop Dates:** Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Each day will begin at 0830 am.

**Location:** Double Tree Little Rock Hotel

**Fee:** \$195 per person. Registration will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. All payment must be received at time of registration.

**Lodging Accommodations:** Rooms are available at the [DoubleTree Little Rock Hotel](#) under room code **NASAR** at \$118 per night plus tax. Reservations can be made by calling 800-222-TREE. Please visit the NASAR conference website for reservation details. <http://www.nasar.org/nasar/conferences.php?id=157>.

**There is no deadline for registration. If you send in your registration after May 21<sup>st</sup>, call Megan Bartlett at 703.621.3976 and leave a message.**

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Send completed form to NASAR Headquarters by April 30, 2009:

**Fax** 703-222-6277 or **Email** [conference@nasar.org](mailto:conference@nasar.org)

Please note that registration for the main conference (May 29-31, 2008) is **separate from this form and involves a fee**. Visit the NASAR website at [www.nasar.org](http://www.nasar.org) or call us at 703-222-6277 for details.