

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 immediate Past 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 11th – Wednesday, May 12th

Time: Each day will begin at 0830 at the Mid-South Convention Center.

Location: [Harrah's Casino Resort Tunica ~ Mid-South Convention Center.](#)

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

There is a minimum of 12 participants needed for the workshop to take place. If the minimum number is not reached by April 16th, the workshop will be cancelled.

Lodging Accommodations: Lodging will be at the Veranda and Terrace Hotels which are a short 2-minute shuttle ride to the Mid-South Convention Center and a quick 4-minute shuttle ride to the Harrah's casino. For lodging at the host facility, please call **866-635-7095**. The room rate is \$65 per night plus tax.

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Send completed form to NASAR Headquarters by April 16, 2010:

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