

# Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course.

# Course Scheduling Information

For open enrollment FUNSAR course visit [www.wildernesseri.com](http://www.wildernesseri.com).

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## Fundamentals of Search and Rescue Course (FUNSAR)



The basic course for search and rescue field personnel

**48-Hour Course**

# The Course

The Fundamentals of Search and Rescue Course (FUNSAR) is the second level of NASAR courses. It provides knowledge concerning the general responsibilities, skills, abilities, and the equipment needed by persons who are assigned to field operations during a SAR mission.

The FUNSAR course also provides the student with practical exercises in addition to a practice search mission where the students are required to have the proper equipment and stay out in the field during daylight and nighttime operations. The course content includes topics in three major areas: survival and support, search, and rescue. This course is based around the rural and wilderness environments but the material is recommended as a basis for all SAR environments.

FUNSAR provides a common point in training for the new person to SAR and allows them to accumulate the required clothing and equipment needed for SAR operations in their community. The course also provides practical experience during simulated SAR operations and in many cases is an excellent refresher course for the more experienced SAR worker. This common starting point provides continuity

during SAR operations and future training of all team members.

FUNSAR is the NASAR course designed to prepare the student to challenge the SARTECH II Certification, according to the knowledge objectives defined in the NASAR Standards for SARTECH II.

**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 FUNSAR exam or the SARTECH II certification.**

The recommended number of hours for the course is (47) forty-seven. The course is usually conducted over two weekends starting on Friday night but can be taught (5) five days straight.

## Who Should Attend

- Those interested in becoming involved or have just become involved with search and rescue operations.
- SAR personnel who would like to maintain or refresh their knowledge of search and rescue.

- Emergency response personnel who belong to organizations who provide resources and assistance during search and rescue missions.

- Managers of emergency response organizations who want to understand the state of the art skills and knowledge needed by the SAR workers.

- Community members and groups (scouts, hunters, hikers, etc.) that have an interest in safety and preventative SAR operations.

## Topics

The following are areas covered in both lecture and practical skills (Total Hours - 47): Review of SAR Management Systems, Fitness, Basic Survival, Survival Body Management, Clothing, Personal Protection Systems for SAR, Emergency Survival Skills, Improvising, Environmental Hazards, Survival First Aid, SAR Ready Pack, Nomenclature of Personal Outdoor Equipment, SAR Travel Skills, Land Navigation and Orienteering, SAR Resources Capabilities, Search Philosophy, Estimating POD Search Tactics, Searcher Skills, Handling Evidence, Review of Clue Consciousness, SAR Crew Responsibilities, Tracking Skills, Rope and Rescue Equipment and Legal Aspects for Searchers.