



ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF RESCUE SQUADS

LAND SEARCH / RESCUE TRAINING





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INITIAL GOALS

1. Identify the training needs for responding to a land search and rescue.
2. Training to be at no cost to AARS members.
3. Single day classes to increase volunteer participation.
4. Build regional teams with common training for use in larger scale operations.
5. Build an AARS instructor cadre for AARS courses.





TRAINING NEEDS FOR LAND SAR

- Ability to assist with organizing the initial response to a lost or missing person using proven search concepts and tactics.
- Ability to organize and work within an ICS system.
- Ability to efficiently build common incident mapping that all searchers have immediate access to.
- Ability to navigate and track searchers and resources during missions.
- Ability to assist in a technical rescue environment.





PROPOSED COURSES OF STUDY

- Search and Rescue Fundamentals
- Initial Response / Initial Actions
- CalTopo / SarTopo
- Land Navigation
- Basic Rescuer Program
- Swiftwater Awareness





Search and Rescue Fundamentals

- Classroom (6-8 hours) with tabletop exercises
- ICS system
- Planning
- Effective use of resources
- Search concepts / tactics
- Gear and equipment





Initial Response

- Classroom (5-6 hours) with tabletop and field exercises
- Initial action steps
- Creating a functioning organization / building a foundation
- Preparing for future operational periods
- Managing resources
- Initial search tactics





CalTopo / SarTopo

- Classroom (4-5 hours) with tabletop and field exercises
- How to build incident management search maps
- Tracking searchers and resources
- Using the system offline





Land Navigation

- Classroom (8-10 hours) with field exercises
- How to navigate using map and compass
- How to integrate map, compass and GPS
- Understanding and using grid coordinate systems





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Basic Rescuer

- Classroom (8 hours) with field exercises
- Basic training for a person who participates in rope rescue as part of a larger rescue duty.





Swiftwater Awareness

- TEEK online course (2 hours)
- Minimum awareness course for working around swiftwater in a wilderness environment





ACCEPTABLE EQUIVALENTS

- Intro to Search and Rescue: Current NASAR SARTECH III, II or I, or other ASTM F2209-20 compliant course or NFPA 1006 compliant course (minimum NFPA 1006-2021 11.1 and 11.2).
- AARS Basic Rescuer: ASTM F2752-19 or NFPA 1006 Rope Rescue compliant course (minimum NFPA 1006-2021 5.1 and 5.2).
- TEEX Swiftwater: NFPA 1006 Swiftwater Rescue compliant course (NFPA 1006-2021 18.1 or higher).





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POSITION TASK BOOK

Alabama Association of Rescue Squads (AARS)
Land Search and Rescue
Position Task Book (PTB)

Name: _____ PTB Start Date: _____
Address: _____ Squad: _____

This Position Task Book (PTB) is part of a competency-based qualification system used by the Alabama Association of Rescue Squads (AARS) to certify responders for Land Search and Rescue. Individuals who successfully complete all components of this PTB will be awarded an AARS Land Search and Rescue certificate of completion. Once a task book is started, it must be present at all courses and presented to the instructor for sign-off after the completion of each course.

PREREQUISITES:

- **All courses have a prerequisite of FEMA IS-100, IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800.
- **All courses have a prerequisite of a current CPR/BLS certification.
- The AARS SarTopo/CalTopo course has a prerequisite of AARS Land Navigation.
- The AARS Initial Response / Helicopter Protocols course has a prerequisite of AARS Land Navigation, AARS Intro to Search and Rescue, and AARS SarTopo / CalTopo.

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AARS Land Navigation		Date Completed:
Evaluator (print):	Evaluator (signature):	

AARS Basic Rescuer		Date Completed:
Evaluator (print):	Evaluator (signature):	

AARS Intro to Search and Rescue		Date Completed:
Evaluator (print):	Evaluator (signature):	

AARS SarTopo / CalTopo		Date Completed:
Evaluator (print):	Evaluator (signature):	

AARS Initial Response / Helicopter Protocols		Date Completed:
Evaluator (print):	Evaluator (signature):	

TEEX Swiftwater Awareness		Date Completed:
Evaluator (print):	Evaluator (signature):	

** Instructor may require a certificate of completion from the student to verify prerequisites, or to receive credit for an acceptable equivalent course. Upon reviewing a certificate of completion of an acceptable equivalent, the instructor may sign off on that particular course in the individual's Position Task Book.

- Single book that the candidate keeps up with.
- Instructor/evaluator signs off on each course upon satisfactory completion.
- Once all courses have been completed and signed off, candidate sends the PTB to AARS for approval and certification.





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INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION

