KENTUCKY FIRE COMMISSION
STATE FIRE RESCUE TRAINING

FUNDAMENTALS OF SEARCH AND RESCUE (FUNSAR)

Course Description:

This course is designed to introduce the student to Search and Rescue of the lost or missing person. Topics covered in this program range from tactics to survival. The textbook is aligned and supported by the National Association for Search and Rescue. This course will provide an in depth look at the procedures to follow when searching for a lost or missing person as well as rescue techniques to apply when the victim is located.

Textbook: Fundamentals of Search and Rescue

Class length: 22 hours

Lesson 1 – Overview of Land Search and Rescue (30 Minutes)
Lesson 2 – Search and Rescue Systems (45 Minutes)
Lesson 3 – SAR Incident Management and Organization (1 Hour)
Lesson 4 – Legal and Ethical Aspects for Search and Rescue (30 Minutes)
Lesson 5 – Physiology and Fitness (1 Hour)
Lesson 6 – Survival and Improvisation (1 Hours)
Lesson 7 – SAR Clothing (30 Minutes)
Lesson 8 – Safety in SAR Environments (2 Hours)
Lesson 9 – The SAR "Ready Pack" and Personal Equipment (1 Hour)
Lesson 10 – Navigation (4 Hours)
Lesson 11 – SAR Resources and Technology (45 Minutes)
Lesson 12 – Travel Skills: Foot Travel for SAR Personnel (1 Hour)
Lesson 13 – Tracking (3 Hours)
Lesson 14 – Search Background and Related Issues (1 Hour)
Lesson 15 – Search Operations (1 Hour)
Lesson 16 – Rescue (3 Hours)