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## **Direction and Control of the Search Function Search and Rescue Management Course**

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"Direction and Control of the Search Function" is a 5-day, 40-hour course with trained, professional, and experienced instructors. The course is directed toward search and rescue coordinators, their alternates, team leaders and others having those responsibilities. This course format is designed to facilitate both full-time as well as volunteer SAR Management personnel, it includes the NASAR "Managing the Lost Person Incident" text, and the most revised and updated course curriculum. Course objectives include:

- How to properly manage a search.
- How to develop a comprehensive search pre-plan and understand its importance to a successful search mission.
- Identify basic search and rescue resources; discuss their functions and limitations.
- Describe and discuss tactics used in search of lost persons.
- Describe resources/sequence of initial actions in applying search and rescue resources to find missing subjects.
- Demonstrate the ability to develop the search area during a map exercise.
- Describe the function of clue detection in relation to search theory.
- Identify key factors involved in deciding to suspend a mission.
- Introduction to Law Enforcement and Incident Command System and describe functions of effective organization.
- Discuss how effectively managed search and rescue missions affect your agency's image.
- Discuss the importance of preventative search and rescue programs.