

## **Direction and Control of the Search Function Advanced Course**

Hosted By:

Fresno County Sheriff's Office

October 26-29, 2023

POST Control #: TBD

The “Direction and Control of the Search Function Advanced Course” is a 4-day, 32-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 is designed to teach search and rescue personnel how to manage extended multi-day search and rescue operations.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES INCLUDE:**

- How to properly manage an extended mutual aid search; leadership and safety, effective briefings, managing the Incident within the Incident
- How to utilize CALTopo for search management, mapping, assignment building and managing large search datasets
- How to apply resources efficiently; search theory, terrain-driven search management, environment considerations, assignment segmentation
- Students will learn remote planning and collaboration concepts utilizing CALTopo, Google sheets IAP Builder and live tracking of resources on CALTopo app.
- How to manage daily operations via the “Planning P”; the daily planning cycle leading to the IAP for the next operational period
- How to manage specialized incidents, including abductions and fire evacuation/recovery operations
- Multiple tabletop scenarios; creating effective search plans, map packages, IAPs, and effective operational briefings
- A review of multiple case studies

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

For success, students will need to bring a laptop (no tablets please) and will need to download the CALTopo app on their smartphone. There will be extended periods utilizing laptops for tabletop scenarios, students should bring back up power options such as an extension cord, strip, or battery pack.

## **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED:**

Cal Topo has a mapping and incident response course available at <https://training.caltopo.com/firstresponse/course>. This self-paced course gives students a strong foundation in computer mapping **which will assist them in getting the most out of the Direction and Control of the Search Function Advanced Course, and it is strongly encouraged that students complete it prior to the class.**

## **COURSE INFORMATION:**

**October 26-29, 2023 (Thursday-Sunday) 0800-1700**

**Fresno County Sheriff's Office Civil Unit Training Room  
770 E. Shaw, third floor Room 303  
Fresno, CA 93710**

### **LODGING**

Towne Place Suites by Marriott  
580 W. Shaw  
Clovis, CA 93612

Government rate of \$113 per night

### **Booking Link:**

[Book Your Group/Corporate Rate | Marriott International](#)

**Hotel:** Towne Place Suites by Marriott

**Arrival Date:** October 25, 2023

**Departure Date:** October 29, 2023

**Cut-off Date to Reserve Hotel:** September 25, 2023

**COURSE REGISTRATION:**

Cal OES and the host agency provide this course free of cost. Enrollment is on a first come, first-served basis. Applicants should register as soon as possible since applications are accepted as they are received, and class size is limited. When your application is accepted, you will receive notification by email.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

From your web browser, navigate to [www.caloes.ca.gov](http://www.caloes.ca.gov) and follow these steps:

1. From the homepage, select "Cal OES Divisions"
2. Scroll down and select "Law Enforcement"
3. On the right-side menu, select "Training"
4. Select "Student Application"
5. Complete the application form and click the "Enroll Me" button

Or navigate directly to the application with this link:

<http://w3.calema.ca.gov/LawVictim/Public/LawWebApp.nsf/DC?openform>

**POST CERTIFIED:** This course is certified by California Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) under Plan IV for full-time regular law enforcement officers.

