Direction and Control of the Search Function Advanced Course

Hosted By:
Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Office
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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 SARTopo 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 SARTopo, 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.
COURSE INFORMATION:

June 14 – 17, 2022 (Tuesday - Friday) 0800-1700

Contra Costa County EOC
1850 Muir Rd.
Martinez, CA 94553

LODGING ARRANGEMENTS:

Hyatt House Pleasant Hill
2611 Contra Costa Blvd.
Pleasant Hill, California, 94523
925-934-3343
Reservation Link: 

Extended Stay America Suites 
3220 Buskirk Ave.
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
925-945-6788
Reservation Link: 

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 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. If you have any questions, contact Sunday Ippolito at (916) 845-8706 or Sunday.Ippolito@CalOES.ca.gov