



# **Direction and Control of the Search Function “Winter SAR Operations”**

## **WINTER SEARCH MANAGEMENT SEARCH AND RESCUE COURSE**

**Hosted by: Alpine County Sheriff  
At: Kirkwood Mountain Resort  
February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – February 8, 2013**

**POST CONTROL NUMBER: 9410-23110-12-001**

**“Direction and Control of the Search Function - Winter SAR Operations”** is a 5-Day, 40-hour POST approved classroom and field instruction course with trained, professional, experienced instructors. The course is designed by the California Emergency Management Agency, Law Enforcement Division for search and rescue coordinators in agencies that may need to conduct a search and rescue mission during severe winter conditions. The course is directed toward search and rescue coordinators, their alternates, team leaders and others having those management responsibilities.

Course objectives include:

- How to properly manage a winter search.
- Understand the importance of the Winter Search Pre-plan.
- Identification and utilization of winter resources; discuss their functions and limitations.
- Special considerations for cold weather operations.
- Understanding cold weather medical injuries and hypothermia.
- The selection of mountain backpacks, contents, and personal clothing.
- Identify key factors in avalanche rescue.
- Utilization of aircraft in winter operations.
- Winter ground search mobility (Nordic skiing, snow shoeing, special equipment, etc.).
- Personal survival in “winter” conditions (sheltering).

**WHEN:** February 4 – February 8, 2013  
You should arrive in the afternoon/evening of Sunday, February 3. Class begins at 0800 on Monday, February 4, 2013.

**WHERE:** Kirkwood Mountain Resort. Classroom in the Sun Meadows building. Maps provided upon check-in.

**DATE and TIME**

February 4 – February 8, 2013  
0800 – 1700

**COURSE LODGING**

Kirkwood Mountain Resort  
1501 Kirkwood Meadows Drive  
Kirkwood, CA 95646

**LODGING:** A block of rooms is being held for attendees beginning Sunday, February 3, at the rate of \$94.00 plus tax, per night. There are multiple room options, so reserve soon to make sure your needs are met. To make your reservation call **209-258-6000** and reference **group code “ALIPNE COUNTY SHERIFF”**. You must put a credit card on file to reserve the room.

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

**CANCELLATIONS MUST BE MADE 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EVENT.**

**Directions:** There are multiple approaches to Kirkwood, which is located on Highway 88, South of Lake Tahoe. PLEASE CHECK ROAD CONDITIONS on the DMV website. There is a possibility that Highway 89, which is used to approach from the North (Highway 50) or East (395), will be closed. In this case, Highway 88 must be taken from the West.

**COURSE REGISTRATION:** Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis when applications are received by our office. Applicants should register as soon as possible since class size is limited. **Telephone registration will not be accepted.** After receiving your application we will confirm your attendance by email.

**REGISTER BY INTERNET**

Go to [www.calema.ca.gov](http://www.calema.ca.gov), on the top home page select Response, then select Law Enforcement. On the right side of the page under Related links, select Training, then select Student Requirements/Application. After reviewing, click on link to **online Student Application**. Complete the application form and submit. NOTE: If you are a volunteer submitting an application to attend this course, we will contact your SAR coordinator for approval prior to accepting your application.

This course is certified by the California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) under Plan IV for full-time, regular law enforcement officers. Each student receives a manual, patch and a certificate upon course completion.

Attachments: Equipment/Clothing List

**Questions? Contact Steve Brooks  
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