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

WINTER SEARCH MANAGEMENT SEARCH AND RESCUE COURSE

**Montecito Sequoia Lodge
February 3 – 7, 2014**

POST CONTROL NUMBER: 9410-23110-13-001

“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 Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement Branch 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).

DATE and TIME

February 3 – February 7, 2014
0800 – 1700
Check-in Sunday, February 2

COURSE LODGING

Montecito Sequoia Lodge
63410 General's Highway
Kings Canyon National Park, CA 93633

LODGING and FOOD Details: Due to the locale of MS Lodge, all meals will be served on location, and included in the reservation price. A block of rooms is being held for attendees beginning Sunday, February 2 through Friday, February 7. The cost **including food and lodging is \$80/person/night**. Meals begin with dinner Sunday night, and end with breakfast Friday morning.

Due to the limited number of rooms available, all attendees are required to share a room with another attendee. Each room includes one queen/king bed plus a separate bunk bed, and has a private bathroom. Please request your roommate(s) upon being confirmed for the course, or you will be placed with another attendee. Reasonable requests will be accommodated. **Please wait for instructions before making reservations.**

Cancellations must be made 30 days prior to the event.

NOTE: Montecito Sequoia Lodge can often only be accessed via Highway 180 from Fresno during winter. The NPS may be scheduled to plow Highway 198 in to clear the road to MS Lodge. **Further instructions will be provided when the course date nears.**

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 and deliver further instructions by email.

HOW TO REGISTER

Go to 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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