



Free Overland Search and Rescue Courses

Training, Lodging, and Meals are all at no cost to the Locals

This search and rescue course is designed to provide knowledge of general responsibilities, skills, abilities, and the equipment needed to participate in a search or rescue mission. The course is based around rural and wilderness scenarios but the material is recommended as a base of knowledge for all SAR response events.

This is the first course in a stepping stone approach to search and rescue training in Mississippi. It will lead to higher level NASAR courses of training for emergency personnel. It provides a common starting point in training for the new person to SAR and in many cases, an excellent refresher course for the more experienced SAR worker. This common starting point provides continuity during SAR operations and future training of all team members.

Jan. 13th - 16th	April 28th - May 1st	Classes will be held at the Meridian Public Safety Training Facility
Feb. 17th - 20th	May 19th - 22nd	
Mar. 17th - 20th	June 2nd - 5th	

- The check-in time on the first day is from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. There will be a meal provided beginning at 5 p.m. The classroom presentation will begin after that meal. The class should be completed on Thursday at approximately 3 p.m. Meals and housing will be provide for the duration of this class!
- 30 Students per class with 20 of these slots being for Basic OSAR and 10 of these slots being OSAR Train the Trainer. These slots will be on a first come first served bases. The names will go on a roster when Doug receives the registration and hold harmless forms.
- All students applying for the OSAR Train the Trainer course must have already attended the 24 Hr. Basic Class and/or NASAR FUNSAR class. After completion of this course you will be allowed to instruct the 24 hr. Basic OSAR class in your local jurisdiction with coordination through MEMA and Homeland Security.

Who Should Attend:

- Persons who are interested in becoming involved or have just become involved with search and rescue operations.
- SAR personnel who would like to maintain or refresh their knowledge of search and rescue.
- Emergency response personnel who belong to organizations who provide resources and assistance during search and rescue missions.
- Managers of emergency response organizations who want to understand the state-of-the-art skills and knowledge needed by the SAR workers.

If you are interested, please fill out the attached registration form and hold harmless document and return to Doug Stephens. Call 601-484-6890 or email at douglasstephens@meridianms.org to register.