



West Virginia Emergency Management Division

Search and Rescue Skills for First Responders Course # 25-408-03

Location: State Fair of West Virginia, WVU Building, 947 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV

Instructors: Natural Awareness Tracking School, LLC

Course Dates: February 28 - March 2, 2025 - Fri. - 5:30pm to 8:30pm, Sat. & Sun. - 8:00 to 5:00

Course Description: Search and Rescue Skills for First Responders (SFR) is a 20 hour course designed to equip participants with awareness, basic knowledge and the introductory skills necessary to effectively initiate and respond to a missing person mission. Students will be exposed to Search Operations, methods for establishing the search area, an overview of SAR skills (management, Lost Person Behavior, Tracking, Search Team Leader and Search Team member) Land Navigation (with and Without Technology) Clue Awareness, Patient Packaging and Litter handling. This course emphasizes a board overview of many SAR related skills using classroom instruction, practical exercises and hands on learning.

Students will be responsible for their meals, lodging and transportation to class.

Students will need to register through PSTachio.wvnet.edu for this class.

**Please contact Eva Godbey with questions about registration at
304-766-0011 ext. 22 or eva.godbey@k12.wv.us**

**If you have questions, please contact Jeff Cunningham, SAR Training Officer at
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