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## Minimum Standard for Accreditation (MSA)

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**Course Title:** Wilderness Search & Rescue - Search Management  
(Managing Search Operation/Managing Search Function) (WRSM)

**Length of Course:** 40 Hours

**Lecture/Lab Breakdown:** 30/10

**Prerequisites:** None

### **Referenced Texts:**

**Course Goal:** To familiarize the student Search and Rescue operations management skills to manage operations and provide organization to the search incident.

**Description of Course:** Course is presented in classroom setting to teach search operation techniques and organizational skills to the units responding units on a lost person incident.

**Description of Methodology to be used:** (Brief) The class uses a combination of lecture, demonstration and table top map exercises to teach the material.

**Student Equipment/Supply Needs:** Field Coordinator Guide Book, MSO or MSF Text.

**Equipment/Audiovisual/Supply requirements:** Classroom facilities, Outdoor class area (1/2 sq. mile), map, overhead projector, overhead transparencies, portable radios (1/team). Slide Projector, VCR and TV, Instructor Kit. Max students 30.

### **COURSE OUTLINE** **(General - Not Detailed)**

<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Content</u></b>	<b><u>Instructor Notes</u></b>
2:00	Search Management	Lecture
2:00	Initial Response Techniques	Lecture
12:00	Planning Information	Lecture
10:00	Operations Information	Lecture/Demos
6:00	Map Problem	

**Competency Evaluation Mechanism (Brief description-attach copy):** Instructor assessment of student performance

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**Course Objectives (specific):** The student will:

1. understand Search Management techniques
2. understand importance of search organization
3. understand briefing and debriefing
4. learn investigation and interviewing techniques
5. use tactic skills in map problem
6. learn resources and tactics in initial search operations
7. learn statistical probabilities to determine areas and tactics
8. learn lost person behavior information
9. learn to manage external influences in search operations

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