

Skagit County Explorer Search and Rescue

2008 Phase I Training Calendar

Class A SAR Technician training is required for all Skagit SAR personnel.

	DATE	TRAINING	NOTES	TIME
PHASE I (Class A SAR Certification)	9/10/08	New Recruit Processing		1800-2100
	9/17/08	New Recruit Processing		1800-2100
	9/24/08	County Drivers Training		1800-2100
	10/1/08	Water Operations	SCSO/Swiftwater	1800-2100
	10/8/08	CPR & Bloodborne Pathogens	NIMS DUE!!	1800-2100
	10/11/08	First Aid	EMT Staff	0800-1600
	10/15/08	Basic Equipment and Survival	Silcock/Hendrickson	1800-2100
	10/22/08	Flood Fight/Sandbagging, Comms	Dike Dist	1800-2100
	10/29/08	Hazards in the field/Helicopter Ops	SCSO/SRT	1800-2100
	11/5/08	Search Techniques/Evidence Preservation	Verschoor	1800-2100
	11/12/08	Map and Compass	Matt Benjamin/David Smith	1800-2100
	11/19/08	Map Coordinate Systems/GPS		1800-2100
	11/22/08	Skills Course Alpha		0800-1600

New Recruit Processing- Introduction to SAR, its policies, procedures, and basic chain of command. Application process, background check, and NIMS

County Driver's Training- Required class for all persons who will be operating county vehicles.

Water Operations- Basic safety for waterborne operations including; boat safety, watercraft familiarization, swiftwater awareness, throw-bagging, flood operations.

CPR and Bloodborne Pathogens - Training in ASHI/AHA CPR/AED and Bloodborne Pathogens. NIMS Certificate due!!

First Aid- Training in ASHI First Aid. Bleeding control, wound management, splinting, medical issues, etc.

Basic Equipment and Survival- Introduction to the personal equipment needed by all SAR personnel. We will cover shelter, packs, clothing, the 10 Essentials, and basic survival gear. We will also discuss basic survival techniques. Read Chapters 6, 7 and 9 in NASAR Book.

SAR Equipment Familiarization and Comms- Litters, medical kits, vehicles, and everything else we carry in the field on missions. Basic communication procedures and equipment operations.

Hazards in the Field/Helicopter Operations (Classroom)- Recognizing common dangers to SAR personnel. Recognition and detection of incendiary devices, IED's, traps, Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT), etc. Recognition of the different helo's that SAR works with, their capabilities, their limitations. You will learn how to pick and create a landing zone suitable military and civilian aircraft. You will learn how to assist the helicopter crew and what needs to be done to make the environment safe for your team, your patient, and the helo crew.

Search Techniques and Evidence Preservation- How to effective search for people on wilderness and urban environments. How to recognize evidence and it's handling procedures.

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Map and Compass- How to use a compass to plot bearings and points, basic map reading.

Map Coordinate Systems/GPS- Use of the UTM/NGS system, Lat/Long awareness, Township and Range awareness. Basic GPS operation

Skills Course Alpha- Recruits will be tested on all skills taught in Phase I. This will be conducted outdoors so please dress accordingly.

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2008 Phase II Training Calendar

Class B and C SAR Technician training is required for all Skagit SAR personnel working in a Field Support Role. After completion of Phase II recruits are able to go on in-county missions)

PHASE II (Class B and C SAR Certification)	DATE	TRAINING	NOTES	TIME
	11/26/08	Clue Detection/Tracking	SCSO	1800-2100
	12/3/08	Land Navigation Exercise	Silcock	1800-2100
	12/10/08	Survival	SCSO	1800-2100
	12/13- 12/14/08	Skills Course Bravo		

Clue Detection/Track Aware- How to recognize, assess and handle clues found in the field. Tracking people by recognizing the impact that a person has on their surroundings.

Land Navigation Exercise – Testing your skills in map reading, compass work and orienteering while working in a reduced light environment. This will be done outdoors, please dress accordingly.

Survival- Basics of survival theory, shelter building, treating a pt while in survival mode.

Skills Course Bravo- We will cover litter handling, pt evacuation, search techniques, survival shelter building, and navigation.

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2008 Phase III Training Calendar

SAR Technician Training is required for all Skagit SAR field operators. After Phase III, SAR Tech's will be able to participate in out-of-county missions

	DATE	TRAINING	NOTES	TIME
PHASE III (SAR Technician)	12/17/08	Advanced Mapping	Guard	1800-2100
	12/24/08	NO CLASSES		
	12/31/08	NO CLASSES		
	1/7/09	Intro to Wilderness First Aid	SRT	1800-2100
	1/9-1/11/09	SAR Bootcamp	Northern State	
	1/14/09	Ropes I	SRT	1800-2100
	1/21/09	Ropes II	SRT	1800-2100
	1/28/09	Field Exercise	Beals	1800-2100
	2/4/09	Mapping/Navigation Recap	Verschuur	1800-2100
	2/7-2/8/09	Skills Course Charlie		1800-2100
	2/11/09	Digital Mapping/Documentation	D. Smith/Verschuur	1800-2100
	2/18/09	Helo Ops II	Navy	1800-2100
	2/25/08	Thermal Imaging	Beals/W. Smith	1800-2100
	3/4/09	Final Exam		1800-2100
	3/6-3/8-09	Skills Course Delta		
	3/11/09	Graduation Banquet		1900-2100

Advanced mapping- Indepth mapping using UTM, Township/Range, and Lat/Long.

Thermal Imaging – Training on the Bullard Thermal Imager and Infra-red detection theory.

Intro to Wilderness First Aid- This class will help establish the basics needed for SAR Boot Camp. Topics will be anatomy, respiratory and circulatory systems, vital systems and shock. Students MUST HAVE READ Chapter 1-5.

SAR Boot Camp- This is a 3 day field exercise where recruits are trained in Wilderness First Aid. Location will be Northern State Recreational Area.

Ropes I- We will be covering safety, knots, basic ropecraft, and anchoring systems. low angle rescue equipment, patient packaging for low angle and rigging the litter.

Ropes II- Low angle rescue equipment, patient packaging for low angle and rigging the litter.

Field Exercise - Outdoor field exercise, tbd.

Mapping/Navigation Recap- We will work out mapping problems, work on night navigation and wilderness travel.

Skills Course Charlie- Charlie is an overnight Mapping and Land Navigation course. You will be expected to use your compass, mapping, navigation, survival, and team skills to navigate this course as well as demonstrate problem solving throughout the course.

Digital Mapping and Documentation- Use of SAR's digital mapping system. You will learn how to find and print maps and properly format them. Basic mission documentation.

Helo Ops II- Additional Helo Safety and Operations including hoisting, lowering, LZ creation, etc.

County Drivers Course – Required for all persons over 18 who wish to drive county vehicles.

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Final Exam- This exam includes all subject matter presented throughout training. Bring writing utensils, compass, map tools, notebook.

Skills Course Delta- This will be a 3 day, 2 night field exercise that will test all of your abilities. This is a mock Search and Rescue mission with real patients and a live helicopter. We will be searching for victims, tracking, looking for clues, using land navigation, communications, and everything else you have learned up to this point.

Graduation Banquet

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