

Maximizing Results for SAR First Responders

Saturday, October 24, 2009

8:00AM to 4:30 PM

Location: Elberta VFW - Elberta, Alabama

Registration Fee: \$75.00

\$50.00 per person for groups of 4 or more

This one day (eight hour) seminar is for all Search and Rescue first responders.

We all know how to search and what equipment we need. However, to be a complete Search and Rescue first responder you need to know much, much more...

Do you know what the civil liabilities are if you get injured while assisting the police looking for a lost person? Do you know how to properly speak with the parents of a missing child and what questions to ask them? Did you know in child abduction murder cases, 48% of the time, the murder site is within one quarter mile of the initial contact point between the child and abductor? Does the 4th Amendment apply to SAR? These are the types of issues and information you will learn if you attend this fascinating eight hour seminar.

Each person attending this seminar will receive a 90+ page booklet packed with information, statistics, facts, tips, and resources. Additionally each person will receive a CD with 50+ resource documents you will read and use.

Your instructor will be Inv. Bruce Walstad, ret.. Bruce is retired police detective and juvenile officer from a Chicago suburb. Over his 26 years of service, he has investigated countless runaway, missing and abducted children cases. Since 1985 Bruce has been presenting in-service training seminars to law enforcement throughout the country on a variety of topics including, Investigating Missing, Runaway and Abducted Children. Since retiring Bruce has been involved with K-9 SAR with his bloodhound, Tracer. He is also a member of the Alabama Bloodhound Search Team and volunteers for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children with the Project ALERT program and their K-9 Call Out program.

Topics included in the class will be:

Being Professional

- Arrival on scene
- Appearance
- Behavior

Safety & Liability Issues for SAR First Responders Working Criminal Cases

- Civil Liability
- Criminal Liability
- Insurance
- Policy and Procedure
- Personal Safety
- Body Armor
- Weapons
- Citizen's arrest

Interacting with Law Enforcement

- Starting and maintaining a good relationship
- Acting professional
- Obtaining information from the police

- Crime scene and evidence protection
- Record keeping
- Carrying a weapon
- Reporting suspicious activities to the police

Interacting with Family Members

- What to say to the family
- What not to say to the family
- How to interview family members
- What questions to ask

Interacting with the Media

- What to say
- What not to say
- How to say it
- Problems with the media

Child Abductions

- Statistics
- Offenders
- Locations
- Family abductions
- Non-Family Abductions

Child Abduction Murders

- Statistics
- Locations
- Distances
- Time lines
- Offender profile
- Offender behavior
- Victims
- Crimes committed
- Murder sites

Additionally Information will be provided on:

- State Police Clearing Houses
- Child Abduction Response Teams
- Code Adam
- AMBER Alert
- AMBER Alert contacts
- A Child is Missing
- VICAP
- Lost Children
- Missing Children
- Wandering Behavior

What other say about this seminar:

Bruce's class was a refreshing look at what K9 SAR handlers, or any first responders, need to know about being professional and communicating clearly with Law Enforcement. It was nice to know that our organization has been doing many things correctly but it was even better to learn new things that we had not thought of before. Bruce has a great sense of humor and is a joy to learn from. I look forward to attending another seminar that he will be instructing!

Nikki Ivey
Founder/Training Director - Tennessee Emergency Rescue & Recovery Association
Nashville, TN

The seminar has invaluable information on what to do, and what not to do, for SAR teams. It is very practical advice and not all of it is self-evident, even to the most experienced SAR volunteer.

One of the class handouts I was able to use as a model for creating our own SAR team document that I distributed to local authorities and that was really helpful. As far as hosting the seminar, we had a full classroom. A few months later at a different workshop all the SAR volunteers were still talking about what a great training session it was!

Bruce is a very entertaining speaker and a gracious presenter, and everyone enjoyed the whole day. I got lots of positive feedback from everyone who attended. Recently in our area there was an anguished search for a local high school teen who disappeared on a camping trip. I wished on that day that more of the searchers called to the search had attended Bruce's workshop. The material in Bruce's seminar is really insightful!

Susan J. Duke
Director, Illinois K-9 Resources

This is the best course that I have attended in my three years involved in SAR. The seminar covers a wide range of topics. Because of learning the statistics regarding child abductions and understanding patterns of behavior for lost children and Alzheimer's patients taught in this seminar, it has provided me with a much needed edge in actual cases.

Bruce Walstad is a wonderful instructor and he makes his seminars very interactive. He invites class participation and welcomes questions and comments. With Bruce's background in law enforcement, he has the ability to draw from a personal perspective thereby making the class more informative. He shares his insight in to human behavior while putting his students in simulated situations in order to help us make better decisions.

I would highly recommend this seminar to any SAR first responder. The information you will learn in class along with the numerous reference materials that Bruce provides for you to take, will make you more confident and provide you with valuable knowledge in the field.

Lisa Johnson
Certified bloodhound handler with NCMEC and ABST, Inc.
Foley, Alabama

As handlers, we know there are numerous opportunities via classes and workshops to work and improve your K9 team. However, Bruce Walstad's seminar is the only one we've been to which prepares SAR teams on not only how to conduct themselves when they are deployed but also how to introduce themselves to and work with the local and state officials who ultimately make the decision of who to deploy.

Another topic that everyone in SAR needs to be informed about is the liabilities we all face when deployed. The hundreds of hours of research that we should all do before committing ourselves to a search, Bruce has done for us. His class is a must and should be required before a team is deployed on an actual search.

Anthony & Mary Ginter
K-9 handlers

Registration

Name: _____

SAR Organization: _____

Address: _____

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Registration Fees

\$75.00 per person

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Seminar Location

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