

PARTICIPANT COMMENTS

"It was by far the best search and rescue course that I have attended".

"Really enjoyed the class. I've been telling the SAR coordinator that MSO was a good class but something was missing. This seminar fills that gap nicely."

"The planning process works! Once we get people trained under this new system things will run much smoother."

"Just a note to say I enjoyed the class. The course was outstanding and it brought out the true sense of the "real" searches."

"I feel that this is one of the best courses that I have ever been exposed to, SAR, business, etc. and I have sat through thousands of hours of various courses during my 50 some odd years. The workbook is one of the best I have ever seen."

"This system gets to the basics and makes it very easy for everyone to understand the very fundamental concept of SAR and makes the managers comfortable with the system. Anyway I could go on for hours talking on this very subject."

"Being new to search, at the end of the first day I felt overwhelmed and had second thoughts about whether I should be in the class. But at the end of the course I felt I really knew the material."

"The class was a huge success".

"The seminar and workbook are great contributions to SAR."

PAST COURSE SPONSORS INCLUDE:

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WHO CAN BENEFIT

SAR team members, rangers, land management law enforcement officers, deputies, fire and emergency services personnel, leaders of outdoor adventure groups, agency administrators, and others responsible for initiating or implementing search actions for missing persons. In short, anyone concerned with what to do when faced with a missing person report.

INSTRUCTOR CADRE

Hugh Dougher, primary author of the SMS curriculum, has four decades experience (34 years as a NPS ranger, 8 years with volunteer teams) in a wide variety of SAR specialties. He's instructed across the US, and in Canada, UK, Middle East, Caribbean, and Asia, served as Incident Commander and Plans Section Chief on several Federal Type I all-hazard incident management teams, and is a disaster search instructor of FEMA courses for Texas A&M University.

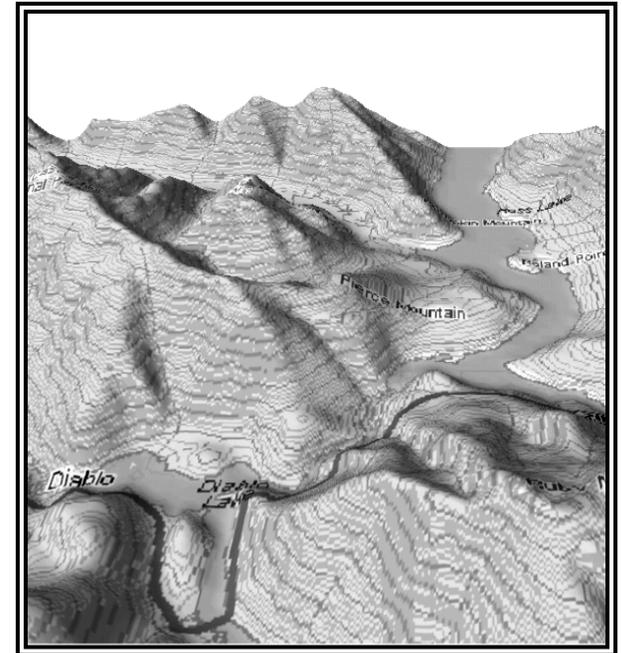
Rick Goodman is a retired Director of the New Mexico State Police SAR program and also has 40 years experience in SAR. He's recognized as an expert witness in litigation related to search and rescue management training matters, is past vice president and two-term board member of the National Association of Search and Rescue, and is a recipient of their SAR State Award.



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SEARCH MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS



**A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO
INITIATING AND DIRECTING
EFFORTS TO RESOLVE
MISSING PERSON REPORTS.**

DESCRIPTION & PHILOSOPHY

Search Management Systems (SMS) workshops are integrated, practitioner-based curricula incorporating experienced-based techniques and tools.

Each workshop is specifically tailored to the audience. Management workshops are designed around the reality that all searchers have a common beginning: roughly 90% are resolved within 18 hours or less, and it can't be predicted which will extend into multiple operational periods.

Regardless of how large or complex a search becomes, the proper actions implemented at the appropriate timing are crucial to success. These courses are designed to assist participants develop proficiencies in identifying and implementing actions to maximize subject survivability and detection. In essence, SMS courses strive to provide participants the tools needed to confidently make effective decisions focused on maximizing lifesaving potential.

OBJECTIVES

- Appropriately respond to and manage missing person reports.
- Formulate and implement effective decisions.
- Understand the importance and contribute to the achievement of objectives.
- Manage risk.
- Smoothly transition through multiple operational periods.
- Develop and implement appropriate actions when the subject can't be found.

EXAMPLE WORKSHOPS

Search Operations & Management

Combines management and decision concepts with field skills training. Provides tools to confidently make decisions focused on resolving missing person incidents effectively, with emphasis on saving lives. Explores key concepts important for determining when, where, and how to search for reported missing persons. Lectures reinforced and explored through case studies/table-tops, and searcher skill practicals. Concludes with a mock search exercise.

Hours: 24-40. Prerequisites: None

Search Management for Searchers

Explores SMS concepts from the searcher perspective, including what searchers need to know regarding - and the key roles they play in forming - search management decisions. Lectures and case study table-top exercises.

Hours: 4-8. Prerequisites: None.

Search Skills

Essential searcher techniques, tactics, knowledge and skills. Field oriented curriculum tailored to audience.

Hours: 8-32 Prerequisites: None

SMS Practicum

Review of SMS concepts with emphasis on new and updated concepts. Lectures and case study table-top exercises.

Hours: 6-8.

Prerequisite: Search Operations & Management, or equivalent search management course.

WHY SMS?

Search Management Systems (SMS) strengths:

- Uses adult teaching techniques to optimize learning and retention.
- Presents key essential techniques to effectively and efficiently resolve missing person incidents.
- NIMS ICS integrated.
- Teaches how to manage by objectives.
- Approaches search from the perspective of “missing” (rather than “lost”), thus considers other possibilities such as crime, fraud, and simple overdue.
- Organized and presented in a logical, integrated, and sequential process reflecting actual incident evolution.
- Provides a practical perspective for the appropriate use of probabilities such as POA, shifting POA, POD, cumulative POD, and POS.
- Structured to build team performance capabilities, and emphasizes the importance of teamwork on actual incidents.
- Frequently updated to incorporate and refine best practices and new national standards (14 revised printings of SMS over the past 12 years).
- Taught exclusively by a select instructor cadre having extensive search experience and proven teaching skills.
- Extensively utilizes actual case studies.