

Introduction To Managing The Lost or Missing Person Emergency

Sponsored by the Hall County EMA Search Team in conjunction with the Ga. SAR Advisory Council

A “SAR Saturday” (+Sunday) Event

October 22-23, 2011

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Hall County Emergency Management Complex

470 Crescent Drive

Gainesville, GA 30501

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RSVP to: Robert Copelan at rcopelan@gmail.com or 678-971-9876 by 1 October 2011 so that class size can be determined and materials prepared.

A two-day, 16-hour class providing emergency managers training in how to: effectively manage a land search through the initial phase, anticipate changes in incident complexity, utilize the proper search sequence, effectively utilize search theory and lost person behavior, learn proper resource selection and deployment as well as utilization of ICS. Class includes limited table top exercises allowing students the opportunity to begin using the knowledge learned during the class. As a prerequisite, it is recommended students have completed ICS 100, 200 and 700. POST credit for law enforcement officers.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: At the completion of the class the student will understand how to effectively manage a land search through the initial response phase. Most searches are completed in less than 12 hours so this course focuses on proper initial efforts. The class will allow the manager to anticipate and manage changes in incident complexity. The class will bring significant understanding of lost person behavior and how historical data can aid in current operations. The student will be introduced to job aids to manage search efforts and make effective - efficient strategy and tactical decisions. The class will cover the search sequence from initial call to mission end. Students will practice skills in table top exercises involving actual search incidents.

Instructors: Southeast Search and Rescue Associates

Allen Padgett, now retired from Georgia DNR after 34 years as a Wildlife Technician, WMA Manager and law enforcement officer, has been personally involved in over 100 searches. He is currently training officer for the DNR SAR team.

Bob Bolz, now retired after 34 years with Georgia DNR having served as a Park Manager, Region Resource Manager and law enforcement officer, has been personally involved in over 100 searches. He served on the DNR Search & Rescue Team from 1979 until 2009 and held the team Chief position from 1987 until his retirement in 2009. He continues as a volunteer member of that team.