

5 Day Tracking Course

WHY DO THIS COURSE?

Over the course of your tracking training to date, you will have learned a number of systems and process, developed some skills and knowledge, and gained operational SAR experience along the way. It is likely that you are now ready to take your tracking skills to the next level and mould them into a more comprehensive operational skill set.

Up to now, your ability to follow sign has likely been measured in hundreds of metres an hour. This course seeks to turn that into kilometres per hour by building on your sign cutting skills and knowledge, adding some terrain analysis and trailing skills. Combine all of this with improved inter-team tracking abilities and a couple of small teams can "track" a subject down faster than the subject can walk over the same ground.

The culmination of this course is the tracking of subjects that have been given a 24 hour head start. It is our expectation that we can have you track them down within a 24 hour period from when we brief you.

Sound interesting - you bet! Limited class size, an increased tutor/student ratio and some honest appraisal of your skills, all combined in a "realistic" scenario make this a must for all SAR tracking enthusiasts.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the five day course is to improve your operational tracking skills by participating in a number of development workshops and extended tracking exercises.

Participants will be required to:

- Demonstrate tracking and trailing techniques
- Demonstrate an understanding of terrain analysis as it relates to sign cutting and tracking
- Demonstrate leap-frog sign cutting
- Demonstrate sign interpretation skills
- Build a tracking profile
- Demonstrate tracking skills in various terrains
- Participate in an extended tracking exercise (24+ hours)
- Prepare a tracking team report

COST

SARINZ is a registered Charitable Trust, and as such it only seeks to cover costs and minimal overheads. Any profit made by the Trust *MUST* be reinvested into Search and Rescue, usually through Research and Development (R&D). This means that an investment in SARINZ training is an investment in the future of SAR.

Course or individual costs will be confirmed with the course organiser prior to the event.

All course logistics such as participant accommodation, travel, meals, venue will be arranged by the course organiser.

TRAINING PROGRAMME

Pre-workshop:

It is our expectation that you can implement the systems from previous tracking courses. Read your course notes to refresh your knowledge of the systems and skills, and most importantly, practice some of the basic skills and get your eye in - you will need it.

Workshop:

This is the practical component of the workshop beginning 0900 on day one until 1600 on day five.

PRE-REQUISITES

All participants must have previously completed

- A TCA and Sign Cutting course with SARINZ or acceptable equivalent courses
- Have proven equivalent skills and knowledge

Participants will ideally be current operational field personnel and have operational tracking experience and must be physically capable and equipped to comfortably operate off track in a variety of terrain in any weather.

Completion of the Clue Site Processing course is also strongly recommended.

WHAT TO BRING

Just like a SAR operation, we will be operating regardless of the conditions. As such, you will need clothing and equipment to be out in any weather.

A component of this course is an extended tracking exercise that involves 24 hours in the field.

The following is also recommended:

- Notebook and pen/pencil
- Camera
- Tracking Kit
- Overnight kit including pack, shelter, cooker, food, snacks etc

WHAT NEXT

Please contact info@sarinz.com to discuss your training request and we will prepare a quote that best meets your needs.