

WHY DO THIS COURSE?

SAR operations are like a big jigsaw puzzle. The more pieces you get the greater the chance of working out what has happened and be able to react accordingly.

Most SAR operations are straight forward and are resolved quickly with general search skills. The success of a small number of more complex and often high profile operations will depend on quality processing of sites where clues are found. This course will focus on the skills needed to resolve these and the skills are transferable to all aspects of tracking and SAR operations.

On the initial Track and Clue Awareness course you learnt skills and systems such as the step-by-step method and some basic principles for processing sites.

On the Tracking course you learnt sign cutting and some aging skills - these tools are about learning to speed up the tracking process.

The Clue Site Processing course will build on those courses by emphasising both the processing of sites and the interpretation of the information found. A key focus of this course is to develop a tracking profile through quality processing and interpretation of sign. This can include the subjects probable equipment as well as their likely physiological and psychological condition.

This course involves working to a higher level than previous tracking courses and course attendees are expected to be proficient and practiced in the techniques and skills of the earlier courses. This course is recommended for all persons that are interested in increasing their tracking skills.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The overall objective is to demonstrate knowledge of clue site processing and interpretation in clue rich wilderness environments. By the end of this course you should be able to;

- Manage clue rich environments
- Understand sign to identify characteristics and activities in clue rich wilderness environments.
- Demonstrate knowledge of processing systems
- Development and application of tracking profiling

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.

There is a fixed fee for the delivery of the course which is dependant upon the number of tutors required to best meet the needs of the participants. Travel and logistics vary according to location, and are charged back at actual cost - so if you have access to "local deals", this will reduce the cost of the training.

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

COURSE PROGRAMME

Pre-workshop:

Consists of reading, exercises and written activities designed to introduce you to the subject of clue site processing.

Workshop:

Consists of the practical component of the course usually delivered over two days. Timing is approximately 0800 on day one until 1600 on the second day, including an overnight camp.

PRE-REQUISITES

You must have either:

- Completed a Sign Cutting course with SARINZ
- Completed an acceptable equivalent
- Have proven equivalent skills and knowledge

WHAT TO BRING

- TCA kit
- Overnight equipment suitable for you to spend a night out in the bush, including shelter, food (dinner and breakfast), cooker and clothing
- SAR or Hi-Vis vest (or similar)
- Boots or Gumboots
- Wet weather jacket and pants
- Personal medication/first aid kit

WHAT NEXT

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

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