

## WHY DO THIS COURSE?

The Tracking course is the second of the tracking training courses developed and delivered by SARINZ.

On the Track & Clue Awareness (TCA) course you learned to identify sign, to follow sign step-by-step and some guiding principles to process basic clue sites. This course seeks to extend those foundation principles and make them more applicable in an operational context.

We will explore different methods of locating 'sign', or the tracks of a subject, by 'sign cutting'. Once located and the Direction of Travel (DOT) established, additional 'cuts' can be made in likely areas to speed up the tracking process in a controlled and systematic manner.

We will spend time on the aging process, a critical and often poorly understood process, and introduce the concept of 'Decision Pointing' - often the start of the lost process.

Operationally, the step-by-step process might only be utilised at key locations and/or critical scenes, as it is methodical and evidential. It needs to be complimented by sign cutting to improve effectiveness in often time critical situations.

Persons undertaking this course should be proficient at being able to recognise sign in a variety of environments and be able to work as part of a small team.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the Tracking course is to give you the ability to find, age and analyse subject tracks in Search and Rescue.

By the end of this course you should be able to:

- Find start points of tracks using sign cutting.
- Reacquire the "track" if lost.
- Age sign.
- Identify and process decision points.
- Analyse toilet sites to identify the gender of the subject.
- Improve your overall tracking application and knowledge.

## 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 organiser.

## COURSE PROGRAMME

### Pre-workshop:

Consists of reading and activities to introduce you to the subjects of Sign Cutting and Ageing.

### Workshop:

Consists of the practical component of the course usually delivered over two days. Timing is approximately 8am until 10pm on the first day and then 8am until 4pm on the second day.

## PRE-REQUISITES

You must have either:

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

## WHAT TO BRING

- TCA kit or items to assist you in your tracking
- Track marking sticks
- Two torches/lights (1 with a "clean" light, LED hand held torch or similar and another hand held spot light/torch)
- SAR or Hi-Vis vest (or similar).
- Boots or Gumboots
- Base layers – Top, bottom, hat and warm jacket.
- Wet weather jacket and pants.
- Personal medication/first aid kit.

## WHAT NEXT

Please contact [info@sarinz.com](mailto:info@sarinz.com) to discuss your training request and we will prepare a quote that best meets your needs.

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