

# SEARCH TECHNICIAN

## Goal:

To enable delegates to function as operationally competent search technicians (ST) when undertaking duties during operational searches for the location of lost and missing persons.

## Target group:

Emergency services personnel and individuals from organisations involved in search and rescue (SAR) activities at an operator level.

## Highlights:

- This course is accredited by the Institute of Search & Technical Rescue.
- Delivered at the Outreach Rescue training centre which has a diverse range of environments for practical drills, including quarries, woodland, open land, thick undergrowth, crashed vehicles and more making this an immersive training experience.
- Appropriate for all blue light professionals and voluntary sector personnel involved in missing persons search.

## Description

The 2-day Lost & Missing Person Search Technician course equips delegates with essential knowledge and skills to meet the needs of SAR teams deploying to lost and missing person search incidents. Topics covered ensure a competent Search Technicians are able to demonstrate searcher spacing, a practical application of different search techniques, can explain the difference between detection & recognition and how Missing Person Behaviour can influence their search tactics.

In addition, a Search Technician will need to be able to receive and record information relevant to a search and contribute to the passing of critical, correct and relevant information at de-briefs, apply procedures at a potential crime scene and mitigate the effect of outside influences on both themselves and the search incident as part of a comprehensive appropriate to health and safety controls at a missing person search incident.

## Compliance:

This course, based on the Police Search Governance Board Lost and Missing Persons Search Learning Descriptors and is accredited by the Institute of Search & Technical Rescue.

## Previous knowledge:

No specific knowledge or experience is required. A foundation level of search and rescue skills (communications, navigation and first aid etc.) would be beneficial.

## Requirements:

Age 18+. Delegates must be fit for physical training requiring the delegates to move at a moderate pace over difficult terrain and within structures whilst carrying rescue and first aid equipment.

## Progression:

Successful completion allows entry to: Lost & Missing Person Search Team Leader training.

## Theoretical elements:

- Classroom sessions cover the theoretical elements of search techniques and practices and prepare candidates for the practical elements of the course.
- A written exam paper confirms learning.
- A post-course training guide is provided for ongoing CPD sessions.

## Practical elements:

- Over 50% of this course is practically based and includes teaching sessions and scenario-based learning covering search and rescue skills including hasty, open, closed, thorough and vehicle search types, searcher techniques, casualty handling and crime scene management.
- Delegates must come suitably prepared with relevant workwear (uniform if appropriate) to include full-length robust clothing for operating in undergrowth and abrasive environments, robust footwear (work or mountain boots) as well as waterproof clothing and layering for inclement weather, as well as a torch and backpack to remain independent for a minimum of 8 hours.
- PPE is required and can be provided by Outreach Rescue including helmets, gloves and eye protection or delegates can provide their own subject to serviceability.
- The course is holistically assessed throughout.

## Lost & Missing Person Search Technician

## Course length

16 hours (2 days)

## Instructor

2:8 or 3:12

## Period of validity

Unlimited

## Certification

Joint Outreach Rescue and L&MPS International Certificate of Achievement which is also accredited by the Institute of Search and Technical Rescue

## Venue

Outreach Rescue, Tan-y-Bwlch Centre, Llanllechid, Bangor, Gwynedd, North Wales LL57 3HY