



**St. Louis County  
Rescue Squad**

**Describe Staging Procedures for  
Search**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **OBJECTIVE**

Given a verbal checkout with an evaluator, list the tasks to be performed when staging on the scene of a search. Describe how to protect the Point Last Seen (PLS), particularly when it is the missing person's vehicle. Also describe how to deploy first arriving personnel in order to "cover the hazards." Explain which equipment must be set up, and how. Describe intelligence gathering, and state at least 15 different pieces of intelligence data that should be inquired of reporting parties or assessed in the environment. *NOTE: An optional method to complete this module is to lead a staging effort for an actual search. If you arrive at the scene early in the response curve, begin to stage vehicles, equipment, and supplies, secure any PLS or physical intelligence, and show your results to the evaluator when he or she arrives. See attached criteria list for this module.*

## **PREREQUISITES**

Module: *B-101, Identify Base Camp Equipment*

Module: *O-101, Identify and State Vehicle Nomenclature*

## **RESOURCES**

None

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Any Rescue Squad member

Handout: *Wilderness Search Procedures*, WoodsTalk, 2004

Book: *Search is an Emergency*, ERI,

Book: *Fundamentals of Search and Rescue*, NASAR, 2005

## **AUTHORIZED EVALUATORS**

Any Rescue Squad sergeant or officer

Any Rescue Squad Wilderness Search and Rescue Technician

## **MAXIMUM RENEWAL TIME**

3 years



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**Skill Sheet**

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**NOTES TO EVALUATOR:**

The candidate should describe all the criteria below in a verbal checkout. An optional method to complete this module is to have the candidate lead a staging effort for an actual search. If a candidate is among the first to arrive at the scene, ask them to show their results to you. If they arrived several minutes ahead of you and are well along in their efforts, offer on-the-spot corrections as needed and offer to help. If after several minutes they have accomplished nothing; they are not yet ready to check out on this module.

Task	Go	No-Go
Establishes Command Post (CP) in practical location; vehicles do not block traffic		
Protects, assigns protection, or communicates need to secure the Point Last Seen (PLS), subject's vehicle, and/or sleeping area; includes prime sign areas in security zone		
Unloads ATV's, snowmobiles, and boats as appropriate; parks trailers out of the way		
Assigns personnel to cover obvious/immediate hazards to subject		
Saves and records GPS coordinates of precise location of Command Post		
States at least 15 different intel items about the missing subject, per WSP handout		
Begins constructing intel profile for operation		
Recons or assigns someone to recon nearby trailheads penetrating primary search area		

**Critical Criteria**

Check if Go; Circle if No-Go

- Must protect, assign protection, or communicate need to protect PLS, sign/scent areas
- Must assign personnel to cover obvious/immediate hazards
- Must state at least 15 different intel items about subject and search environment

\_\_\_\_\_ **Go**

\_\_\_\_\_ **No-Go**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Evaluator**

(Initial & 7100-number)