



**St. Louis County
Rescue Squad**

Participate on Search Team

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OBJECTIVE

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PREREQUISITES

None

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:

This is a “bottleneck” module, in that there can be no simulation to test it—the candidate simply has to wait for a search. The reason for this is because, in addition to the comprehensive knowledge tested in the verbal component, many behaviors must be observed. Do they keep quiet or “jump the gun” by talking too early following a horn blast? Do they take direction or do their own thing? Are they observant for sign and intel, or is this a training hike for them? The missing subject depends on their effective action, so be thorough in your evaluation.

Task	Go	No-Go
Identifies the four steps of search mission as LAST: Locate, Access, Stabilize, Transport		
States importance of intelligence (“clue”) awareness. We are not “subject finders”—we are gathering intelligence that will lead us to the subject. There is a ton of intelligence data—there is normally only one subject.		
Documents subject profile; asks for copy of map; saves frequent landmarks and intermediate waypoint (if proficient in GPS); records pertinent details immediately		
States staff roles of Leader, Medic, and Navigator		
Describes team equipment, per Page 6 of WoodsTalk handout		
Takes direction from team leader; follows orders		
Scans effectively; keeps quiet during active sounding; does not speak, rustle clothing, or move gear during listening phase; does not introduce uncoordinated signal		
Describes Blitz, Efficient, Thorough, and Passive search tactics		

Critical Criteria

Check if Go; Circle if No-Go

- Scans effectively. Maintains silence when listening. Makes NO uncoordinated signals.
- Takes direction from the leader and executes assignments effectively
- Does not catch “The Aliens” at any time during the search sortie (WSP resource, page 10)

_____ **Go**

_____ **No-Go**

_____ **Evaluator**

(Initial & 7100-number)