Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security

Wide Area Search Course PER-213
Oklahoma City, OK
August 13-15, 2013

Course Overview: When disaster strikes it can be a challenge to effectively mobilize, organize, and deploy needed resources. The TEEX/NERRTC Wide Area Search course is an excellent training opportunity for nearly any jurisdiction or agency that may face such an emergency. The discipline applies to a vast number of critical situations including natural disasters or terrorist incidents. Participants are instructed in practical search methods and skills so they can perform systematic searches over a large affected area. The training includes challenging exercises that mirror real life scenarios. The three-day long event concludes with an in-depth exercise that requires participants to utilize the skills gained during the course. The trainers delivering the course are knowledgeable, experienced emergency responders who have actively utilized wide area search techniques during some of the Nation's largest and most challenging operations, such as Hurricanes Katrina, Ike, Gustav and Rita, the Space Shuttle Columbia recovery operation, and many other incidents that required these same comprehensive strategies.

Participant Audience: This course has been developed for local, state and federal responders who may be required to perform search operations. The target audience also includes all emergency responders from municipal. Course participants include emergency responders from the following four disciplines/services: Fire Service (FS), Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Law Enforcement (LE) and Emergency Management (EM)

CLEET Accredited Course: 24 credit hours.

Prerequisites: National Incident Management System, An Introduction (IS-700); Introduction to ICS (ICS-100) and Basic ICS (ICS-200).

Date and Location: 8:00 am-5:00 pm, August 13-15, 2013; Oklahoma City Public Works, Classroom 1, 3738 SW 15th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73108.

Registration: Visit Homeland Security's Website, then search for the Wide Area Search Course. Click on the name of the course, then on **REGISTER FOR THE COURSE**. You must register by July 2, 2013. If you have any questions, please contact Lacy Key at 405-425-2133 or lkey@dps.state.ok.us.

Hotel Accommodations: No hotel accommodations will be provided**.**

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