

Yakima SAR Academy to Meet Minimum WAC Requirement for Field SAR Personnel

Orientation (On an evening before the Academy starts) – SAR Expectations, Intro to Sheriff's Office, Land of One Season, Emergency worker cards, photos, ICS 100 & 700 requirements, Policy & Procedures

In addition to academy classes there is an over-night Mock Search and campout.

Saturday Academy Classes:

1. Anatomy of a Search: 50 mins.
SAR Techniques: 30 mins.
Communications Part 1: 55 mins
Tracking and Clue Awareness: 55 mins.
Crime Scene Procedures and Handling the Deceased: 1 hour 15 mins.
13 Essentials: 50 mins.
Clothing & Body Management: 1-1/2 hours
Physiology & Fitness in SAR: 50 mins.
7 hours 35 minutes
2. Introduction to Map Coordinate Systems: 40 mins.
Map Borders & UMS Coordinates: 1-1/2 hours
Introduction to Compass/Declination, Course Plotting and Pacing: 2-1/2 hours
Navigation Practice at Yakima Arboretum: 3-1/2 hours
8 hours 10 minutes
3. Review and Table Top Exercises
4. Hazards in SAR Awareness: 1 hour 15 mins.
Map Contours and Major Map Features: 50 mins.
Minor Map Features, Clinometers, Map & Compass Practice: 55 mins.
Orienteering Strategies: 50 mins.
Terrain associate and navigation on the Greenway: 3-1/2 hours
7 hours 20 minutes
5. Helicopter Safety: 55 mins.
POD and Tracking practice: 2 hours
How to Search Basics (Sound sweep, Visual sweep, track traps, vehicle approach, etc): 55 mins.
Communications Part 2: 1 hour
LT Murray Field Navigation Exercise: 4 hours
8 hours 50 minutes

Class time: 8:00 to 17:00, Lunch 12:00 to 12:30

First-aid Class would be held separate for academy classes.

Class Dates:

February 11: Orientation
February 21: First Saturday Class
March 7: Second Saturday Class
March 14: Review and Table Top Exercise
April 4: Third Saturday Class
April 18: Fourth Saturday Class
May 2 and 3: Over night Mock Exercise