

SEARCH TECHNICIAN & SEARCH TEAM LEADER COMBINED COURSE

Goal:

To enable delegates to function as operationally competent search technicians and search team leaders when undertaking duties during operational searches for the location of lost and missing persons. Ideally suited to those who require an accelerated learning to be effective in Search.

Target group:

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

Highlights:

- Dual certified, with the Search Technician element accredited by the Institute of Search and 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.
- The combined course fast-tracks the consolidation allowing the Search Technician to progress to the Search Team Leader course over 5 days.

Description

The 5-day course includes all aspects of both the Lost & Missing Person Search Technician & Search Team Leader courses, with an opportunity for consolidation and embedding skills learned. The course equips delegates with essential knowledge and skills to meet the needs of SAR teams deploying to lost and missing person search incidents in the UK and beyond. Ideally suited to emergency service workers, emergency response volunteers or SAR professional volunteers seeking an enhanced understanding and context of Search & Rescue. Topics covered ensure a competent Search Technician and Search Team Leader 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:

For search technician training, no specific knowledge or experience is needed, but a foundation level of search and rescue skills (communications, navigation and first aid etc.) would be useful. Prospective search team leaders will be expected to have successfully completed the search technician elements of this course. As this is an accelerated course, a background in supervising colleagues, leadership roles or technical rescue disciplines will provide a distinct advantage.

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 Person Behaviour and Search Coordination courses which are independently delivered by L&MPS International. Contact L&MPS International for further details.

Theoretical elements:

- Classroom sessions cover the theoretical elements of search techniques & practices, leadership and prepare candidates for the practical elements of the course.



Lost & Missing Person



Search Technician & Search Team Leader Combined Course



Course length

40 hours (5 days)



Instructor

2:8 or 3:12



Period of validity

Unlimited

Certification

This course is dual certified as a Search Technician and a Search Team Leader with joint Outreach Rescue and L&MPS International Certificates of Achievement. Search Technician 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



- A written exam paper confirms learning.
- A Search Technician 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 as a Search Team Leader 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.