

# TRACKING OPERATIONS FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

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Established as the premier source for law enforcement, homeland security and military training since 1994, TTOS has continued to lead from the front and evolve within key areas of sole-source expertise, programs of instruction and curricula; and further development of our instructors as subject matter experts (SME's)

Each attendee will receive 30+ hours of professional development during this program of instruction, based on our Visual Tracker Basic Course (VT 01). This course is designed and intended for search and rescue members, coordinators, leaders and anyone that may find themselves in a position responsible for the expedient and safe rescue of lost or missing persons in woodland, grassland, rural or arid environments. This course uses mantracking as a means to come into contact with tracks and sign that can be directly linked to the person being sought, establish a primary direction of travel, maintain contact with the tracks, conduct lost person profiling (predictive analysis), profile the terrain and assist in coordinating the overall response using sound deductive/inductive reasoning; based on information (from various sources) that can be observed, analyzed, understood and acted upon. Tracking is a very logical process and based on direct observation and solid reasoning capability.

**This is not a sit in the classroom course!** TTOS courses are framed within the “Train in Context to Missions to Come” perspective, meaning you cannot train tracking operations in a vacuum. Basic training begins with an understanding of the big picture and then training to specifics within. As part of the 40 hour Visual Tracker Course, each attendee will be given hours of individual credit, including but not limited to:

## Situational Leadership

- Managing cohesive and effective teams
- Small unit leadership
- Operational planning/Search Urgency Analysis
- Incident Command protocols/IAP adherence (NIMS ICS)

## Technical Interoperability and SAR Ops

- Technical interoperability (concept and overview)
- Managing containment for operations
- Managing non-organic assets
- Air operations and how to manage air assets effectively

## Advanced Wilderness Medicine (full course 50+ hour only)

- Developed by medical professionals
- Hands on life saving training within a wilderness setting
- Staffed by qualified and certified EMS instructors
- Worked into SAR training scenarios for practical exercises

## Orienteering

- Correct GPS usage
- Basic land navigation and map reading
- Terrain profiling
- Terrain association techniques

## Electronic Indicators

- Beacons and cellular phones
- Sign-cutting based on GPS plotting of a moving person

At the conclusion of the course, each attendee will receive a Basic SAR Visual Tracker certification from TTOS. Additional credit for all areas of instruction will be awarded to each attendee by subject and hour.

TTOS, established in 1994, is the premier source for tracking and combat search and rescue training on an international level. Our customers have included all branches of our armed forces and Special Operations Forces therein, Border Patrol, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Protection, US Marshal's Office, state, local, tribal and federal law enforcement and multiple international customers. **This is the first time any of our courses have been made available to non-military and/or non-sworn law enforcement officials.**

**COURSE COST: No Charge.** This is a “give back” to the SAR volunteers that work hard for us all. Lodging included on-site.

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