



ILLINOIS SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

POLICY MEMO

Date: September 2017
To: ISARC members, Lead Instructors, Instructors
From: Curriculum/Training Committee
Re: Renewal of Ground Search and Rescue Operations certification processes

Purpose: Our First Responder (Law Enforcement/Fire) and Emergency Management community understands that Search and Rescue skills are perishable and standards of care are constantly changing. In an effort to establish a standardized process for renewing a member's Ground Search and Rescue Operations certification, this policy will identify standards and procedures for maintaining those skills.

Applicability: This policy is applicable to the 16 hour ground search and rescue operations course.

Procedures:

1. If you have not taken Ground Search and Rescue since April 2014, when the latest version was released, you must retake the 16-hour Ground Search and Rescue Operations course.
2. If you have taken Ground Search and Rescue since April 2014, then at the end of your three (3) year renewal, you will be eligible to submit Continuing Education documentation, in lieu of retaking the Ground Search and Rescue 16-hour course.
3. Continuing Education criteria will require that you take part in sixty (60) hours of Search and Rescue related trainings, seminars, conferences, full scale exercises or actual search missions. Thirty (30) hours of the required sixty (60) hours in three (3) years can come from search missions, if the location and time is provided.
 - a. Track your trainings, conferences, seminars, exercises and participation in search and rescue missions on the ISARC Ground Search and Rescue Continuing Education Record form. This form will be available to download on our Downloads page of the www.illinoisar.org website.
4. If you choose not to document Continuing Education, you will be required to retake the 16-hour Ground Search and Rescue course to maintain your certification.