



# Buzz from the BOARD

## Conference! Conference! Conference!!

Did we get your attention? The 2022 ISARC Conference is just a little over a week away. Are you registered? If you're not, you're going to miss some good training. Unfortunately, if you haven't registered you've missed the "early bird" rate. Still at \$85 (plus a small Eventbrite fee), you can't beat this conference. Your fee includes great training, food and lodging.

Registration can still be done at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-illinois-search-and-rescue-conference-tickets-404420652057>

The conference is Saturday, October 8 and Sunday, October 9, 2022. There are two additional trainings offered on Friday. One is Lost Person Behavior, which has a cost of \$15 (again with a small Eventbrite fee). The other is K-9 Legal Update, which has a cost of \$175 (no Eventbrite fee). To register for the Lost Person Behavior class, use the above Eventbrite link. The class is one of the options. If you'd like to attend the K-9 Legal Update, use this link:

[Seminar Registration | Sheepdog Guardian](#)

If you are attending one of these optional Friday trainings and would like to stay at the camp Thursday night, that can be done for an additional \$20 per person. You need to let us know by sending an email to [secretary@illinoissar.org](mailto:secretary@illinoissar.org). The fee can be paid via PayPal ([info@illinoissar.org](mailto:info@illinoissar.org)) or we can collect it at the door (cash or check only at the door). But we have to know in advance if you're planning on staying at the camp.

If you haven't seen the conference brochure it's included at the back of this newsletter.

Because of COVID it seems like the last conference was such a long time ago. We hope to see many of you at the conference to renew old friendships or make new ones! See you there!



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## Upcoming Training

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October 7	Lost Person Behavior	Clinton IL
October 7	K-9 Legal Update	Clinton IL
October 8-9	ISARC Conference	Clinton IL
October 15-16	Ground Search and Rescue	Tazewell County
October 29	Search and Rescue Exercise	Kane County OEM
November 19-20	Ground Search and Rescue	New Lenox
December 3	Lost Person Behavior	Tolono IL
December 17-18	BNAV Train the Trainer	TBD
April 15-16, 2023	GSAR Train the Trainer	TBD

Registration for all these events is done through Eventbrite. When registration is open the link is posted on the ISARC website: [www.illinoissar.org](http://www.illinoissar.org) (click the Training button).

## SAR Tips & Tricks

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I have found at searches that personal restroom facilities fall a little short. I solved that problem by bringing my own equipment. I took a plastic two-pound coffee container (your choice of coffee) and found that it holds a roll of toilet paper just right. There is room for other hand wipes and the plastic container keeps the roll from getting smashed.

Submitted by: Tom Foust



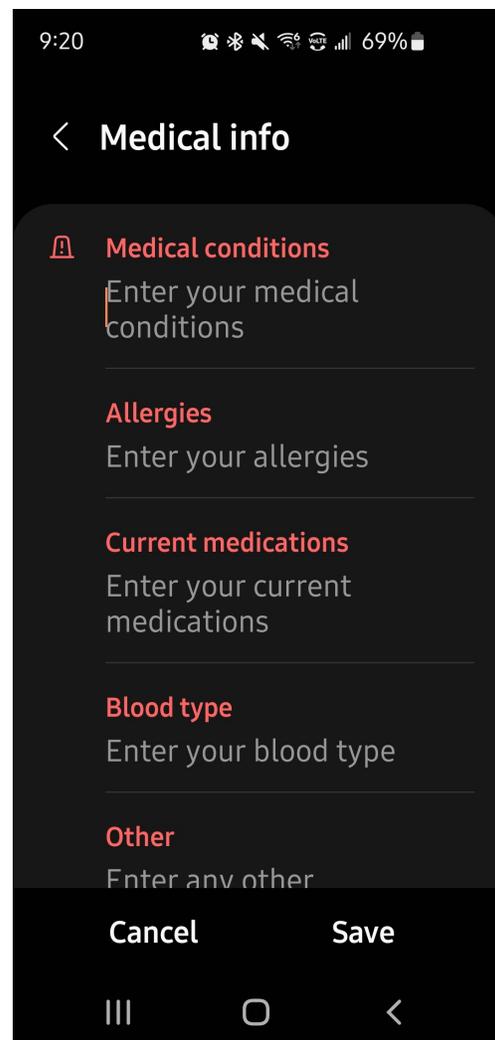
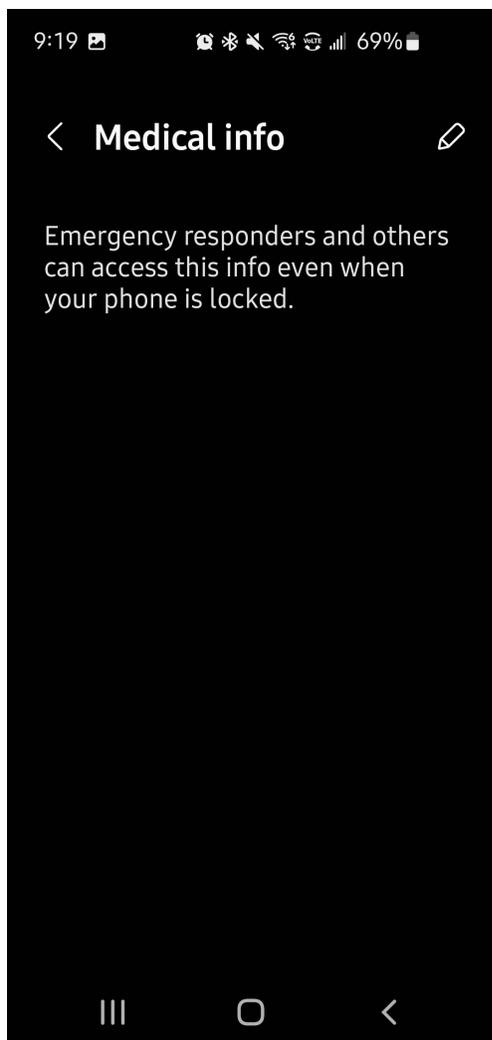
## Red Envelope on Your Phone

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Did you know that most smart phones can store your medical information and it can be accessed even when your phone is locked? First, add your medical information to your phone. For my phone, this was under my profile in Contacts. Then, allow Emergency Responders to access the info even when the phone is locked. For my phone, this was under Settings. Please note that anyone, not just emergency responders, will be able to access this information if they have access to your phone, even when your phone is locked – but they need to know how to get to it. All emergency responders are supposed to be trained to find this information. There are, of course, apps available also.

<https://www.cnet.com/tech/mobile/your-android-phone-can-help-you-in-an-emergency-heres-how/>

Every phone is different. Search for “medical information on phone” and explore the possibilities.



# Recent Trainings

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August



BNAV in Lee County

September



BNAV Cook County

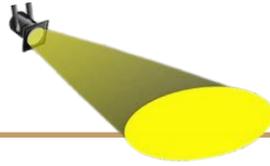


GSAR Cook County

If you would like to request additional information on any of the training programs offered by ISARC, or wish to schedule a course for your agency please [email us](mailto:training@illinoissar.org) (training@illinoissar.org). To request a course, please use our [course delivery request form](#). The link is located on our website (www.illinoissar.org) under the training tab.

Complete the form and email it to [training@illinois.org](mailto:training@illinois.org)

# Member Spotlight



## Elk Grove Village SAR



**Jim Sklena**

### CERT & SAR Focused Volunteer resume

I am Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trained and I volunteer with the Elk Grove Village police department's CERT program. Through this CERT program I also participate in Search-and-Rescue (SAR) operations throughout the state, as facilitated by the Illinois Search And Rescue Council (ISARC). ISARC is a state-wide pool of resources (equipment and trained people) used by law enforcement agencies to find missing or endangered persons, locate evidence and/or assist in other recovery operations. I am currently trained in Basic Navigation, Ground Wilderness Search & Rescue, Wide Area Search, Basic Search Management and Lost Person Behavior, and have participated in workshops focused on subjects with Autism and Dementia/Alzheimers.

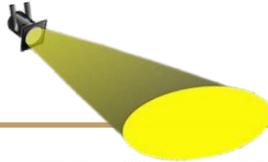
Since 1986, I have worked and/or volunteered with the Northwest Suburban Council Boy Scouts of America (now Pathway to Adventure Council)- most recently as a Camp Visitation Team Member for the NCAP program (the Boy Scouts of America's National Camp Accreditation Program).

For the past 14+ years I have served as a PTA officer at many levels. I currently serve as the Illinois PTA Treasurer and serve on the state PTA's BDNC (Nominating) Committee. I also serve as the MemberHub Chairperson on the Schaumburg Township Council of PTA's board as well as the MemberHub Chairperson for the PTA's Northwest Cook Region.

I believe in "community". I believe strong communities create better children, and, make us better adults too!

I think CERT, SAR, Boy Scouts, and PTA are some of the best ways I know of to build and develop that sense of community. My interest is in helping-out wherever I am needed. I bring over 30 years of personal experience working with not-for-profit groups & volunteers as well as over 15 years of experience managing volunteers.

# Member Spotlight



## Elk Grove Village SAR

### Susan Conley



Hi, my name is Susan and I have been a CERT/SAR member for about 7 years now. In my work world, I am a security specialist who has been working for 23 years in the security field.

I found out about the Cert program through another member while taking part in the Elk Grove Village Citizens Police Academy. Through the trainer of the Cert program I found out about search and rescue.

As with all of you the importance of finding someone in distress and giving a family closure very much appealed to me. I'm very committed to increasing my knowledge and training to the best of my ability and love working with members from other areas and creating new liaisons/friends. It has been a great experience so far.

### Matt Thompson

EGV resident since 1958

Member of 1st CERT class in EGV - November 2008

Led to me getting a HAM radio license in 2009 and joining ISARC in 2012

Member of the Civil Air Patrol since 2016 (a US Air Force Auxiliary) - Woodfield squadron (Schaumburg airport)

Work for Grainger as Technical Product Support Specialist



Would you like to see your team or team members in the Spotlight? Write a brief article on your team—share info about its creation, implementation, members, mission or anything you'd like other ISARC members to know about your team or team members. What kind of deployments do you do? How many members? You get the idea.

Write it up (preferably in a WORD document) and send it to [SARBuddy@yahoo.com](mailto:SARBuddy@yahoo.com). Attach a picture to include with the article and you'll see it in an upcoming newsletter.

# Committee Help Needed

The heart of the organization is giving the membership what they need/want as members of ISARC. In doing that there are a handful of committees that work on new and ongoing projects. If you are interested in serving on a committee, let us know.

ISARC committees and a short description of what they might be responsible for include:

- **Conference Committee** will aid in planning and executing the annual

conference.

- **Curriculum/Training Committee** will propose new and revise existing curriculum based on the matrix set forth by the board. This committee also aids in assigning requested training sessions to the appropriate lead instructors.
- **Community Outreach Committee** will represent the organization at conferences and events. This committee reaches out to potential or new mem-

bers and directs them to mentor teams/sources to aid in their development.

- **Mutual Aid Resource Committee** will develop a resource guide with contact and asset information of all member teams. This committee will work with first responder agencies to inform them of ISARC agency members' capabilities.

*"Many hands make light work"*

# Newsletter Material Needed

The quarterly newsletter is intended to be a publication communicating things that pertain to member organizations within the Illinois Search and Rescue Council. The newsletter should be for you and about you. If there is a person and/or organization that you would like to see highlighted in the newsletter, send those suggestions or articles along with pictures to board@illinoissar.org or to Carol Lussky at sarbuddy@yahoo.com. It is always nice to see what other agencies are doing and how their members are furthering the cause.

If your agency went on a search and you want to share lessons learned with the membership, that would be great also.

If your agency is hosting a class, training or fund raiser, please feel free to submit those also. Agency member trainings that are open to other agencies can also be posted on the ISARC website. Please send the training information to secretary@illinoissar.org. Keep in mind that the newsletter will only be published once a quarter, unless we get enough content to make it otherwise. Remember this newsletter is yours, so make it what you would like to see communicated.

If we get a lot of articles the newsletter can grow in size and content.

We are proud of each of our members and this is a great place to show

off the things that your agency is doing.

We will try to publish the newsletter in January, April, August and November. There might be a supplemental issue as we get closer to each years' conference.

Let us know your thoughts!!

# Illinois Search and Rescue Council

## NEWSLETTER

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***So that others may live!***

The Illinois Search and Rescue Council is a registered 501(c)3 charitable, professional, and educational organization which supports, coordinates, develops, promotes, and implements search and rescue resources with the underlying principles of saving lives and preserving property through its support of the National Search and Rescue Plan, the National Response Framework, and Illinois Emergency Operations Plan.

Our membership is comprised of SAR teams from all across the State of Illinois, and some surrounding areas, that have come together to further the professionalism of the SAR discipline. Our teams include organizations from public safety organizations as well as non-governmental organizations providing search and rescue services for missing persons within the State of Illinois.

Our website is: [www.illinoissar.org](http://www.illinoissar.org)

We are also on [Facebook!](#)

Check both for event and training updates



## Canine Legal Updates and Opinions Seminar Search and Rescue Clinton, IL

### Search & Rescue 1-day Seminar

**October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 8 am to 5 pm**

**Cost is \$175.00/seat**

***(Check-in begins at 7:45 am on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022)***

*Any agency member is welcome to attend. Topics geared towards canine legal updates on search & rescue and human remains detection dog operations. Agency attorneys, prosecuting attorneys, supervisors, and administrators are also encouraged and welcome.*

#### **K9 Industry Standards Training**

- Certification
- Discipline-specific

#### **K9: Search & Seizure, Search & Rescue (Human Remains Detection), Report Writing & Court Testimony**

- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals

***Dates:*** October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

***Cost:*** \$175.00 per seat

***Location:*** Little Galilee Christian Camp and Retreat  
7539 Little Galilee Road  
Clinton, IL 61727

### **To Register:**

**Visit [www.sheepdogguardian.com](http://www.sheepdogguardian.com) Click on "Upcoming Seminars" or Email: [Jennifer@sheepdogguardian.com](mailto:Jennifer@sheepdogguardian.com) with any questions or if you need to be invoiced.**



**2022**  
**Illinois**  
**Search**  
**And**  
**Rescue**



**October 7—9, 2022**  
**Little Galilee Christian Camp,**  
**Clinton, IL**

# 2022 Illinois Search And Rescue Conference



## October 7–9, 2022

There are topics/tracks of interest for all fields of Search and Rescue. Join us for a weekend of networking and fun.

### Friday, October 7:

- Lost Person Behavior Course (Additional Cost and Full Day)
- K9 Legal Presentation (Additional Cost and Full Day)

### Saturday and Sunday, October 8–9:

#### Sessions

- Compass Use
- Coroner and SAR (2 Part Session)
- Crew Leader (2 Part Session)
- Crime Scene—Evidence Preservation
- Equipment and Cool Toys for SAR
- How to Select A Search Dog
- ITECS and Other Comms Resources
- K9 First Aid (2 Part Session)
- K9 Flanker
- Law Enforcement and SAR
- Mock Search (2 Part Session)
- SAR Check-in and Staging (General Session)
- SAR Communications (2 Part Session)
- SarTopo and SAR (General Session)
- SAR Team Retention
- UTM/Map Reading (2 Part Session)

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Country Inn & Suites—Decatur  
5150 Hickory Point Frontage Road  
Decatur, IL 62526  
217-872-2402  
\$79 + tax/night  
Code: Illinois Search & Rescue

Sleep Inn—Decatur  
3920 E. Hospitality Lane  
Decatur, IL 62521  
217-872-7700  
\$79 + tax/night  
Code: Illinois Search and Rescue  
(Block reserved until 9/30)

Homewood Suites—Forsyth  
333 W. Marion Avenue  
Forsythe, IL 62535  
217-877-0888  
\$109 + tax/night (King Room  
Not a block, but mention Illinois Search and Rescue  
Conference (Phyllis—Manager)  
Rate is good until 9/7)

Rooms blocked for Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8 only. Cost is not included in conference pricing. First come—first served

#### WHERE

Little Galilee Christian Camp  
7539 Little Galilee Road  
Clinton, IL 61727

#### WHEN

Friday, October 7, 2022 - 1600–2000  
Saturday, October 8, 2022 - 0730-2100  
Sunday, October 9, 2022 - 0730-1315

#### AMENITIES

Hospitality—Friday Night  
Breakfast—Saturday and Sunday  
Lunch - Saturday and Sunday  
Dinner - Saturday

#### REGISTRATION

(\$75+ PayPal fees) - Early Registration (ISARC Members)  
(\$85+ PayPal fees)- Early Registration (non-ISARC Members)  
(\$85+ PayPal fees) - Late/On-Site Registrations

Payment of completed registration to:  
ISARC  
P. O. Box 5444  
Elgin, IL 60121

You may download the manual registration form online at [www.illinoisar.org](http://www.illinoisar.org)

Camp with us at the camp in either in a male-only or female-only unit. Lodging at the camp is included in your conference fee.

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Friday, October 7, 2022

Start	End	<b>LOST PERSON BEHAVIOR</b> SEPARATE REGISTRATION/MUST TAKE ALL PORTIONS
0800	0830	Registration Lost Person Behavior
0830	1200	Lost Person Behavior Morning Portion
1200	1300	Lunch
1300	1730	Lost Person Behavior Afternoon Portion

Start	End	<b>K9 LEGAL ASPECTS</b> SEPARATE REGISTRATION/MUST TAKE ALL PORTIONS
0800	0830	Sign In for K9 Legal Aspects
0830	1200	K9 Legal Aspects Morning Portion
1200	1300	Lunch
1300	1700	K9 Legal Aspects Afternoon Portion

There are classes and setup activities taking place on Friday, October 7, 2022, so if you are not attending the Friday sessions, please do not arrive prior to 1600.

Start	End	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
1700	2000	Registration Self Control Building Entry Way
Start	End	<b>HOSPITALITY EVENT</b>
1830	2100	Hospitality Event Grillin' and Chillin' (Outdoors—Bonfire)

# 2022 Illinois Search And Rescue Conference

Saturday, October 8, 2022

Start	End	
0700	0830	<b>Registration</b> Self Control Building Entry
0730	0830	<b>Breakfast</b> Self Control Building Dining Area
0830	0840	<b>Posting Of The Colors</b> Civil Air Patrol
0840	0845	<b>Welcoming Remarks - Conference Committee</b>
0845	1015	<b>Annual Membership Meeting/Elections</b>
1015	1145	<b>General Session - Kimberly Gotte</b> SarTopo in SAR
1145	1245	<b>Lunch</b> Self Control Building Dining Area

1300	1420	Coroner and SAR* Part A R. Ploch/T. Eutis	Law Enforcement & SAR D. Fellows (ILEAS)	K9 Flanker C. Lussky	UTM/Map Reading* Part A ** R. Kuchenbrod
1435	1555	Coroner and SAR* Part B R. Ploch/T. Eutis	Mock Search* Part A ** New Lenox SAR	How To Select A Search Dog J. Anagnos	UTM/Map Reading* Part B ** R. Kuchenbrod
1610	1730	Crime Scene/Evidence J. Buckley	Mock Search* Part B ** New Lenox SAR	Member Retention Retention T. Foust	ITECS and other Comms Resources TBD

1800	1900	<b>Dinner</b> Self Control Building Dining Area
1900	????	<b>Scavenger Hunt and then a Bonfire</b>

\*These sessions are double or triple, so you will need to sign up for Part A and Part B/C to get the entire session.

\*\*Extra equipment needed. See course description for equipment needed.

# 2022 Illinois Search And Rescue Conference

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Start	End				
0730	0830	<b>Breakfast</b> Self Control Building Dining			
0830	0930	General Session - Kimberly Gotte SAR Check-In/Staging			
0940	1100	SAR Communications* Part A T. Foust	Crew Leader* Part A K. Gotte	Equipment & Cool Toys for SAR A. Sondgeroth & D. Watson	K9 First Aid* Part A Dr. A. Neuman DVM
1110	1230	SAR Communications* Part B T. Foust	Crew Leader* Part B K. Gotte	Compass Use** Anthony Sondgeroth	K9 First Aid* Part B Dr. A. Neuman DVM
1240	1315	Conference Closeout - Door Prizes - Cleanup Cold Cut Sandwich Lunch			
1315	1415	ISARC Board Meeting			

\*These sessions are double, so you will need to sign up for Part A and Part B to get the entire session.

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## GENERAL SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

<b>Annual Membership Meeting</b> Jason Buckley, ISARC Chair	Discussion of the accomplishments of ISARC over the past year, how we have grown, established relationships with other organizations, and presented a reinforced road map to the future direction of the organization. The annual meeting will be held along with the Board of Directors election.
<b>SarTopo for SAR</b> Kimberly Gotte, Kendall County SAR	Search and Rescue is multi faceted and we need to keep making each search more effective and efficient. SarTopo is a tool that can help us do just that. SarTopo is a modern tool to help with the planning, assignments, execution of the field portion all while keeping our documentation up to date and ensuring the tracking of our field resources.
<b>Check-In and Staging for SAR</b> Kimberly Gotte, Instructor	These are two very important tasks in a search and rescue incident, that often times are over looked. During an incident it is important to know who has responded to the incident scene and their capabilities. All that starts at Check-In. Once the resources are ready to be deployed, it is important that they are sent out in a timely and tracked way. Staging is critical in making the incident run smooth with the right resources at the right time.

## BREAKOUT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

<b>Compass Use</b> Anthony Sondgeroth, Instructor	This is a great opportunity to hone your pacing and compass skills. The session will provide the following: A short instructional lesson on the compass and pacing techniques. Establish your 100 meter pacing count Refresher on obtaining an azimuth or bearing Participants will be paired with another member to complete the course Participants will locate several targets in the field based on a bearing and distance Participants should be prepared to hike in flat, hilly, open or wooded terrain. This session is held outdoors rain or shine. Bring compass and dress for SAR
<b>Coroner and SAR</b> LaSalle Co Coroner Rich Ploch and Chief Deputy Terry Eutis, Instructor	Overview of how we perform coroner investigations in LaSalle County. Interactive session about working with search and rescue personnel. Discuss the five stges of human decomposition and how the body changes. If time allows, showcase some of the equipment we use on death investigations.
<b>Crew Leader (Part A and B)</b> Kimberly Gotte, Instructor	The session will talk about some of the leadership qualities and tactics that make a good search and rescue crew leader. This will be mainly a classroom session with a few tactics demonstrated/practiced outdoors.
<b>Crime Scene/Evidence Preservation</b> Jason Buckley, Instructor	The session will teach basic recognition of items of evidentiary value and techniques for proper preservation methods. Search and Rescue personnel may be the first to find a Crime Scene, and this class will cover how to properly handle that situation. This is a classroom session.
<b>Equipment and Cool Toys for SAR</b> Tony Sondgeroth/Dawn Watson, Instructors	This session is designed for those relatively new to SAR. We will discuss clothing, gear, and accessories for all weather conditions.
<b>Law Enforcement &amp; SAR</b> David Fellows (ILEAS), Instructor	This session will be about some of the things that search teams might want to think about from a law enforcement point of view. Previous search will be used to show how important search and rescue resources can be, both from a "boots on the ground" aspect and also the pre-planning and search management/mapping for those resources.
<b>How To Select A Search Dog</b> Janet Anagnos, Instructor	We want to make the right decision when selecting a dog for search work but sometimes our hearts get in the way. This discussion will point out some of the traits that should be considered when selecting a working dog. Age, breed, drive and genetics will all be discussed. Finding the right breeder or evaluating a dog from a shelter can sometimes be a daunting task; hopefully this information can help with your selection process.

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TOPIC SESSION DESCRIPTIONS (Cont'd)	
<b>Member Retention</b> Tom Foust, Instructor	The session will be an opportunity to discuss different ways to keep their teams engaged. There will be discussion of monthly trainings, exercises, requirements, etc. Primarily for Team leads but they could bring other members that are in a position to benefit from the information. This is a classroom/roundtable session
<b>K9 Flanker</b> Carol Lussky, Instructor	Have you been tasked with flanking a K9 team at a search and didn't quite know what to do? Do you resist volunteering to flank a K9 team because you don't know how? In this session we're going to talk about the different types of SAR K9's and what you'll need to do (or not do) when assigned as a K9 flanker.
<b>Lost Person Behavior (All Day Friday)</b> Kimberly Gotte, Instructor	Discover behaviors people resort to when they are lost, learn the best places to look first, and explore why they act the way they do. Successful completion of this class will enable searchers to be more effective in the field and managers will improve their ability to plan searches.
<b>Mock Search (Part A and B)</b> New Lenox SAR, Instructors	This session will be a Mock Search complete with Search and Rescue Management (SARM) and ground search teams. Segment assignments will be given and teams will complete a mock search with a specific scenario. This session will be a field session. Dress appropriate for a search and bring necessary gear.
<b>SAR Communications (Part A and B)</b> Tom Foust, Instructor	The session will talk about how important communications are in the success of a response to a lot of types of incidents. Different types of communications will be discussed. Some information on how to make communication in an incident more useful and successful when there are some shortcomings will be shared. Part A is a classroom session and Part B is an outdoor radio exercise.
<b>ITECS and Other Comm Resources</b> TBD, Instructor	Talk about the resources that are available throughout the state in regards to communications in the field. Some discussion on how to request ITECS and information that they will need when deploying to the scene. Discuss some of the ways that the ITECS team can be of value on an incident.
<b>K9 First Aid (Part A and B)</b> Alexis Newman DVM, Instructor	Veterinarian Alexis Newman has extensive experience with working dogs, and has authored numerous medical articles for working dog magazines. Wellness exam and care will be discussed. Injury first aid and illnesses will be covered. Bloat and hyperthermia will be highlighted. You will leave with the knowledge to be the best advocate for your K9 partner. Questions are encouraged.
<b>UTM and Mapreading (Part A and B)</b> Ralph Kuchenbrod, Instructor	The session will teach you how to use topographic maps and plot UTM coordinates. You will use topo maps and UTM roamers for a hands-on class of a maximum of twenty-four (24) participants. If you sign up for this course, please bring an orienteering compass or a 360 degree protractor. This is a classroom session.



**WANT TO HELP WITH THE  
CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR?  
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**SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!  
THANK YOU!**