

LARGE AREA SEARCH

There are times when conditions such as building construction, size, layout, or inherent hazards are beyond the scope of ordinary search techniques. Searches must be thorough, flexible, and safe. It is in these situations Team Rope Searches may be an option.

This class is an introduction to the concept of large area or team rope search theory and techniques. The classroom portion of the course will entail recognizing building construction of large commercial buildings, identifying hazards of those particular structures, and when to apply rope search techniques.

Objectives:

- Introduce the student to the basics of a team search.
- Use both theory and hands-on search scenarios to cover a complicated area in the quickest time with maximum control and safety.
- The student will learn the minimum requirements and train to their Department's Standard Operational Guidelines to perform a large search operation. (*SOG's to be developed by your Fire Department to fit your needs and capabilities, a sample can be provided.*)
- Identify the essential equipment, tools, and staffing required for a team search operation. Heavy emphasis on team accountability.
- IC's and firefighters will learn to recognize the need for a team search, when searching for life or fire cannot be accomplished by ordinary search techniques.

Class Duration:

The class is designed to last approximately 6 hours depending on the amount of students and travel time between classroom and hands-on training site.

- 2 hours of classroom
- 1 hour of demonstration with equipment
- 3 hours of running hands-on scenarios

The class can be broken into separate days to fit your department's needs.