MISSING PERSONS SEARCH TECHNICIAN

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OVERVIEW

This course equips Search Volunteer Professionals with essential skills in missing persons behaviour, tactics, and techniques. Delivered by Police-approved instructors, it ensures training meets National Policing Search Standards and prepares attendees to operate confidently in Search & Rescue.

SCHEME OF WORKS

The course has been written in line with the Police Concept of Operations, delivered and designed for the Volunteer Professional Search & Emergency Services communities. The course is currently awaiting imminent Skills for Justice accreditation.

This course is broken down into individual lesson categories, with both theory and practical assessments. The individual lessons are:

- Water Awareness & Rescue Techniques
- Search Techniques
- Missing Person Behaviour
- Map Reading & Navigation
- Radio & Communication Skills
- Point of Find – actions on
- Crime Scene Awareness
- First Aid & Safeguarding
- Road Safety
- Health & Safety

SYLLABUS

Practical Assessments:

- Missing Person Behaviour – Applying GRAMPIAN, iFind, Koester and other profiling datasets, including use of 'SCENARIO' as a framework to build effective search strategies.

- Search Techniques – Practical use of critical spacing, assurance levels, and 360° search awareness, recognising the difference between simply 'looking' and actively 'searching'.

- Scenario Exercise – A full, scenario-based assessment demonstrating understanding of search and rescue techniques, safeguarding, and safe operational practice during a missing person deployment.

DURATION

5 days *Flexible scheduling to suit volunteer shifts and weekend availability.