

VERMONT STATEWIDE SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING

SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2021

CAMP ETHAN ALLEN TRAINING SITE (CEATS) – JERICO, VT

[LINK TO REGISTER](#)

(There is no cost for this training)

Registration Deadline 9/3/21

SATURDAY SEPT 18 – (08:30 – 16:00)

During lunch we will all meet for a helicopter hoist demonstration from the National Guard.

Choice of:

Land Navigation

Instructors from the Vermont National Guard and the Army Mountain Warfare School will cover the following:

Topographic map reading (1:25000 scale), using a compass, using a protractor, adjusting for declination, route planning, navigating techniques using dead-reckoning and terrain association, tools such as pace counting, hand-rails and intersection and resection, coordinate systems (MGRS). This course involves hiking over varying terrain that *will include off-trail sections, rough spots, unexpected obstacles, and low to steep terrain inclines and declines.*

Requirements: No experience required. Participants should bring proper footwear and clothing for the environment. A small notepad may be helpful. You may bring your own compass but loaners will also be available.

Basic Rope Rescue

Instructors from the Vermont National Guard and the Army Mountain Warfare School will cover the following:

Patient assessment and packaging, litter handling techniques, self-equalizing anchor systems, rescue belays and devices, raising and lowering systems in low-moderate angle terrain, simple, compound and complex pulley systems, and managing command and communications.

Requirements: No experience required. Participants should bring proper footwear and clothing for the environment. Helmets, gloves and harness recommended but not required to sign up for the course (lack of PPE may limit active participation for certain aspects of the class).

NOTE: Teams are encouraged to bring their own equipment that they would be using on a rescue to incorporate into the training (litters, ropes, hardware, patient packaging, etc.).

SUNDAY SEPT 19 (08:30-11:30)

– Choice of:

Introduction to Search Management

Tom Frawley from the Upper Valley Wilderness Response Team will cover the following topics.

- Subject profile and interview techniques
- Lost person behavior
- Initial planning steps
- Resource planning
- Resource deployment
- Hasty searches
- Line searches
- Canine use

After a morning of lecture/instruction there will be a field SAR scenario in the afternoon in which participants will manage an incident for a lost subject who must be located and rescued!

Participants from the other classes will be provided as resources for you to deploy.

Requirements: The course is intended for people who may be in a position to manage a SAR operation.

There are no pre-requisites for the class, though prior experience with SAR will be helpful.

The morning class will be held in a classroom indoors.

Intermediate Rope Rescue

A continuation of Saturday's session with instructors from the Vermont National Guard and Mountain Warfare School moving into more advanced techniques in more challenging and vertical terrain.

After morning instruction there will be a SAR scenario in the afternoon in which participants will have an opportunity to conduct a rescue with a live subject.

Requirements: Some previous experience in basic rope rescue. (Attendance on Saturday is not required.) Participants should bring proper footwear and clothing for the environment.

Helmets, gloves and harness are highly recommended – lack of which may limit participation.

NOTE: Teams are encouraged to bring their own equipment that they would be using on a rescue to incorporate into the training (litters, ropes, hardware, patient packaging, etc.).

Topics in Wilderness Medicine

A panel of wilderness medicine experts who are active members of local SAR teams (Ellen Stein MD, Sarah Schlein MD, Sarah Lamb NREMT-P) will touch on a number of different current topics of interest to backcountry responders in an interactive format that encourages questions from participants. They will also provide an update on progress in establishing new backcountry protocols for EMS responders in Vermont.

After a morning instruction there will be a SAR scenario in the afternoon in which participants will have an opportunity to respond and provide care during the rescue of a live subject.

Requirements: The course is primarily geared toward licensed Vermont EMS providers and is open to all.

NOON – 15:30

Live SAR Scenario

All morning class attendees are encouraged to participate.