



## Course Description

### PER-213 Wide Area Search

#### Description

When disaster strikes, it can be a challenge to effectively mobilize, organize, and deploy resources needed to perform wide area searches. This course is an excellent training opportunity for any jurisdiction or agency that may face such an emergency. The course content applies to a vast number of critical situations, including natural disasters or terrorist incidents.

You will be instructed in practical search methods and skills so you can perform systematic searches over a large affected area. The training will include challenging exercises that mirror real life scenarios. The three-day long event will conclude with an in-depth exercise that requires participants to utilize the skills gained during the course by working through an incident from start to finish in a single operational period.

The trainers delivering the course are knowledgeable—they are experienced emergency responders who have actively utilized wide area search techniques during some of the nation's largest and most challenging operations, such as Hurricanes Katrina, Ike, Gustav, and Rita; the Space Shuttle Columbia recovery operation; and many other incidents that required the same comprehensive strategies

#### Course Objectives:

- Plan for the response to an incident and evaluate capabilities and limitations of resources necessary to conduct a wide area search.
- Collect, process, evaluate, and utilize intelligence required to formulate strategies for wide area searches.
- Conduct operations to support an effective wide area search.
- Plan and conduct operations to support a wide area search.

#### Prerequisites:

**You must be a US Citizen to take this course. If you are not please let us know by email for further instruction at [OEM.TRAINING@DHSES.NY.GOV](mailto:OEM.TRAINING@DHSES.NY.GOV)**

All participants must have a FEMA Student Identification (FEMA SID) number. Students can search for their existing/create a new FEMA SID at: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/>.

**Length: 24 Hours**

#### Target Audience:

- Emergency Management
- Fire Service
- Law Enforcement
- Citizen/Community Volunteer
- Search and Rescue

#### Cost:

There is no fee for the course. Other cost considerations are detailed in each LMS course offering.

#### Signup Details:

Register through the New York State DHSES Learning Management System. Access the LMS through the link on the calendar webpage.