

Latah County Search and Rescue Council

Search Manager's Initial Response Operations Outline (Cookbook!)

Page numbers (*p.323*) refer to Search is an Emergency textbook.

Response after activated by Sheriff's Office (First Notice) *p.61*

1. Initial Information

- A. Subject information (from S.O.) *p.62*
 - i. Number of people
 - ii. Missing how long
 - iii. Activity
 - iv. Equipment
 - v. Clothing
 - vi. Age
 - vii. Physical Description
 - viii. Physical Condition
 - ix. Experience / Ability
 - x. Point Last Seen (or Last Known Position)
- B. Weather (obtain from Weather Radio, etc.)

2. Evaluate Initial Information *p.63*

- A. Consider facts, probabilities, possibilities
- B. Determine Urgency *p.65*

3. Expand subject profile

- A. Appoint investigators (use SAR deputies?)
- B. Lost Person Questionnaire *p.72*
- C. Protect Scent Articles
- D. Subject name(s)
- E. Shoe/boot description

4. Gather Initial Human Resources

- A. Contact other managers (“staff”)
- B. Appoint callout manager see section 6)

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6. Initial Plan

A. Initial Attack Strategy

- i. Containment
- ii. Attraction
- iii. Detection

B. Determine Resource Needs

- i. Local
 - a. Vehicles
 - b. Sheriff's Deputies
 - c. Horse
 - d. Ground
 - e. Other (Radios, Maps, Shelter)
- ii. External
 - a. Dogs
 - b. Trackers
 - c. Helicopter

C. Establish Base Camp Location

- i. Initial Base Camp Boss
- ii. Initial Communications Boss

7. Information for Callout *p.85*

- A. When to report
- B. Situation description (over and above that provided on recording)
- C. Special skills/equipment needed
- D. Meeting Place
 - i. Suggested Route
 - ii. Signs
 - iii. Markers
 - iv. Indication of how long searchers will be needed
 - v. Calloff procedure