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Standard Guide for Training of a Land Search and Rescue (SAR) Strike Team/ Task Force Leader¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This guide establishes the minimum training for Land SAR Strike Team/Task Force Leaders as it relates to their general, field, and search and rescue specific knowledge, skills, and abilities.

1.2 A Land SAR Strike Team Leader/Task Force Leader is responsible for direct supervision, general leadership, wellness, and safety of multiple SAR teams and resources operating on all land and water environments, including intertidal areas, but not oceans or swiftwater.

1.3 A Land SAR Strike Team Leader/Task Force Leader may work in remote areas including urban or disaster areas that may be isolated or have lost their infrastructure.

1.4 Land SAR Strike Team Leader/Task Force Leaders are eligible to be members of Category: Land Search, Category: Land Rescue, Category: Land Search and Rescue, and Category: Untrained, search teams or crews, as defined in Classification **F1993**.

1.4.1 Category: Land Search teams which may utilize personnel trained to this guide are:

- 1.4.1.1 Kind: Non-Wilderness;
- 1.4.1.2 Kind: Wilderness;
- 1.4.1.3 Kind: Mountainous;
- 1.4.1.4 Kind: Alpine;
- 1.4.1.5 Kind: Tracking;
- 1.4.1.6 Kind: Mounted;
- 1.4.1.7 Kind: Mountain Bike;
- 1.4.1.8 Kind: ATV-ROHV.

1.4.2 Category: Land Rescue and Category: Land Search and Rescue teams which may utilize personnel trained to this guide are:

- 1.4.2.1 Kind: Non-Wilderness;
- 1.4.2.2 Kind: Wilderness;
- 1.4.2.3 Kind: Mountainous;
- 1.4.2.4 Kind: Alpine.

1.5 Further training may be required depending on the regulations or policies of the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).

1.6 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.7 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

F1773 Terminology Relating to Climbing, Mountaineering, Search and Rescue Equipment and Practices (Withdrawn 2024)³

F1993 Classification System of Human Land Search and Rescue Resources

F2209 Guide for Training of Land Search Team Member

F2685 Guide for Training of a Land Search Team Leader (STL)

F2751 Guide for Training of a Land Search and Rescue Team Member

F2890 Guide for Hazard Awareness for Search and Rescue Personnel

F3222 Terminology Relating to F32 Land Search and Rescue Standards and Guides

3. Terminology

3.1 *Acronyms:*

3.1.1 **AHJ**—Authority Having Jurisdiction

3.1.2 **FEMA**—Federal Emergency Management Agency

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.