



KENTUCKY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Basic Search and Rescue (BSAR)

October 10-11, 2026

Fiscal Court Room, 210 E. Central St., 2nd Floor, Harlan, KY 40831

8:00a – 6:00p EST

Course Description

This course is designed to provide guidance to SAR field responders on the best practices and techniques. Information about the duties and tasks of SAR field responders, current information on SAR field responder clothing and equipment, as well as details on the latest search techniques, information on SAR specialists such as hasty search, grid search, utilizing specialty teams, subject packaging and transport. All students must have water, two flashlights, sturdy shoes (no tennis shoes) and appropriate dress for the exercise. If you have a SAR pack, please bring for the exercise. Pencil and paper required.

Student Criteria

This course is open to all Emergency Management, Rescue, Fire, Emergency, Medical, Tele-communicator and Law Enforcement personnel or any organization having responsibility for searching for missing or lost persons. **You MUST be at least 18 years old to register for this class.**

Special Notes

A MINIMUM of Fifteen (15) advance student registrations is REQUIRED and must be received by **October 3, 2026**, in order to conduct this course. You are considered accepted as a student in this class upon receipt of your application by this office so you will not receive a letter acknowledging that acceptance. Meals, lodging, and travel expenses are the responsibility of the student and will *NOT* be reimbursed by KYEM.

Registration

Registration application for the course can be completed using the following link:

https://forms.logiforms.com/formdata/user_forms/25701_7726379/94172. When registering, please use proper name as you would like it to appear on the certificate. Students will be notified if the course is canceled. For this reason, it is imperative that you provide accurate contact information.

For more information, contact:

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