

LOST PERSON BEHAVIOR (12 May)  
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The workshop offers the participant an unique opportunity to learn about the most recent advances in lost person behavior, the latest research, new behavioral profiles, and correct life-saving actions to take when a subject disappears. The training is aimed at both law enforcement personnel and search and rescue personnel who may be responsible for the initial response and subsequent search. Participants will learn how to apply the bike model, use the Search Wheel, understand new survivability tables, learn new methods to look at lost person behavior. Field personnel will also gain important insight into the nature of lost person behavior. The course covers a review of lost person behavior, the new International Search and Rescue Incident Database (ISRID) which now contains 50,000 ground SAR cases, an introduction to eco-regions, psychology of the lost, POA models and artificial intelligence, Alzheimer's disease, despondents, wheels in the woods (bikes, ATVs), winter sports (snowboarders, snowmobiles, alpine and Nordic skiers), urban statistics, and several additional new profiles. New research is now available on lost vehicles, subjects who leave vehicles and missing aircraft. Participants will receive draft versions of a new book on lost person behavior and a Search Wheel.