



# Standard Guide for Training of Land Search Team Member<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This guide establishes the minimum training requirements for land search personnel as it relates to their general, field, and search specific knowledge and skills.

1.2 A Land Search Team Member searches on the surface of the land only, including urban or disaster areas that may be isolated or have lost supporting infrastructure.

1.3 This guide does not provide the minimum training requirements for searching in partially or fully collapsed structures, in or on water, in confined spaces, or underground (such as caves, mines, and tunnels.)

1.4 Personnel trained to this guide are not qualified to perform rescue. No knots, rope, high angle or low angle litter, or other rescue skills are required of a Land Search Team Member.

1.4.1 Basic rescue skills and knowledge are found in Guide **F2751**.

1.5 Personnel trained to this guide are not qualified to operate in leadership positions.

1.6 Land Search Team Members are eligible to be members of Type II search teams or crews as defined in Classification **F1993**.

1.6.1 Type II teams which may utilize personnel trained to this guide are:

- 1.6.1.1 Kind A (wilderness);
- 1.6.1.2 Kind B (urban);
- 1.6.1.3 Kind J (evidence/cadaver);
- 1.6.1.4 Kind K (missing aircraft).

1.6.2 Land Search Team Members are eligible to be members of Kind C (mountainous) teams provided that they are supervised by a Mountain or Alpine endorsed team member.

1.7 Further training may be required before a Land Search Team Member can participate on a particular Kind of search team, depending on local needs, regulations, or policies of the authority having jurisdiction.

1.8 *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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory requirements prior to use.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>2</sup>

**F1633** Guide for Techniques in Land Search

**F1767** Guide for Forms Used for Search and Rescue

**F1773** Terminology Relating to Climbing, Mountaineering, Search and Rescue Equipment and Practices

**F2047** Practice for Workers' Compensation Coverage of Emergency Services Volunteers

**F1993** Classification System of Human Search and Rescue Resources (Withdrawn 2014)<sup>3</sup>

**F2047** Practice for Workers' Compensation Coverage of Emergency Services Volunteers

**F2751** Guide for Training of Support Level Land Rescue Team Member (LRT-Support) Member

**F2890** Guide for Hazard Awareness for Search and Rescue Personnel

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**F3068** Guide for Contents and Use of a Position Task Book (PTB)

**F3071** Guide for Basic Wilderness GPS/GNSS Use (GPS/GNSS-IW) Endorsement

### 2.2 Other Documents:

**NWCG PMS 307** Work Capacity Testing for Wildland Firefighters<sup>4</sup>

## 3. Terminology

### 3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

- 3.1.1 *authority having jurisdiction (AHJ)*, *n*—(1) the team, organization, agency, or other entity which is using this guide; (2) the team, organization, agency, or other entity to which a

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

<sup>3</sup> The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org).

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/pubs/newshelt/workcaptest\\_lo.pdf](http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/pubs/newshelt/workcaptest_lo.pdf)