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**Direction and Control of the Search Function Search and
Rescue Management Course
Hosted By:
Tulare County Sheriff's Office**

November 2, 2026 – November 6, 2026

POST CCN# 9410-23101-26-002

"Direction and Control of the Search Function" is a 5-day, 40-hour course with trained, professional, and experienced instructors. The course is directed toward search and rescue coordinators, their alternates, team leaders and others having those responsibilities. This course format is designed to facilitate both full-time as well as volunteer SAR Management personnel, it includes the NASAR "Fundamentals of Search and Rescue" (provided), and the most revised and updated course curriculum. Course objectives include:

- How to properly manage a search
- How to develop a comprehensive search pre-plan and understand its importance to a successful search mission
- Identify basic search and rescue resources, discuss their functions and limitations
- Describe and discuss tactics used in search of lost person(s)
- Describe resources/sequence of initial actions in applying search and rescue resources to find missing subjects
- Demonstrate the ability to develop the search area with a given map problem
- Describe the function of clue detection in relation to search theory
- Identify key factors involved in deciding to suspend a mission
- Introduction to Law Enforcement and Incident Command System and describe functions of effective organization

- Discuss how effectively managed search and rescue missions affect your
- agency's image
- Discuss the importance of preventative search and rescue program

COURSE INFORMATION:

DATE:

November 2, 2026 - November 6, 2026
Monday-Friday (0800-1700)

TRAINING LOCATION:

Tulare County Sheriff's Office
HQ Training Classroom
833 S. Akers St.
Visalia, CA 93277

LODGING:

1. Holiday Inn Express

5625 W Cypress Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 627-0600

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COURSE REGISTRATION:

Cal OES and the host agency provide this course free of cost. Enrollment is on a first- come, first-served basis. Applicants should register as soon as possible since applications are accepted as they are received, and class size is limited. When your application is accepted, you will receive notification by email.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Please click on the link below or scan the QR Code and complete the application. You will receive e-mail verification of receipt.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/CsDLGcV99n>

**POST CERTIFIED:**

This course is certified by California Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) under Plan IV for full-time regular law enforcement officers. Each student receives a textbook, field operations guide, patch, and a certificate upon course completion

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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