

Why and How to Prepare for a Search in the Wilderness

COURSE EXAMINATION

- 1) Wilderness search is considered what type of event in the fire service?
 - a. High-risk, low-frequency
 - b. High-risk, low-probability**
 - c. Low-risk, Low-probability
 - d. High-frequency, high-probability
- 2) Responders not properly trained or equipped for the wilderness search may sustain injury and death when attempting carry out these missions
 - a. True**
 - b. False
- 3) Wilderness search responses using fire department personnel are often:
 - a. Prolonged
 - b. Intensive
 - c. Inefficient
 - d. All of the above**
- 4) Personnel involved in direct field efforts or incident management must have what skills to lower the risks to first responders?
 - a. Search
 - b. Extrication
 - c. High-angle rescue
 - d. Minimal**
- 5) What types of rescue can occur in high-risk terrain?
 - a. Water rescue
 - b. Cave rescue
 - c. Alpine or mountain rescue
 - d. All of the above**
- 6) Wilderness search is undertaken on an emergency basis to locate, extricate and remove from danger one or more persons who have been lost or missing by an appropriate jurisdiction
 - a. True**
 - b. False
- 7) Examples of causes for wilderness searches include which of the following?
 - a. Lost during a trip
 - b. Missing in a roadless area
 - c. Survivor of an accident
 - d. All of the above**
- 8) Parkland, forest, recreational areas, undeveloped land, and urban environments are considered what in wilderness search?
 - a. Habitats
 - b. Terrain**
 - c. Area
 - d. None of the above
- 9) Analyzing risks, possible locations, training and equipment needs are components of:
 - a. Incident management
 - b. National Incident Management System
 - c. Wilderness Search Incident Cycle**
 - d. Wilderness Incident Command
- 10) During the demobilization of resources, what factor may be significant?
 - a. Cost
 - b. Emotional
 - c. Risk
 - d. Fatigue**
- 11) People put in the field to conduct Wilderness Search should have minimal training in which of the following areas?
 - a. Situational awareness
 - b. Clue awareness
 - c. Navigation and map reading
 - d. All of the above**
- 12) The usual practice is to assign how many people to a task and to ensure that the team has a sufficient level of skills needed?
 - a. Three to five**
 - b. Four to five
 - c. One to three
 - d. Three to six
- 13) People who can read the marks left behind by a traveling person and determine the direction and speed of travel are referred to as:
 - a. Searchers
 - b. Locators
 - c. Navigators
 - d. Trackers**
- 14) Which agency is most credited with having the most skilled trackers?
 - a. U.S. Forest Service
 - b. Department of Natural Resources
 - c. U.S. Border Patrol**
 - d. U.S. Park Rangers
- 15) Which type of animal may be used to track people and detect clues related to the area?
 - a. Dogs
 - b. Horses
 - c. Pigs
 - d. All of the above**
- 16) What is a basic problem with using wheeled vehicles during Wilderness Search?
 - a. Often get stuck in wet terrain
 - b. Often prohibited in a wilderness area**
 - c. Too wide for most trails
 - d. All of the above
- 17) What devices can be used to locate search subjects by detecting their body heat against a cooler background?
 - a. Infrared and thermal imaging devices**
 - b. Radar
 - c. GPS
 - d. All of the above
- 18) Which of the following should a dispatch center obtain from a caller reporting a lost or missing subject?
 - a. Description of subject
 - b. Last contact made with subject
 - c. Subject's planned activity
 - d. All of the above**
- 19) Many Field Operations Guides use a _____ point scale to determine the urgency of the search
 - a. 50
 - b. 5
 - c. 21**
 - d. 12
- 20) Most of the costs associated with volunteer search and rescue organizations revolve around insurance, communications, and very limited equipment costs
 - a. True**
 - b. False