

Clue Awareness & Identification

Clark County Sheriff Core Comp Rev. # 2018.1
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Core Competency Objectives

- This session will comply and meet Core Comp Criteria for:
 - Clue Awareness and Identification

Requirement	Classroom - Performance Criteria
Through written evaluation the applicant will demonstrate knowledge of the clue awareness and identification involved in Search and Rescue in the State of Washington.	1. Define the types of clues for a search and rescue operation. 2. The elements of sign and how to protect and preserve them. 3. The definition of "sign": <u>the discoverable physical evidence of the passage or presence of a person.</u>

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Types of Clues for a SAR Operation

- FootPrints
- Broken Branches
- Candy Wrappers
- Clothing
- Sounds
- Smells
- Dropped equipment or personal items

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Types of Clues for a SAR Operation

- Clues can come in all forms. Do not limit yourself to just looking down and in front of you.
- Look up and side to side
- Take your time

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Definition of Sign

- “The discoverable physical evidence of the passage or presence of a Person”.
- This includes everything that a person could possibly leave that can be observed by the human eye

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Types of Clues for a SAR Operation

- Searching can be strenuous not only to the body, but to the mind and eyes as well.
- Do not overtax yourself and your powers of observation. Take “Mental “ breaks as well to rest your eyes and mind.

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The Elements of sign and how to Protect and Preserve them.

- Any Clue that assists in the Discovery of a subject.
- Can be Photographed
- Can be sketched
- Keep others away from the Sign
- Contact CP for instruction's on how to proceed

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Communication

- Notify Base camp or Dispatch
- Use of a radio; if not available use a runner to contact authorities
- Use a Cell Phone if allowed by the ICP
- Use a HAM Radio if you or a team member has one available

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Containment of Scene

- Keep the area secure. You can NEVER take too many notes regarding the scene, and who has come and gone from the area.
- Be prepared for the “stampede” if you announce you found something. Human nature dictates curiosity.
- Do not allow others in the area and tell them to stay away.

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Investigators Arrive

- Be prepared to explain to investigators what you saw and what you did.
- Do not be afraid of declaring something when you have doubt. Everything in a crime scene area has value.

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Items located and reporting

- The IC will give you directions on how to mark and preserve the item
- Be prepared to radio the coordinates and detailed description
- Take good notes

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Questions?

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