



## 2026 Region 1/Eastern Oregon Search and Rescue New Member Training Academy

**Dates:** March 14/15 and April 11/12, 2026

**Location:** Island City Fire Station, 10200 S. McAllister Road in Island City (by D&B Supply)

### Class Schedule:

Day	Topic	Lead Instructor	Time
<b>3/14 Sat</b>	Incident Command and SAR	Matt Howard	0900-1025
	Survival and Environmental Emergencies	Dwight Johnson	1030-1230
	Lunch		1230-1300
	Navigation Review, Mapping Apps	Nick Vora	1300-1425
	Map and Compass Exercises	Dwight Johnson + Cadre	1430-1530
	Coordinate System Plotting Exercises	Willy Crippen + Cadre	1535-1700
<b>3/15 Sun</b>	Crime Scenes and Security	Paige Sully	0900-0955
	Search Techniques and Strategy	Elaine LaRochelle	1000-1155
	Lunch		1200-1230
	SAR Personal Equipment	Kim Braatz	1230-1315
	SAR Pack Demo Stations	Instructor Cadre	1315-1345
	First Aid	JD Clay	1400-1600
	AHA BLS CPR	Amber Palmer	1605-1930
<b>4/11 Sat</b>	Pt Packaging and Transport	John Punches	0900-1030
	Intro to Technical Rescue	John Punches	1030-1200
	Lunch		1200-1330
	Man Tracking	Richard Henry + Cadre	1330-1525
	SAR Forms and IAPs	Nick Vora	1445-1545
	Written test and other topics as necessary	Cadre	1545-1730
<b>4/12 Sun</b>	Field Day – Mount Emily Recreation Area Owsley Canyon Rd. La Grande, OR <a href="https://www.meetmera.org/">https://www.meetmera.org/</a>	Cadre	0900-1700

**\*\*\* Important Course Information on Page Two \*\*\***

## **Required Online Pre-requisites:**

Students need to complete these classes prior to attending in-person training. Please note that these courses/videos are about 14 hours total, so please do not delay in getting started! If you are delayed in completing these or encounter an issue, such as a problem with a website, please contact Nick Vora (541-350-2182).

Pre-course work is hosted on the Umatilla County SAR Website:

[www.umasarfoundation.org/main/volunteering4others.html#coretraining](http://www.umasarfoundation.org/main/volunteering4others.html#coretraining)

- **Introduction to SAR**
- **Legal Considerations**
- **SAR Radios and Communications**
- **Searcher Safety and SAR GAR Process**
- **Incident within an incident - 8-line report**
- **Helicopters in Search and Rescue – Basic Level (This generates a CERTIFICATE)**
- **Land Navigation Pre-course Work:**
  - **UTM Coordinate Systems**
  - **USNG Coordinate Systems**
  - **Latitude and Longitude Systems**
  - **Public Land Survey System**
- **FEMA Independent Study ICS Courses (These courses generate a CERTIFICATE that needs to be submitted upon completion.)\***
  - **IS-100 – Introduction to ICS**
  - **IS-200 – Basic ICS for Initial Response**
  - **IS-700 – Introduction to the Natl. Incident Management System**

*\*Note: As of February 23<sup>rd</sup>, FEMA IS courses are not available. This requirement will be waived for the first weekend of classes if the courses remain offline.*

Blood borne pathogens training is required by OSHA for SAR team members. If you do not already have a recent certificate on file with your organization, please complete this brief online course and **submit the certificate**. To fully satisfy the BBP training requirement you will need a briefing on your agency's exposure control plan and an opportunity to ask questions of an instructor.

**Blood Borne Pathogens (BBP):** <https://osha.oregon.gov/edu/courses/pages/bloodborne-pathogens-online-course.aspx>

### **Required Materials:**

Trainees will be required to bring personal “24-hour packs” containing shelter building, fire starting, signaling, and basic survival items to the field day on Sunday, April 13th (speak to your training officer or SAR coordinator about what items your agency requires).

### **Meals:**

Trainees will be responsible for providing their own meals.

### **Questions:**

For questions or any issues that arise during the training contact Nick Vora at 541-350-2182  
[nvora@union-county.org](mailto:nvora@union-county.org)

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**EOSAR New Member Academy Pre-Course Checklist:**

**Umatilla County SAR Website Videos WITH SELF-ASSESSMENT QUIZES:**

- Intro to SAR Online Course and Quiz
- Legal Considerations Online Course and Quiz
- Basic Radio Operations for SAR and Quiz
- Safety and SAR-GAR and Quiz
- Incident Within an Incident - 8-line report
- Land Navigation Videos and Summary Quiz
  - Latitude and Longitude
  - UTM
  - National Grid
  - Public Land Survey System

**Courses that generate certificates to submit:**

- Helicopters in SAR – Basic Level
- Blood Borne Pathogens – Oregon OSHA
- FEMA ICS 100\*
- FEMA ICS 200\*
- FEMA ICS 700\*

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