



King County Search and Rescue Association

Spring 2014 KCSARA Academy

Registration is now open for the Spring 2014 KCSARA Training Academy. To register, visit:

<https://www.regonline.com/kcsara2014spring>

The academy is held on April 5th and 6th and May 3rd and 4th. See attached for the class schedule. Both the April and the May weekends share the same class schedule.

Location

[Green River Community College - Marv Nelson Science Center](#)

12401 SE 320th Street
Auburn, WA 98092

Enter through the West entrance off SE 320th St. Park in the P4 parking lot.

Sample Track

If you haven't yet taken any courses to meet your core competency requirement, here is an example track that takes you through the required courses in this academy. This is not the only course schedule that will get you through everything – it's only an example!

Saturday 1

- 0800 – 1000 - Crime Scene
- 1000 – 1100 – Helicopter Safety
- 1300 – 1500 – Radio Communications
- 1500 – 1600 – Search Management

Saturday 2

- 0900 – 1000 – GPS
- 1000 – 1700 – Land Navigation

Sunday 1

- 0800 – 1000 – Legal Issues
- 1000 – 1200 – Searcher Safety
- 1300 – 1600 – Search Techniques & Clue Awareness

Sunday 2

- 0800 – 1200 – SAR Survival
- 1300 – 1700 – Rescue Techniques

FAQ

1. **Can I challenge the written exams for the courses? (or, Do I need to sit through every class?)**

You do not need to sit through each class. With the exception of Helicopter Safety, Crime



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Scene, and Legal Issues, you can stop by the Test Center at any time to take any written exam. If you pass that exam, you will get credit for the written evaluation portion of the class.

2. **Can I take everything I need to become core compliant at this academy?**

Not quite. The practical evaluations for Search Techniques and SAR Survival are not available at the academy (they will be offered at a separate venue on June 8th & June 28th). You will also not have enough time to take First Aid / CPR at this academy along with all the other courses you need. With these exceptions, you should be good to go if you come to all four days of the academy.

3. **Are all the classes at the KCSARA Academy core compliant?**

Yes.

4. **What about the upcoming Washington State SAR Conference? Is it core compliant?**

Probably not. KCSO is still looking into it and when they let us know we'll let you know.

5. **Can I take the written exams online?**

Not yet. The online tests will be available in early April.

6. **I've heard about a First Aid "gap" course – do I need to take it?**

Not at this time. That conversation has been deferred until after January 1, 2015. You do not need to take this course right now and you will not need to take it before 1/1/2015.

7. **I have a specific question about which courses I need to take.**

Please contact your unit's training director.

8. **Further questions?**

Email your mission director or training@kcsara.org.