



ILLINOIS SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

MEMO

Date: January 1, 2018
To: ISARC member agencies and Instructors
From: ISARC Board of Directors and ISARC Curriculum/Training Committee
Re: Instructor Credential Requirements

The Board of Directors, at the December 3, 2017 board meeting, voted to establish the following requirements for all new instructors. These requirements to achieve the instructor status do not apply to current approved instructors in good standing with the ISARC; however, listed requirements to maintain instructor status will apply. Past instructors who did not complete the 2014 instructor update are no longer approved to instruct any portion of ISARC courses and would be considered new instructor applicants. Attached is a current ISARC instructor list.

GSAR Operations Course

Instructors must achieve:

- Successfully complete 2 ISARC GSAR Operations courses
- Successfully complete GSAR Train the Trainer 2014 version or newer (as amended)
- Member in good standing of an ISARC organizational member agency
- Receive approval by the organizational member point of contact
- Monitored during a GSAR Ops course by a GSAR Ops lead instructor
- Recommended by a GSAR Ops lead instructor
- Approved by the ISARC Board of Directors

Instructors must maintain:

- Instruct a component of the lecture annually
- Attend Annual Instructor/FTO Seminar (May be In-Person or Webinar)
- Successfully complete GSAR instructor updates as determined
- Successfully complete the GSAR course, if not taken since April 2014.
- Submit Continuing Education documentation every 3 years to maintain certification

Lead Instructors must achieve:

- Achieve all GSAR Ops instructor requirements and be an instructor in good standing
- Successfully complete Search Management course
- Teach each section of the GSAR Ops lecture and facilitate each field module while being evaluated by a GSAR Ops lead instructor (minimum 2 lead instructors must evaluate)
- Recommended by two separate GSAR Ops lead instructors
- Approved by the ISARC Board of Directors

Lead Instructors must maintain:

- Facilitate a GSAR course as the lead instructor annually
- Attend Annual Instructor/FTO Seminar (May be In-Person or Webinar)
- Successfully complete GSAR instructor updates as determined
- Successfully complete the GSAR course every 3 years, If not taken since April 2014
- Submit Continuing Education documentation every 3 years to maintain certification

GSAR Operations Course (Continued)

Field Training Officers (FTO) must achieve:

- Successfully complete 2 ISARC GSAR Operations courses
- Member in good standing of an ISARC organizational member agency
- Receive approval by the organizational member point of contact
- Evaluated during a GSAR Ops course by a GSAR Ops lead instructor
- Recommended by a GSAR Ops lead instructor
- Approved by the ISARC Board of Directors

Field Training Officers (FTO) must maintain:

- Assist with a component of the curriculum annually
- Attend Annual Instructor/FTO Seminar (May be In-Person or Webinar)
- Successfully complete the GSAR course, if not taken since April 2014.
- Submit Continuing Education documentation every 3 years to maintain certification

FTO Personnel that are currently being utilized as of January 1, 2018 and submitted by a lead instructor will be Grandfathered In and automatically approved by the Board of Directors.

If you fail to meet the annual requirements of the Instructor/Lead Instructor requirements listed (beginning January 2018), your Instructor/Lead Instructor/FTO status will be dropped to the following:

- Lead Instructor will drop to Instructor and must complete the requirements of Lead Instructor to re-obtain the status of Lead Instructor and that status approved by the ISARC Board of Directors.
- Instructor will drop to FTO and must complete the requirements for Instructor to re-obtain the status of Instructor and that status approved by the ISARC Board of Directors.
- Field Training Officer (FTO) will be required to be re-evaluated during a GSAR Ops course by a GSAR Ops lead instructor, re-recommended by a GSAR Ops lead instructor and re-approved by the ISARC Board of Directors

Search and Rescue Initial Operations (SARIO) course

Instructors must achieve:

- Achieve all GSAR instructor requirements and be an instructor in good standing
- Successfully complete the ISARC Search and Rescue Management course
- Successfully complete IS-100, IS-200
- Member in good standing of an ISARC organizational member agency
- Receive approval by the organizational member point of contact
- Recommended by a Search Management Lead Instructor
- Co-teach with a SARIO instructor and receive a successful evaluation
- Approval by the ISARC Board of Directors

Instructors must maintain:

- Facilitate a SARIO course annually
- Attend Annual Instructor Seminar (May be In-Person or Webinar)
- Successfully complete SARIO instructor updates as determined

Search Management (SARM) course

Instructors must achieve:

- Achieve all GSAR Ops instructor requirements and be an instructor in good standing
- Successfully complete 2 ISARC search management courses
- Successfully complete IS-100, IS-200, IS300, IS400, IS700
- Successfully complete Search and Rescue Management train the trainer
- Member in good standing of an ISARC organizational member agency
- Receive approval by the organizational member point of contact
- Demonstrate proficiency in search management forms
- Recommended by Search Management Lead Instructor
- Approval by the ISARC Board of Directors

Lead Instructors must achieve:

- Achieve all SARM instructor requirements and be an instructor in good standing
- Successfully complete AFRCC

Basic Land Navigation (BNAV) course

Instructors must achieve:

- Successfully complete ISARC GSAR Ops course twice (latest curriculum)
- Successfully complete ISARC BNAV course
- Successfully complete ISARC BNAV train the trainer
- Recommended by ISARC BNAV Instructor
- Member in good standing of an ISARC organizational member agency
- Receive approval by the organizational member point of contact
- Approval by the ISARC Board of Directors

Instructors must maintain:

- Instruct a component of the lecture annually
- Attend Annual Instructor Seminar (May be In-Person or Webinar)
- Successfully complete BNAV instructor updates as determined

Lead Instructors must achieve:

- Achieve all BNAV instructor requirements and be an instructor in good standing
- Teach each section of the GSAR Ops lecture and facilitate each field module while being evaluated by a BNAV lead instructor
- Evaluated by and recommended by two separate BNAV lead instructors
- Approved by the ISARC Board of Directors

Lead Instructors must maintain:

- Facilitate a BNAV course as the lead instructor annually
- Attend Annual Instructor Seminar (May be In-Person or Webinar)
- Successfully complete BNAV instructor updates as determined