



JOEL HARDIN PROFESSIONAL TRACKING SERVICES

LAW ENFORCEMENT FOCUSED TRACKING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT ALL TRACKER LEVELS

At

Mesa County, Grand Junction, Colorado

- Date:** 8:00 AM, Monday, May 5, 2008 – to 2:00 PM Wednesday, May 7th, 2008
- Location:** Mesa County Sheriff's Office Training Room – 215 Rice St., Grand Junction, CO
- Time:** 8:00 a.m., Monday, May 5th – through – 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 7th
- Tuition:** \$235.00 payable to the Mesa County Sheriff's Office at 215 Rice St., Grand Junction, CO students wishing to attend both this course and the preceding SAR Basic Tracker course will pay \$400

Meals & Accommodations: Students must pre-register for this course with a \$50 tuition deposit those failing to attend without a reasonable cause will forfeit the deposit. Lunches will be furnished in the field. Please contact Jim Fogg at 215 Rice St., Grand Junction, CO – (hm) 970-986-1274 or (bus) 970-244-3908 – or email: Jim.Fogg@mesacounty.us

There are No prerequisites for this training presentation. This tracking course is open to all persons with tracking interests regardless of previous experience or training and will focus on law enforcement officer awareness of the physical tracking evidence possibilities at all crime and incident scenes. This will be a certification course for all eligible students. All tracking students will be provided training at an appropriate level for their development and upward progress.

Course Content:

This will be a 24 hour course beginning at 8:00 AM, Monday, May 5th with registration and lecture including power point presentation to provide Novice and Basic tracker understanding of training mythology, techniques and procedures. The presentation supports field training by providing student understanding of training methods, manner and objectives. "Tracking" is a first response primary investigative resource used to verify witness statements, establish the facts of an incident and identification of participants. Field training will allow "student tracking team" experimentation and "hands-on" practice of fundamental tracking techniques. Novice students will progress from initial identifying a print, to "step-by-step" every track concept of following an identified sign line and practical tracking team response.

This is a "skill development" training program for Apprentice and Journeyman Tracker students. Students at these levels have acquired Basic Tracker understanding and will be introduced to practical tracking techniques and applications necessary to become a viable resource for SAR missions. Students at all training levels will be individually challenged with additional advanced tracking concepts and techniques. Journeyman Tracker students will be provided advanced training objectives working with Novice and Apprentice students and separately in simulated actual SAR and law enforcement mission scenarios.

Student Needs

Students should be physically fit and equipped for SAR field response. Field practice will continue during any inclement weather, students should be properly prepared with wet/dry, cold/hot weather gear. Students need to bring a pen/pencil, note pad, small measuring tape, 5/8 inch doweling or similar, 36 to 40 inches long, with three rubber bands to use as a tracking stick and a three cell flashlight. Joel will have copies of his book, "TRACKER" for student purchase for \$20.00.

Registration

Students must pre-register for this course with a \$50 tuition deposit and to provide for meal and lodging arrangements. Please contact Jim Fogg at (hm) 970-986-1274 or (bus) 970-244-3908 or email: Jim.Fogg@mesacounty.us to pre- register or for additional information, logistics, lodging, directions, etc.

Sponsor Information

This course is sponsored by Mesa County Sheriff's Office and SAR organization and invites all interested law enforcement and SAR volunteer personnel to attend.