



TRACKING STEP BY STEP... JHPTS - VISUAL TRACKING AND TRAINING INC.

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2023 IN-HOUSE TRACKING TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

Dates: 3/28, 5/23, 6/27-28, 7/25, 8/22, 9/26-27, 10/24, 11/28

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for single day classes; 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for fourteen hour classes in June and September

Location: Varies: see attached training schedule for training locations

Course Cost: None

Meals & Accommodations: Students should plan on bringing a brown bag lunch for training days and eating in the field. Students are responsible for their own travel to and from the training. For classes held at JBCC, students should park in the lot on E Hospital Road. Non law enforcement students must ensure they register early enough so that we can coordinate base access with JBCC Force Protection.

Students must be a member of a search and rescue volunteer organization, a sworn law enforcement officer, park ranger, emergency medical services provider or fire fighter. Otherwise, there are NO training prerequisites to participate in this program.

Course Content: This program will follow the JHPTS Visual Tracking and Training In-House Modular Program. Training will focus on teaching novice students topics such as the history of the JHPTS/VTATI Tracking Training Program, the step by step tracking method, use of a tracking stick and recognition and identification of sign. The hours spent training in the In-House program will help to prepare students in the event they elect to become certified at a sanctioned Basic Tracking class. Students do not need to attend every training day. They can sign up for one day, a few days or the whole program.

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. Knee pads may be helpful. 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.

Registration: Students can register at any time. Registration is first come, first served. Class size is limited to eighteen students. You can register by emailing a copy of the completed registration form to philip.desroches@mass.gov. **Please circle the dates you wish to attend on the registration form when you submit it.**

Sponsor Information: This course is being conducted on behalf of the Massachusetts Search and Rescue Coordination Group. All interested law enforcement, fire/EMS and SAR volunteer personnel are invited to attend.



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Mass SAR

CY 2023 JHPTS In-House Tracking Training Schedule

March 28, 2023 - Location: Environmental Police Boating Safety Office Classroom, 5205 Ent Street, Buzzards Bay, MA (Located on Joint Base Cape Cod), POC: Phil Desroches, philip.desroches@mass.gov

Basic Tracker Modules BT 1, BT 8, BT 10 7 hours

May 23, 2023 - Location: The “Barn” at the Ski Touring Center, 1018 Lowell St, Carlisle, MA 01741
POC: Dale Chayes, dale@ccom.unh.edu

Basic Tracker Modules BT 2, BT 9, BT 11 7 hours

June 27-28, 2023 - Location: Environmental Police Boating Safety Office Classroom, 5205 Ent Street, Buzzards Bay, MA (Located on Joint Base Cape Cod), POC: Phil Desroches, philip.desroches@mass.gov

In-house class 14 hours

July 25, 2023 - Location: Environmental Police Boating Safety Office Classroom, 5205 Ent Street, Buzzards Bay, MA (Located on Joint Base Cape Cod), POC: Phil Desroches, philip.desroches@mass.gov

Basic Tracker Modules BT 3, BT 7, BT 12 7 hours

Aug 22, 2023 - Location: Environmental Police Boating Safety Office Classroom, 5205 Ent Street, Buzzards Bay, MA (Located on Joint Base Cape Cod), POC: Phil Desroches, philip.desroches@mass.gov

Basic Tracker Modules BT 4, BT 5, BT 6 7 hours

Sept 26-27, 2023 - Location: The “Barn” at the Ski Touring Center, 1018 Lowell St, Carlisle, MA 01741
POC: Dale Chayes, dale@ccom.unh.edu

In-house class 14 hours

October 24, 2023 - Location: Environmental Police Boating Safety Office Classroom, 5205 Ent Street, Buzzards Bay, MA (Located on Joint Base Cape Cod), POC: Phil Desroches, philip.desroches@mass.gov

Review Basic Tracker Manual 7 hours

November 28, 2023 - Location: The “Barn” at the Ski Touring Center, 1018 Lowell St, Carlisle, MA 01741
POC: Dale Chayes, dale@ccom.unh.edu

Basic Tracker Modules BT 13, BT 14, BT 15 7 hours



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TRAINING COURSE REGISTRATION

Course Applicant: Please complete this form and send via email attachment to:
philip.desroches@state.ma.us

Please circle the dates you wish to attend on the registration form.

Course Location: _____
Varies; see training schedule

Course Dates (Circle): _____
3/28 5/23 6/27-28 7/25 8/22 9/26-27 10/24 11/28

Course Name: _____
In-House Tracking Training Program

Student Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

Prov/State: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Group/Unit/County: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Current JHPTS Certification *(please check one)* (you may double click on the appropriate square and change the default value from Not Checked to Checked)

- New Student Basic Tracker Apprentice Tracker
 Journeyman Tracker Sign Cutter

Applicant: Please note any comments or questions that you have below.
