



TRACKING STEP BY STEP... JOEL HARDIN PROFESSIONAL TRACKING SERVICES

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2016 TRACKING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: September 30, October 1 & 2, 2016

Time: 08:00 a.m., Friday, September 30 through 2:00 p.m., Sunday, October 2

Location: Mesa County Sheriff's Office, 215 Rice St., Grand Junction, CO

Course Cost: \$325 payable to Mesa County SAR, P.O. Box 20,000-5016 Grand Junction, CO 81502 - \$100 deposit required to reserve space in this class, due by September 1.

Meals & Accommodations: Meals that will be provided: A light breakfast, with juice and coffee each morning, lunch each day and dinner on Friday evening. We will be meeting at a local restaurant for dinner (you are responsible for your own meal) Saturday evening. ** Lodging will be on your own. The Knights Inn (970) 245-8585 (\$78 per night) hotel is within walking distance of the Sheriff's Office. There are a few other close hotels (Fairfield Inn, Hampton Inn & Springhill Suites) but available rooms may be limited. There are numerous hotels (Ramada \$59, Travelodge \$59 Clarion Inn \$81 plus many more) to choose from on Horizon Drive which is about a 10-minute drive away. There are also some are camp grounds and RV parks in the area: The Camp (970) 209-0854, www.thecampgj.com and Grand Junction KOA Holiday (970) 242-2527, www.koa.com/campgrounds/grand-junction/.

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 primary training for beginning or novice student interests. 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 Friday September 30 with registration and lecture including power point presentation to provide Novice and Basic tracker understanding of training methodology, techniques and procedures. The presentation supports field training by providing student understanding of training methods, manner and objectives. "Tracking" is a first response primary search resource used to verify witness statements, establish the "PLS", direction of subject travel and following the physical evidence to the missing person. 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.

Please bring to this training course your current training manual, skills books, and tracking logs. Should you anticipate challenging the certification board for advancement: Please advise your trainer in advance so that person may prepare a recommendation and your training records; you must bring your personal tracking and training logs and records.

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 must pre-register by September 1 for this course with a \$100 deposit. If you have any questions regarding the class or class location please contact Justin Powell at (970) 424-6025 or by email at justinspowell@yahoo.com. Send your deposit to: Mesa County Sheriff's Office - c/o Bernice Stogsdill - P.O. Box 20,000-5016 Grand Junction, CO 81502. Pre-registered students failing to attend this course without a reasonable excuse will be assessed the \$100.00 service fee.

Sponsor Information: This course is sponsored by Mesa County Search & Rescue. All interested law enforcement and SAR volunteer personnel are invited to attend.



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TRAINING COURSE REGISTRATION

Course Applicant: Please complete this form and send via email attachment or regular mail to the listed course contact person. (See JHPTS website for course contact person.)

Course Location: Mesa County Sheriff's Office, 215 Rice St., Grand Junction, CO

Course Date: September 30, October 1 & 2, 2016

Course Name: Tracking

Student Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

Prov/State: _____ **Zip Code/Postal ode:** _____

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

Deposit Enclosed \$**100.00** _____ Tuition Fee Enclosed \$ _____

Accommodations: If accommodations are provided for this class please check the appropriate box.

I will utilize: Bunk Room RV Parking Place Tent Camping Spot

Applicant: Please note any requests, dietary needs or questions that you have and wish a response from the contact person.

