



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

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2018 THREE-FIRES TRACKERS – JHPTS-VTATI TRACKING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

HOOT OWL RESORT
10449 Hoot Owl Lake Road, Waubun, MN 56589

Date: October 8-12, 2018

Time: 08:00 a.m., Monday, October 8th, 2018 through Friday, October 12th, 2018

Location: Hoot Owl Resort, 10449 Hoot Owl Lake Road, Waubun, MN 56589

Course Cost: \$200 for all Law Enforcement Officers and \$475 for all others payable to Al Fox-Chief CO/Lead Tracker TFT, 102 3rd St. NE, PO Box 393, Mahanomen, MN 56557 - \$100 deposit required to reserve space in this class.

Meals & Accommodations: Meals and lodging are included in registration fee. Each lodge also has a complete kitchen for your use. Lodging is available from Sunday, October 7th through the afternoon of October 12th. Meals will be provided from Monday breakfast through Friday lunch.

This will be a basic tracking training course focused on law enforcement officer initial response and investigation of possible criminal misconduct incidents and crime scenes.

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. All tracking students will be provided training at an appropriate level for their development and upward progress.

Course Content: This will be a 46 hour course beginning at 8:00 am Monday October 8, 2018 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 and rescue (SAR) resource used to verify witness statements, establish the "PLS", direction of subject travel and following the physical evidence to the missing person. For law enforcement officers, "the tracks are the facts" that provide visual physical evidence of Who, When, Where, Why and What the person did.

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 the "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 and law enforcement initial response and investigations. 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 Basic 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 & law enforcement 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 two or three cell flashlight.

Registration: Students must pre-register for this course with a \$100 deposit. If you have any questions regarding the class or class location please contact Al Fox at threefiretrackers@gmail.com (218) 849-0181. Send your deposit to: Al Fox- Chief CO @ 102 3rd St. NE, PO Box 393, Mahanomen, MN 56557. Pre-registered students failing to attend this course without a reasonable excuse will be assessed the \$100.00 service fee.

A student registration form is attached to this course announcement /information sheet.

Sponsor Information: This course is sponsored by Three Fires Trackers Organization in affiliation with Joel Hardin Professional Tracking Services. 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:

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PO Box 393
Mahnomen, MN 56557
threefiretrackers@gmail.com

Course Location: Hoot Owl Resort, 10449 Hoot Owl Lake Road, Waubun, MN 56589

Course Date: October 8th-12th, 2018

Course Name: Basic Law Enforcement Tracking Course

Students Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

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

Phone #: () _____ **Group/Unit/County:** _____

E-Mail Address _____

Fee Enclosed \$100 Nonrefundable required. Total cost for all Law Enforcement Officers - \$200; All others - \$475. This fee includes the course expenses, meals, and lodging. Make check payable to: .

Applicant: This space provided for you to note or request any elements or questions that you might have and wish the contact person to respond.

