



Law Enforcement Hasty Search Check List for Missing Person Searches

- Conduct a brief interview and investigation to determine if the missing person incident may require a search.** If a search is warranted, determine search urgency using the search urgency checklist in the Marin County Search and Rescue Pre-plan. Children, Alzheimer's patients and other high risk categories qualify for high urgency action. *(For children, see missing child check list).*
- Conduct a hasty search** of the surrounding area using patrol resources. Keep track of what was searched for future planning.
- If further action is warranted, contact the on duty Sheriff's Watch Commander through Sheriff's communications and request a search.
- Secure the area around the point last seen (PLS)** to preserve clues such as human scent and foot tracks.
- Secure a command post.** Please do not use the immediate area of the point last seen or the subject's residence as the command post. Desirable facilities for a command post would include sufficient parking, power, workrooms and bathrooms.
- Identify the location of **scent articles for dog handlers** to collect when they arrive on scene. Whenever possible, please allow the dog handlers to collect items.
- Obtain a photograph** of the missing subject and do a TRAK flyer.
- Issue a county wide B.O.L.** for missing subject and enter the missing subject into NCIC.
- Identify a **supervisor that will assume incident command** of the search.
- Request that the Reporting Party (RP), and others that have information about the missing subject, be available for interviews by search and rescue members.
- Identify a Press Information Officer (PIO) from your agency to manage the media.
- Please have Police Officers, Deputies or Rangers who are knowledgeable with the area available to assist with planning the search.