

Subject: Re: Green Check GPS Standard

Good day, Thanks for the email and I will try and assist if I can. I hear exactly what you are saying; there is no consistency in allot of the sub topics of SAR and what is taught is often left up to the discretion of the organization or the past experience of the Inst.

In this case (Greencheck GC) the material is functional, well defined and basic and creates a direction to learn the practical, practice and improve.

I am presently the Training Cord for SAR Alberta, full time SAR Manager for Edm Police and have a whole intense history in this business.

Last year I taught about 120 persons in the GC GPS and most of them were SAR, the other 1/4 were Police, Wildlife and environmental Gov. guys.

The feedback was positive and between you and I; I was surprised how much of the basics had been forgotten and not practiced by many in the courses .

I had veterans of Navigation and people relatively new to SAR and all feedback was positive. I have now added this into the SAR Alberta grant training process and I am creating 10 Instructors in SAR Alberta as presently I am the only instructor this side of the Sask. boarder.

I am soon qualified to train instructors in this, but for now I am concentrating on SAR and Police as well as some outdoor clubs

So if I can assist please let me know, but having an Inst or two in your area would be great and aside from SAR there is money to be made by teaching this course and offering it in general to hunters, snowmobilers etc.

However the criteria has to be taught and maintained thru the GC books and material. One must also supply the GPS and maps to teach the course, so depending on your resources you may have to consider buying all this to present.

Teaching from the Same consistent GPS model is part of the success as encouraging others to bring their own GPS to the class is why allot of similar training seems to fail.

Anyway again I appreciate your email and I hope you have browsed the related web site for the Canadian Ecology Center. My web site is below and follow the links to some great information.

Please email or ask more if I can assist. Take care

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Andy Bogdan wrote:

Hi Paul

I am doing some research on the Green Check GPS Standard. I am a member with Prince George SAR. I am involved as a Search Manager as well as a GSAR (Ground Search And Rescue) Instructor. We have been presenting a GPS course to our members over the last 5 years. The BC Government has developed some GPS standards, however these are geared more to the forestry industry and professional surveyors. I don't think that level of training is necessary for SAR members.

Wondering if you have had a chance to present a course based on the Green Check Standard? If so how was it received by the participants?

Any comments or feedback would be appreciated.

Thank you

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