

CURRICULUM COMPARISON BETWEEN THE NASAR FUNDAMENTAL SAR SKILLS
 COURSE AND THE VIRGINIA GROUND SEARCH AND RESCUE LEVEL I COURSE

NASAR

GSAR LEVEL I

Pretest
 Local legal aspects
 SAR-What it is and how you fit in
 SAR-Functional hierarchy
 Attitude and philosophy of survival
 Basic communication techniques
 Clothing
 Physical fitness
 Supplemental first aid
 Map and compass
 Handling emergencies

 Attitude and philosophy of rescue
 Equipment, identification, use and care
 Figure 8 family of knots
 Basic rope handling and belay
 Basic litter handling and packaging
 Attitude and philosophy of search
 Resources and what they mean to you
 Lost person behavior
 Clue orientation and tracking

 Basic POA and POD theory
 Briefing and debriefing
 Scene protection
 SAR statistics
 Map exercise
 Preventative SAR
 Summary

Not covered in GSAR Level I

Physical fitness
 Lost person behavior
 Basic POA and POD theory

Bivouac optional

Course length: 40 hours, not
 including bivouac

Pretest
 Legal Aspects of SAR
 SAR Operations
 SAR Operations
 Wilderness Survival
 Communications and Signalling
 Personal Equipment
 No specific parallel
 Wilderness Survival
 Land Navigation
 Addressed in Survival and
 Personal Equipment
 Addressed throughout Level I
 Ropes and Technical Hardware
 Knot Tying
 Belaying
 Litter Techniques
 Search Strategy and Tactics
 Search Strategy and Tactics
 Addressed in Level II
 Addressed in both Level I
 and Level II
 Addressed in Level II
 Field Team Organization
 Incident Site Procedures
 SAR Operations
 Map Problem
 Wilderness Survival
 Critique and Evaluation

Not covered in NASAR

Introduction to ICS
 Radiological Monitoring and
 HAZMAT
 Interviewing
 ELT-DF Search
 Aircraft Extrication
 Helicopter Operations
 Field Team Organization
 Practice Mission
 Written Test
 Practical Test
 Mandatory overnight bivouac

Course length: 49.5 hours,
 not including bivouac