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

NASAR

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

GSAR LEVEL I

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