



## WHAT TO EXPECT AT NM SAR Field Certification Session

This is a description of the activities that occur before and at a Certification session and the requirements to be Field Certified.

### PRE-SESSION ACTIVITIES

1. Take the IS-100.b and IS-200.b tests on line at <http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp>
2. Prepare your gear and clothing as listed in the *Study Guide*.
3. Practice using your compass to take a bearing.
4. Study the NM SAR Field Certification *Study Guide*.

### BRING TO THE SESSION

1. Proof of IS-100.b and IS-200.b (IS-200 required beginning July 1, 2011) completion.
2. Gear and clothing as listed in the *Study Guide*.
3. Two writing utensils.

### AT THE TEST SITE

1. Acquire and complete the upper portion of the NM SAR Certification Record form and the Field Certification Written Test Answer Sheet/Gear and Clothing Checklist form.
2. Listen to the test session instructions.

### GEAR AND CLOTHING CHECK

1. Display the gear and clothing as listed on the Answer Sheet.
2. A passing grade is 100%. All gear and clothing as described in the *Study Guide* must be displayed.
3. Failure to pass this portion ends your participation in this Certification session.

### COMPASS FIELD TEST

1. You will be asked to give a true and/or magnetic bearing on one or two landmarks.
2. A passing grade is 100%.
3. Failure to pass this portion ends your participation in this Certification session.

When you have passed both the gear and clothing check and the compass field test, you will be given the Field Certification *Study Guide* written test.

#### SAR FIELD CERTIFICATION *STUDY GUIDE* WRITTEN TEST

1. This test is not open book.
2. There are five sections:
  - Gear and Clothing
  - Communications
  - Safety in Search and Rescue
  - Search Techniques
  - Map and Compass
3. When finished with all sections, bring the test booklet and answer sheet to the grading table.
4. Passing grade for each section is 70%.
5. Failing two or more sections ends your participation in this Certification session.
6. If you fail only one section, you will be provided a makeup test on that particular section. A passing grade for the makeup section is 70%. Failure to pass the makeup test ends your participation in this Certification session.

#### END OF SESSION

1. Turn in your completed NM SAR Certification Record, test booklets, and all answer sheets/checklists, if you have not already done so.
2. If you have successfully passed all four parts of the test, receive your patch and certification designating you as Field Certified to the current standards.

#### APPEALS, DISPUTES, COMPLAINTS, ETC.

If not resolved to your satisfaction at the test site, contact the Resource Officer at 505-827-9228.