## Search and Rescue Communications

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#### References

 SAR Field Certification Study Guide, published by NM DPS

http://www.nmsarc.org/resources/FieldCert\_docs/StudyGuide.pdf

## Objectives

- Identify the different methods used to communicate on a search and rescue mission
- Describe the use of two-way radios
- Describe the methods for communicating in special situations

#### Overview

- INTRODUCTION
- FIELD COMMUNICATIONS
- USING TWO-WAY RADIOS
- SPECIAL SITUATIONS

#### Communications

- Good Communication
- Face-to-Face



#### Communications

- FIELD COMMUNICATIONS
  - Cellular Phones
  - Satellite Phones





#### Communications

- FIELD COMMUNICATIONS
  - Radios
    - State SAR frequencies

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#### Communications

- FIELD COMMUNICATIONS
  - Radios
    - Amateur radios (HAM)



#### Communications

- FIELD COMMUNICATIONS
  - Radios
    - Family Radio Service (FRS)
    - General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS)
    - Agency radios
    - Team frequencies
    - Other Frequencies



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#### Communications

- USING TWO-WAY RADIOS
  - General Practices



#### Communications

- USING TWO-WAY RADIOS
- General Practices
  - Checking your radio



#### **Break Time!**

• Please be back in your seats in 15 minutes

#### Communications

- USING TWO-WAY RADIOS
  - General Practices
    - What to say and when

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#### Communications

- USING TWO-WAY RADIOS
  - General Practices
    - Radio etiquette



#### Communications

- USING TWO-WAY RADIOS
  - Emergency Communications
  - Radio Use in Aircraft



# Communications • USING TWO-WAY RADIOS - Troubleshooting • Low batteries

#### Communications

- USING TWO-WAY RADIOS
  - TroubleshootingDifficult terrain



#### Communications

- USING TWO-WAY RADIOS
  - Extending Coverage into Difficult Terrain



#### Communications

- USING TWO-WAY RADIOS
  - Other Things to Remember
    - Match radios
    - Use the squelch control
    - Use longer antennas
    - Keep radios vertical
    - Try everything



#### Communications

- SPECIAL SITUATIONS
  - Long Range Communications
  - Caves





### **Summary**

- Communications
  - FIELD COMMUNICATIONS
  - USING TWO-WAY RADIOS
  - SPECIAL SITUATIONS