

Law Enforcement Hasty Search Checklist for Missing Person Searches

Conduct a brief interview and investigation to determine if the missing person incident may require a search. If a search is warranted, determine search urgency using the Solano County Sheriff's Office Search Urgency Evaluation. Children, Alzheimer's patients and other high risk categories qualify for high urgency action. (For children, see missing child check list).
Conduct a hasty search of the surrounding area using patrol resources. Keep track of what was searched for future planning.
If further action is warranted contact the Solano County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center and request to speak with the Solano County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Coordinator.
Secure the area around the point last seen (PLS) to preserve clues such as human scent and foot tracks.
Identify Video Cameras along suspected path. Determine if any of them make a recording that can be taken and reviewed.
Secure a command post. Please do not use the immediate area of the point last seen or the subject's residence as the command post. Desirable facilities for a command post would include sufficient parking, power, workrooms and bathrooms.
Identify the location of scent articles for dog handlers to collect when they arrive on scene. Whenever possible, please allow the dog handlers to collect items.
Obtain a photograph of the missing subject and prepare a TRAK flyer.
Issue a county wide B.O.L. for missing subject and enter the missing subject into NCIC.
Identify a supervisor that will assume incident command of the search.
Request that the Reporting Party (RP), and others that have information about the missing subject, be available for interviews by search and rescue members.
Identify a Press Information Officer (PIO) from your agency to manage the media.
Please have Police Officers, Deputies or Rangers who are knowledgeable with the area available to assist with planning the search.