

# BCSAR Membership Academy

## Pre-BCSAR Academy steps:

1. Attend 2 General Meetings
2. Receive and turn in the "A Packet"
3. Pass the Oral Interview
4. Complete and pass a Type 2 Physical Fitness test
5. Receive a "B Packet" and turn in as soon as completed to begin background check process.
6. Continue to attend General Meetings until academy starts.
7. Complete a CPR and a First Aid course. These must be complete before being eligible for a probationary status.
8. Complete Bloodborne Pathogens and Hazmat course **online**.  
<http://www.saferesponse.com/> Must be complete before voted in for probationary status.

## BCSAR 60-hour Academy:

- Evening Session 1: Intro to the team. Academy process (20 min)  
Team History (10 min)  
Expectations if you are a SAR Member (10 minutes)  
Review of Policies and Bylaws. (1 hour)  
Fitness, Uniform and Pack Requirements (1 hour)  
Intro to knots (20 min)  
*Homework – Do FEMA ICS-100, Bloodborne and Hazmat course at home*
- Evening Session 2: Search organization, forms, search guidelines (1 hour)  
Interview Techniques and Lost Person Behavior (1 hour)  
Mock tabletop search reviewing a real search (1 hour)
- Evening Session 3: Map and Compass (2 hours)  
Radio use (1 hour)
- Evening Session 4: OTE (Over the Edge) Rope Rescue Awareness (2 hours)  
Litter loading (30 min)  
Victim carryout with wheel (30 min)
- Evening Session 5: GPS for searches, TNP/SAR Topo (3 hours)
- Evening Session 6: Mantracking and PLS Awareness (3 hours)
- Evening Session 7: K9 and K9 Support training (1.5 hours)  
Crime Scene Aware/ Clue Aware (1.5 hours)
- All-day Session 1: Search Scenario. Use of map, GPS, clues, radio communications, patient transport by litter carry-out. (6 hours)
- Evening Session 8: Helicopter Safety (3 hours)

Evening Session 9: Swiftwater Awareness (3 hours)

**Members are eligible for Probationary vote once backgrounds are complete. After being voted in:**

Evening Session 10: Receive Issued Items (Radio, pager, building key, etc)  
Gate/HQ Access and use  
Yahoo Group, D4H, Insurance Affidavit, misc. forms  
Review Uniform Policy and provide uniform suggestions  
How to respond to callouts

24 hour session:

(8am-3pm) Equipment sign-offs: R5, C1, S1, Rangers. Overview on everything else  
C1 - Command Post set-up  
Trailers  
Fuel Pumps  
Overview of vehicles for response on calls  
Personal Equipment Review  
(4pm – 8am) Unexpected Night Out (Hike plus scenario)

**Probationary Members begin responding to callouts and participating in PR events**

Within 6 months:

Attend two K9 field trainings  
Attend one Air Ops training  
Attend one OTE training

**After 6 months of probation, members are eligible for a vote to become Full Member if all items are complete and passed along with 10% callout participation.**

Receive issued Team Jacket  
Group picture of academy graduates