Overdue / Lost Persons Response

1/ **Recognize the problem**: Person overdue to check in or returning from field
   : Person reported missing

2/ **Evaluate the hazards**: Season - current ; forecasted weather
   : Time of day / daylight remaining ( helicopter searches daylight only )
   : Missing persons skill level and level of preparedness

3/ **Take control**: Notify fellow workers and supervisor
   : Determine expected or last known location

4/ **Call for help**: Call 911 and have all location ( directions ) information ready
   : Give a brief description of situation (how long overdue, site access, medical information, etc)

5/ **Take action**: Initiate initial search to find vehicle or entry point and exit point if different. Blow horn or whistle three time every few minutes . Make sure the searchers know where to start . Drive along nearest road ways .
   : When search team arrives make sure they are fully briefed on the situation including any medical issues the lost person may have.

6/ When the search is over do a debriefing . If necessary have a professional do a critical incident stress debriefing if needed . Complete the necessary report if required.

If you are the lost Person

1/ **Recognize the problem**: Stop as soon as you realize you may be lost.

2/ **Evaluate the Hazards**: Season, weather conditions, terrain, time of day

3/ **Take control**: Stay calm . Your mental attitude is very important.
   : Use cell phone or activate spot devise if you have one and give directions to last known location
   : Sit down and take a drink of water if you have one.

4/ **Take control**: Think – go over in your mind how you got where you are . Are there any landmarks you should be able to see ?
   : If you have a map , photo or compass to identify landmarks that you should be able to find, This may be enough to get re-oriented.
   : Do not start walking unless you have a reason for doing so . Remember that with random walking you have a greater than 75% chance of going in the wrong direction.

5/ **Take Action**: If you believe that you are re-oriented than start in that direction but time you length of
travel and observe the land marks so you can return if that does not work out. 
  : If you are unable to get re-oriented than try to find a opening in the forest cover so you 
    can be seen from the air . Stay in that ,spot until help arrives. 
  : If you have a whistle blow it in a series of three blasts 
  : Try to stay dry and warm , start a camp fire if you have the resources 
  : STAY CLAM 
6/ When you hear the searchers, let them come to you, especially at night.